

GNCO Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 27 & 28, 2004
Harbor Homes, Inc., 78 Main St.

PRESENT: Lisa Christie, Nashua Soup Kitchen Shelter, Inc. (Oct. 27th)
Ruth Morrisette, Marguerite's Place Inc. (Oct. 27th & 28th)
Miles Pendry, Harbor Homes, Inc. (Oct. 27th & 28th)
Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs (Oct. 27th & 28th)
Bob Mack, Nashua Welfare (Oct. 27th & 28th)
Alphonse Haettenschwiller, Private Citizen (Oct. 27th)
Grace Hick-Grogan, Nashua Housing Authority (Oct. 27th)
Peter Kelleher, Harbor Homes, Inc. (Oct. 27th)
Mary Ellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center (Oct. 27th & 28th)
Maryse Wirbal, Nashua Pastoral Care Center (Oct. 28th)

R. Morrisette called the meetings to order at 8:15 am. Minutes of the September 30, 2004 meeting were handed out to read. L. Christie motioned to accept the minutes, B. Mack seconded, and the motion carried. A second (continued) meeting was held the next day, October 28th, at which the suggestions of the first meeting were incorporated into the Operational Guidelines.

M. Pendry made everyone a copy of the most recent "Operational Guidelines" dated 12/03/03; revised 10/23/04 and gave them out for all the members to read. R. Morrisette then opened the meeting for discussion about the revisions to the guidelines. Most of the discussion centered on Article 3, Membership. It was generally felt this needed to be more definitive. It needed to state exactly who could vote and who could not. Much discussion ensued with the members finally agreeing on the following:

1. There would be two types of voting, one for the general monthly business of the Continuum and one for the ranking and funding of projects.
2. There would be one vote per person at the general business meeting and one vote per agency/person on funding issues.
3. The results of the vote determined would be a simple majority of votes.
4. Anyone may abstain from voting, but all eligible may vote whether or not they have a project for funding.
5. There would be an attendance requirement at CoC meetings of 70% to be eligible to vote on funding issues. This attendance requirement would start at the December meeting.
6. Any special concerns would be brought to the Executive Committee for discussion and recommendations.

It was agreed by all that these recommendations would be presented to the CoC at their next meeting on November 3, 2004 for their approval.

It was further agreed that membership would include representation from four classes: a) Individual, b) Agency, c) Business, and d) Municipal/Government.

M. Pendry volunteered to update the guidelines with these changes for the next meetings.

It was suggested for future meetings that we need basic work on how the membership can work better together, where the “odd man out” is embraced and listened to, to create cohesiveness within the membership. The role of the Executive committee also needs to be better defined. The guidelines for the Good Neighbor Agreement need to be revisited.

The next meeting will be at 8:00 am on November 17, 2004 at Harbor Homes, 78 Main Street.

The meetings were adjourned at 9:00 & 9:30 am respectively.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Linda Jeynes, Urban Programs.