

GNCOC Executive Committee
Special Meeting
Minutes
November 30, 2005
Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street

PRESENT: Klaas Nijhuis, Urban Programs
Ruth Morrissette, Marguerite's Place, Acting Co-Chair
Wendy Furnari, HIV/AIDS Task Force, Acting Co-Chair
Miles Pendry, Harbor Homes, Inc.
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs
Bob Mack, Nashua City Welfare
Sandra Hurd, Keystone Hall
Donnalee Lozeau, Southern NH Services, Inc.
Mariellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center
Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter, Inc.
David Cull, Soul Purpose
Lori Cardin, Nashua Children's Home

The Acting Co-Chair W. Furnari opened the meeting at 8:03 am, welcomed Lori Cardin and asked everyone to introduce him or herself.

L. Cardin then, as candidate for the Chair of the GNCOC, shared with the Committee a little of her background including her 10 years with the Nashua Housing Authority, her 13 years at the Nashua Children's Home and her 8 years on the Board of Aldermen for the City of Nashua where she served as Chair for the Human Affairs Committee for 6 of those 8 years. She said she was looking forward to serving as Chair of the GNCOC.

W. Furnari told the committee that her e-mail to the GNCOC membership generated no other candidates to replace K. Nijhuis as chair. D. Lozeau motioned that the Executive Committee recommend L. Cardin as a candidate to fulfill the vacated office of chairman of the GNCOC at their next meeting. L. Christie seconded and the motion carried without objection.

Announcements: M. Durso reported that after a lot of phone calls, she had been able to set up a Discharge Planning Meeting with representatives from the two hospitals on December 15th at 9:30 am at Nashua Area Health Center. D. Cull asked if she would forward the information by e-mail to the whole COC membership so interested members could attend.

B. Mack announced that Nashua has been awarded the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) grant of 1.4 million dollars over the next 3 years. There will be a formal public announcement of it on December 9th at the City Hall. K. Nijhuis acknowledged W. Furnari who largely wrote the grant.

The members discussed the effect on the community and the GNCOC agencies of the recent industry layoffs at CCT and Batesville Casket Co. About 230 people will be affected by the loss of these jobs at Batesville along with 500 at CCT. Several have already contacted the Nashua Welfare Office and the Nashua Area Health Center.

L. Cardin announced that she had met with Alderman Rootovich, candidate for Board President, to ask about appointing a liaison to the GNCOC from the Board of Aldermen.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 am.

Next Month's Meetings:

The next Executive Committee meeting will be **December 21**, 2005, at 8:00 am, at Harbor Homes Inc., 78 Main Street. The GNCOC will meet December 7, 2005, 8:00 am in the City Hall Auditorium.

* L. Cardin provided the clerk with her resume for the file.