

## **Committee on Homelessness Meeting June 4, 2003**

Present at the meeting were: Klaas Nijhuis, Bob Mack, Maria Brown, Donna Juskiewicz, Linda Jeynes, Lisa Christie, Alphonse Haettenschwiller, Laura Nault, Peter Kelleher, Christine Lavallee, Bob Keating, Eileen Brady, and Sister Sharon Walsh.

The meeting began at 9:15 am. Copies of last month's minutes/notes were read and approved.

B. Keating (handout) presented his draft for a homelessness plan for Nashua to be used as a discussion point. P. Kelleher thanked him for getting us started.

As we heard Bob's presentation and as we built on it with our discussion, Klaas recorded our (and some of his own) thoughts on flip charts. The following notes were thus recorded:

### **Plan Components:**

#### **Time Frame**

#### **Process**

**For planning**

**For executing plan** (who sees us through?)

#### **Statistics and History**

#### **Available Resources**

**Identified**

**To make decisions on wise commitment**

#### **Resources to be developed**

#### **Tie in with Federal and State policies, strategies**

**Existing State Plan Proposal (Roy Morrison's)**

#### **Cost Analysis – Culhane's research model and track local cases**

#### **Talk up our successes to date – pilots**

#### **Evaluation – Short-term review of progress – measurable outcome**

#### **Who are we pitching to? Needs to be answered**

#### **Private Sector – Government, Public Sector – Non-profit, Volunteer, Civil Society**

#### **History of Problem**

**70's closing of MH Hospitals (deinstitutionalization)**

**Housing Supply – PHA, expiring use**

### **Chart**

**Population**

**Housing Supply**

**Waiting List**

**Subsidized supply**

**Income/Rent**

**New Deal**

**Local responses in past**

#### **Threats on Horizon**

## **Opportunities**

### **Bob Keating:**

**Keep it simple**  
**Use templates**  
**Therefore shouldn't take long**  
**What is more to be stressed is getting buy-in**  
**Important time to move – opportunity based on momentum**  
**Election**  
**Super NOFA**  
**Federal climate**

### **P. Kelleher:**

**It's definitely a fluid document**  
**Do Executive summary**

### **B. Keating:**

**There are enough resources.**

### **Sr. Sharon:**

**Our community doesn't see the homeless**  
**Get the Aldermen and Mayoral candidates to participate in process**

### **L. Christie:**

**Keep getting the concept in front of the community**

### **Two Parallel Tracks**

**Increase Affordable (in the broad sense) Housing**  
**Increase in Permanent Supportive Housing with case management**

### **Practicality of Putting together a plan**

**Clear accountability**  
**Use the data/thought from CoC and Con Plan processes**  
**Post our thinking for comment to CoC website**  
**Ask B. Keating's commitment on coordinating plan writing**  
**Other volunteers**

### **M. Brown:**

**Myth: Homeless don't have money**  
**Overwhelmed by Super NOFA and HUD resources (Acronyms, etc.)**

**Describe our individual expertise**

**Systems affecting individual homelessness, credit checks for jobs.**

**A strategic plan to be reviewed annually**

**UW Venture Grants**

**NHCF – Lisa discuss with Lew Feldstein**

**Haymarket**

**Fleet, Citizens, Fidelity**

**Church Foundations**

**School interns (Rivier, So. NH U)**

**Pursue after CoC application due date– HH with other agencies**

**Create a Dashboard of indicators on CoC website**

**Analyze why/where the 1987 housing plan failed?**

P. Kelleher suggested December 31, 2003 as a target date for completion of the first draft of this plan with April 30, 2003(2010) the date for a final draft. Each month versions of each part might be put on the website for everyone to read. B. Keating was asked to stay with us until completion of the plan.

P. Kelleher mentioned that he may be able to get grant money (United Way, Veterans, NH Charities) for staff to work on this project i.e. three people for six months who would be directed by this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am. The next Meeting will be July 2, 9:00 to 10:30 am.