

Committee on Ending Homelessness Meeting
Minutes of the March 25, 2004
(Room 204c City Hall)

Present at the meeting were: Eileen Brady, Maria Brown, Lisa Christie, Linda Jeynes, Donna Juskiewicz, Bob Keating, Peter Kelleher, Bob Mack, Klaas Nijhuis and Miles Pendry.

The minutes from the Feb. 25th meeting were reviewed; B. Mack motioned to accept, D. Juskiewicz seconded and the motion carried.

A discussion about the Good Neighbor Agreement followed. It was agreed that the wording was directed too much at Social Service Providers and needed to encompass a broader range of people/organizations. P. Kelleher suggested adding another phrase reading "To actively promote our community-wide efforts to end Homelessness". The committee recommended a form whereby the groups could check off those activities that apply to them as well as giving them plenty of room, i.e. lines, on the second page to write in specific items of their own. K. Nijhuis and L. Jeynes will re-write and forward the final draft to M. Pendry to post on the CoC web site and to have a stock of the forms ready to pass out at the CoC meeting on April 7th to be signed and returned by the May meeting.

The committee discussed having a formal meeting, inviting the media, the Governor, and other political leaders as well as all the organizations involved and homeless people, to present the final Ending Homelessness Plan and announced the names of organizations or persons who had signed the Good Neighbor Agreement. It was decided to have this event at Greeley Park sometime in mid to late June and obtain a tent in case of inclement weather. P. Kelleher to ask the schedule of invitees in order to establish the date.

P. Kelleher suggested meeting with some of the homeless people to get their input for the final drafting of the Plan. It was decided to have this meeting either at the Gathering Place or the Soup Kitchen, or both no later than the Friday after the April 7th CoC meeting. The draft Plan would be made available at both venues.

K. Nijhuis passed out a copy of "100 Things" made up from the flip charts from the retreat of the things listed that "you or your organization might do to end homelessness in Greater Nashua". It was decided to include this list with the final Plan as well as the new Crisis Map, the Wheel of Responsibility, a chronology, and case studies from at least three different towns. The final Plan must be finished by April 15 with the final draft ready to present at the April 7th CoC meeting.

The next meeting will be April 7, 2004 at 9:00 am in room 208 of the Nashua City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

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