

GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes
City Hall – Room 208
November 6, 2002

1. Call to Order - 8:02 a.m. by newly-elected Chairperson Lisa Christie.
2. All present introduced themselves.
3. Minutes of 10/2/02. Klaas Nijhuis moved to approve; seconded by Bob Tamposi. No discussion; minutes unanimously approved.
4. Resource Binder – Update. B. Mack has met with the NIAC group. He said folks are interested in seeing this resource. There is an intern who is helping with data, reorganizing the information. K. Nijhuis asked for a date on the completion of this binder and Bob said he's aiming for the first of the year. K. Ordway asked if there was going to be a hard copy and who's helping with the funding? Is there going to be a subscription fee to help develop this binder? Information and Referral will continue to keep it going.
5. Winter Shelter Beds – Update. B. Mack has been working with Harbor Homes (HHI) since November 1, 2002. HHI has created more space – three additional families have been housed at their Emergency Shelter and four individuals at Keystone Hall. Fifteen households are still in motels in addition to those housed at Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter. Jade Marco asked how the caseworkers of Community Council could help the clients that they counsel but live on the streets. S. Mead said that Community Council has no control on the housing, that they get put on a housing list. She suggested that Jade ask the clients if they have Section 8. There was a suggestion about inviting the Director of Nashua Housing Authority to attend the Continuum of Care meetings.
6. Plan to End Homelessness – Update. L. Christie talked about trying to spearhead a plan to end homelessness, what steps do we want to take – if we compare with New York, we should be able to do the same. K. Nijhuis' focus group is working on a plan with B. Mack. K. Nijhuis is also working with the Mayor's Housing Task Force. He said the Task force needs students to gather data, to do the groundwork for the Task force. L. Christie suggested setting up a committee or an advisory group from the CoC to do this work. Ray Peterson, Bob Mack, Sue Bultman, Carol Carberry, Joseph Ntengeri, Peter Kelleher, Sister Sharon (not present but nominated by L. Christie), Donna Juskiewicz, David Cull, Klaas Nijhuis, and Tony Epaphras all volunteered.
7. Representative from GNCO to BOSCO. Mary Auer/Harbor Homes, Inc. has been the liaison between the Nashua CoC and the State CoC for the past year. BOSCO also meets once a month. Tony Epaphras, Joseph Ntengeri, and Sue Bultman all volunteered to attend these meeting on a monthly basis from now on.
8. TAC Training “Making the Most of Mainstream Service Resources” – Scheduled for 12/3/02 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. in Manchester. If anyone is interested, they should register soon. There is no cost.

9. “Gimme Shelter” – Update. S. Mead reported on the 10/20 and 10/21 sleepover in Concord to highlight homelessness. By the end of the event there were about 75 people in attendance. Channel 9 was in attendance. The Telegraph has contacted Sue.
10. Harbor Homes Volunteering Opportunities. B. Tamposi is asking for volunteers to paint the Maple Street Shelter and the group home on Chestnut Street. Jason Berry of the academy was suggested as they do community services work. K. Ordway requested information on these projects to distribute to the Rotary Club. Bob is also looking for volunteers for November 26 to help serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Gathering Place. Thursday, November 7th, there will be a meeting to discuss further details/plans on the service of the dinner for that day.
11. Volunteering Opportunities – Eric Sanford E-Mail. L. Christie asked about correspondence to send to agencies.
12. Other.

Regarding ending homelessness, T. Epaphras reported from the State that Lance dePlante has suggested getting a moderator to talk about the homeless, of doing an educational program, getting Channel 9 to discuss homelessness during the winter months. It was suggested that this be done statewide; LSDA (Local Service Delivery Agency) is preparing a resource book for the homeless.

Wendy Buice/Rape & Assault Support Services announced that her agency would be changing their name as of December 1st to “Bridges”. Their office will be relocated to 33 East Pearl Street. New brochures and cards will be distributed soon.

Kelly Ordway/Youth Council announced that her agency has added capacity for children ages 3-18 that need counseling. There is no waiting for an appointment.

David Cull stated that there is a concern for housing the special needs population. There is a waiting list, no housing, and no money available. A press conference will be held November 12 at the State Legislative House for new legislation, Room 205-206 at 10:00 a.m. Currently a foster program is what is available.

Rae Miller/Southern NH Services noted that their office has moved to Allds Street/Nashua. She spoke briefly regarding terminally ill people. Home base care is 1-3 months with no set rate. They offer an emergency rental program. B. Mack said that out of town shelters would not accept his referrals; caseloads are increasing and that in itself is an issue for all area towns.

Peter Kelleher/Harbor Homes talked about their program, how they process clients in chronological order; everyone gets processed; rent subsidy is five years; everyone with Harbor Homes finds a place to stay. He also explained that there are two types of Section 8. The first is the Nashua area; the second is anywhere in the state. B. Mack is asking for help/suggestions with temporary shelter. J. Marco talked about a house on Quincy Street called the Sober House – can we use for shelter? K. Nijhuis spoke of the Community Development Department looking at vacant commercial property. R. Miller questioned why we don't ask Manchester how they preserve their millyards.

K. Nijhuis introduced Utiang Ugbe from Nigeria who is a student at Southern New Hampshire University. He is interested in learning about the social welfare program and how it works here in the United States. He also wants the opportunity to learn from the CoC what housing, Medicaid, etc. is all about.

