

Committee on Ending Homelessness
Minutes of the June 30, 2005 Meeting
Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Wendy Furnari, Donna Juskiewicz, Bob Keating, Tony Epaphras, Linda Jeynes, Bob Mack, Klaas Nijhuis, Miles Pendry and Jennifer Spencer.

B. Mack called the meeting to order at 8:40 am. The minutes of the June 1 meeting were reviewed. One typo correction was noted. K. Nijhuis motioned to accept the minutes with this correction, T. Epaphras seconded and the motion carried.

Prevention Strategy - Revolving Rent/Security Deposit Loan Fund: B. Mack passed out a copy of the Logic Model/Project Plan for the Security Deposit Loan Fund for everyone to read and discuss. He reported that he and J. Spencer had met to start working on this project and would be meeting again with a representative from Corpus Christi Emergency Assistance. The discussion was about who needs to be contacted to fill in the blanks of who will be administering the program. B. Mack stated that the fund should eventually become a self-sustaining fund. J. Spencer and E. Brady reported on how their agencies loan programs were working. W. Furnari suggested that an application process be included in the logic model. K. Nijhuis said a committee should to be created to oversee the loan fund, to devise the criteria for loans and their repayment, and to do the loan reviews. There was discussion about where the gaps are, how much money is needed to capitalize the fund, what resources are already available for the need, who should be eligible for these loans and where the money would come from in the first place.

B. Mack said he would incorporate the items brought up in discussion into the Logic Model for this project. J. Spencer agreed to pull together and lead a committee to work on the project.

Prevention Strategy – Landlord/Tenant Tool Kits: E. Brady reported that she and D. Juskiewicz had met and were beginning to gather information for these kits. D. Juskiewicz said they were still editing the information they had collected. They are also adopting lists of landlords and getting everything translated into Spanish. They will have more information ready for the next meeting. K. Nijhuis suggested they contact P. Bergeron, real estate agent and NSK&S staff to be a part of their team, and T. Epaphras suggested the contact G. Murray (SNHS Outreach) to help also.

B. Mack stated that the strategies for Rapid Re-house, Wrap-around Services, and Performance Measurement would be addressed at the next meeting.

Coordination Strategy – Buy-in through Good Neighbor Agreements (GNA): L. Jeynes reported that she had studied the GNCOC membership list for updates, the list of GNA's that have been signed and the GNCOC attendance list. She has removed names from the

attendance sheet of anyone who has not attended in the last year. A list of all GNCOC members who have yet to sign a GNA has been created. She asked for advice on how best to approach these people about the possibility of signing them. There was a discussion about whether or not all the government departments/agencies should sign individually or not. Some other agencies were suggested that are not part of the GNCOC such as the Nashua Chamber of Commerce, The Great American Downtown organization, the Landlord Association, the Rotary, Lions, Elks and Knights of Columbus Clubs as well as other business and community members. K. Nijhuis posed the question of how do we interest more people in participating in the GNCOC. Doing an assessment of COC Member contacts for “circles of influence” was proposed. W. Furnari agreed to help with this project L. Jeynes with this project and E. Brady suggested M. Andosca would be willing to help as well.

Shelter Providers/Outreach Workers (SPOW) Meeting: B. Mack reported that this committee has recently met again on June 9th to share ideas. At the last meeting the need for transitional housing for single males was discussed. B. Mack said they should to find a better time to meet when more people will be able to attend. They are scheduling the next meeting for July 26th, 9:00 am at 18 Mulberry Street in the conference room.

Other Business: B. Keating suggested they think about a Revolving Loan Fund for purchasing property for affordable housing. This would fall under Prevention and Rapid Re-housing. He will meet with K. Nijhuis to create Logic Model/Project Plan.

B. Keating is unavailable for Wednesday meetings when new strategies/assignments are taken on.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 6, 2005 at 9:00 am in Room 208 at Nashua City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:405 am.