

## **Ending Homelessness Committee**

Minutes of *July 6, 2005* Meeting

Nashua City Hall RM. 208

Present at the meeting: Bob Mack, Gene J. Murray, Alphonse Haettenschwiller, Eileen Brady, Mary Andosca, Tony Epaphras, Germano Martins, and Donna Juskiewicz.

B. Mack called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. The minutes of the June 30 meeting were reviewed. One typo correction was noted. T.Epaphras motioned to accept the minutes with this correction. E. Brady seconded and the motion carried.

Updates: E. Brady discussed the *Telegraph* article about housing the homeless at Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson and wondered what the reaction to this housing has been by the people of Hudson. E.Brady felt that possibly because this housing is “faith-based”, it might have had a positive effect on the community.

Rapid re-housing strategy: the committee discussed Objective 2 in “The Plan to End Homelessness”, i.e., Objective 2—Rapidly Re-House People When Homelessness Cannot be Prevented.

### 2.2 Develop an efficient coordinated mechanism for housing placement

It was mentioned by several members that the EHC possibly set aside one meeting just for the landlords and/or the Landlord Association and property management agencies. At that meeting, it is hoped that the EHC will be able to present to the landlords the concept of a “tool kit” that they themselves can utilize and/or offer to their tenants at the beginning of the tenant’s occupancy. For this to be accomplished, the EHC will need to get this “tool kit” up and running. This kit will provide support to the landlord, as well as the tenant, since the landlord would have back up from the EHC and various GNCOC agencies. E.Brady and D. Juskiewicz shall present a more finished draft of the tool kit for the next EHC meeting and if anyone could provide suggestions for the kit, they could e-mail it to them. G.Martins said he would like to help with the tool-kit and wondered if there is a liaison between EHC and the Chamber of Commerce. He thought that someone from that association could come to an EHC meeting.

The EHC will review the tool-kit at the July 28 meeting and would proceed to invite the landlords to the August 3 EHC meeting at City Hall having them arrive around 9:30 AM. At that time, the EHC shall elicit the landlord’s most pressing needs and seek their input for the tool-kit as well.

Action Items: E. Brady to contact Paul Bergeron and Harvard Management to attend Aug. 3 mtg. ;  
B. Mack to contact Paul LaFlamme and LeClair Property Management to attend.

Other Business: the idea of a mediation program between tenants and landlords was discussed and also the idea for a tenant association mediator was mentioned.

Strategies and action steps in the Plan to End Homelessness shall be reviewed ongoing.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 28,2005 at 8:30 AM at Harbor Homes.

A.Haettenschwiller moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 AM, seconded by T.Epaphras. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Mary Andosca