R. Peterson/United Way spoke of his Community Assessment Needs resource which is now available for everyone's perusing. This is a great resource for grant writing.

K. Nijhuis thanked Mary Auer/Harbor Homes, Inc. for her hard work in taking the CoC minutes for two years. Everyone applauded. Harbor Homes was also thanked for providing coffee and donuts at these meetings.

13. Next Meeting: December 4, 2002

14. Adjournment: There being no further business, motion made by L. Christie to adjourn; seconded by R. Peterson. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Sue Lapointe/City of Nashua

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[p] Indicates present

Lisa Christie[p]	(Chair) Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.
Klaas Nijhuis[p]	(Vice-Chair) City of Nashua – Health & Community Services
Diana Owen	Adult Learning Center
Sandy Pelletier	Area Agency of Greater Nashua, Inc.
George Barrett	Area Agency of Greater Nashua, Inc.
Bonnie Jean Butler	Butler Global Consulting
Lori Piper	Bank of New Hampshire
Linda Jeynes[p]	City of Nashua – Urban Development
John Slebodnick	City of Nashua – Urban Programs
Paul Newman	City of Nashua – Urban Programs
Alan S. Manoian	City of Nashua – Community Development Director
Heidi Peek	City of Nashua – Environmental Health
Therese Charest	City of Nashua – Welfare Department
Paul Germain	City of Nashua
Bob Mack[p]	City of Nashua – Welfare Department
Sue Lapointe	City of Nashua – Health & Human Services
Mike Vaccaro	City of Nashua – Fire Marshal's Office
Susan Mead[p]	Community Council of Nashua
Russ Johnson	Community Council of Nashua
Scott Brennan	Community Council of Nashua
Alphonse Haettenschwiller[p]	Community Member
Sharon Face	Department of Health & Human Services
Linda Sprague	DHHS – Office of Minority Health
Cathy Duffy	Girls, Inc.
Jen Indeglia	Girls, Inc.
Jenifer Gokey	Granite State Independent Living
Dave Darling	Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity
Jim Allard	Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity
Diana Maisonave	Greater Nashua Housing & Development
Bob Marks	Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc.
Helen Gutekunst	Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc.
Mary Fisher[p]	Half Moon Sober Festival
Cheryl Rawe	Half Moon Sober Festival
Peter Kelleher[p]	Harbor Homes, Inc.
Mary Auer[p]	Harbor Homes, Inc.
Sue Bultman[p]	Harbor Homes, Inc.
Joseph Ntengeri[p]	Harbor Homes, Inc.
Eric Corliss	Harbor Homes, Inc.
Steve Dooley	Harbor Homes, Inc.
Miles Pendry	Harbor Homes, Inc.
Robert Tamposi[p]	Harbor Homes, Inc.

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Ruth Tamulonis	Inner City Task Force
Anne Barnette	Inner City Task Force
Derrick Walcott	Inner City Task Force
Mark Siegmund	Keystone Hall
Sr. Sharon Walsh	Marguerite's Place
Ruth Crosman	Marguerite's Place
Kathy Card	Mary's Place
Matt Davis	Merrimack River Medical Services
Desiree White	Milford High School
Maria Brown[p]	Milford, Town of – Welfare Department
Jody Stephens	Nashua Foundation for Mental Health
David Elliott	Nashua Foundation for Mental Health
Betsy Portash	Nashua Pastoral Care
Maryse Wirbal	Nashua Pastoral Care
Jade Marco[p]	Nashua Public Health – Street Outreach
Eileen Brady	Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.
Patricia Hayes	Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.
Donna Juskiewicz	Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Inc.
Bridget Belton-Jette	Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua
Lina Ruiz-Mingote	Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Nashua
Carol Carberry[p]	New Hampshire Catholic Charities
Arlette Stawagz[p]	Private Citizen
Betty J. Winberg	Private Citizen
Wendy Buice[p]	Rape and Assault Support Services, Inc.
Mary Moriarty	St John Neumann Church
Robert Demers	St Joseph Hospital
David Cull[p]	Soul Purpose Property Management/Nashua Advocacy Group
Mike Amichetti	Southern New Hampshire HIV Task Force
Wendy Furnari[p]	Southern New Hampshire HIV Task Force
Ellen O'Shea	Southern New Hampshire Medical Center
Deb Gidaracos	Southern New Hampshire Medical Center
Tony Epaphras[p]	Southern New Hampshire Services
Gianni Giannetti[p]	Southern New Hampshire Services
Nick Lorang[p]	Southern New Hampshire Services
Donnalee Lozeau	Southern New Hampshire Services
Rae Miller[p]	Southern New Hampshire Services
Jillian Safer	The Telegraph
Corene Bruce	The Telegraph
Andrew Nelson	The Telegraph
Kelly Ordway[p]	The Youth Council
Ray Peterson[p]	United Way of Greater Nashua
Don Casey	Veteran's Administration
Bruce Bissett	V.A.M.C.

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Utiang Ugbe	Intern at Southern New Hampshire University
Lori Cardin	Board of Aldermen (Ward 7)
Matt Leahy	Senator Gregg's Office
Neil Levesque	Congressman Bass' Office
Mark Sanborn	Congressman Bass' Office
Sharon Drake	New Hampshire Community Loan Fund
Chris LeBrun	New Hampshire Community Loan Fund