

## GREATER NASHUA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Meeting Minutes

Nashua City Hall Auditorium

October 5, 2005

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1. Call to Order: 8:03 a.m. by Chair Klaas Nijhuis.
2. All present introduced themselves and visitors were welcomed.
3. Minutes of September 7, 2005: (handout) P. Kelleher motioned the minutes be accepted after corrections had been noted and amended, A. Haettenschwiller seconded and the motion carried.
4. Report of Executive Committee: K. Nijhuis reported that the Executive Committee met on September 21<sup>st</sup> and developed a slate of officers to propose for the GNCOC vote. They also discussed the Homeless Connect Project. The Guidelines discussion has been put on hold pending an answer from the BOSCOG about helping with the SuperNOFA project ranking.
5. Nominations and Elections: K. Nijhuis submitted the following list of officers proposed by the Executive Committee:

Chairperson:	Klaas Nijhuis
Co-Vice Chairs:	Ruth Morrisette & Wendy Furnari
Clerk:	Linda Jeynes

No further nominations being made, K. Nijhuis called for a vote. D. Lozeau motioned to accept the proposed slate of officers, L. Piper seconded and the motion carried.
6. Ending Homelessness Committee Update: B. Mack and M. Wirbal spoke about Project Homeless Connect in San Francisco and invited members to join an ad hoc committee that is being formed to organize Project Homeless Connect for the Greater Nashua Area scheduled in December. This committee would be organizing an event to showcase various agencies and inviting all agencies and homeless people to attend the event. Some possible locations for the event suggested were the Nashua City Hall or Harbor Homes High Street property.
7. Data Gathering Update: D. Juszkievicz announced that this committee met last week and reviewed the data collected to date for the homeless count. The next quarterly count will be done on October 26-27, 2005. She asked everyone to please send back the form even if they had "0" people to report.
8. HOPWA Project Update: B. Mack reported that the City, Harbor Homes and Task Force are still working on an application and intend to submit by the deadline of October 13<sup>th</sup>.

9. Impact of Katrina and local providers, local response: K. Nijhuis introduced the invited presenters for this topic. They were Bob Mack, City Welfare, Major Carvill from the Salvation Army and Cheryl McLarney and Bob Scheifele from the Red Cross. The presenters reported that they have set up a linked database for the area with the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and FEMA. There are at present about 25 Katrina families registered with them in the Greater Nashua Area. 7 of these families have already returned to the south, others are being temporarily housed in local motels. Most of them will be leaving the area and returning home, but 6 or 7 of them will stay in the area. They estimate there to be another 25 families here who have not registered with them. P. Kelleher suggested they e-mail any needs to the GNCOC. The FAX number to contact the Red Cross is 886-1316. K. Nijhuis reminded all of the COC website for reference resource of the different agencies available in the area. D. Lozeau reminded all of the Info-Bank as another resource. M. Pendry was asked to provide Katrina contact info on the GNCOC website front page.
10. Continua Reports: T. Epaphras reported that the Manchester COC would not meet again until November 16<sup>th</sup> as they only have quarterly meetings. M. Auer reported that BOSCOG is in the process of reorganizing their COC and are looking to the Nashua for advice and a model. They have decided to hold their monthly meetings in different outlying towns to get more people involved.
11. Upcoming Meetings:
- a. Executive Committee Meeting – October 19<sup>th</sup> , 8:00 am – Harbor Homes board room, 78 Main St, Nashua.
  - b. Ending Homelessness Committee – October 5th, 9:00 am Room 208, City Hall and October 27th, 8:30 am, HHI Board Room, 78 Main St.
  - c. General Meeting GNCOC – November 2nd, 8:00 am, City Hall Auditorium
  - d. NHHFA Statewide Housing Conference, October 24<sup>th</sup> , 9:00-5:00, Manchester Radisson
  - e. Homeless Wrap Around Team meeting October 18<sup>th</sup> , 10:30- 12:30, Economic Opportunity Center
- Announcements: P. Kelleher announced that the State is getting close to finishing their Ending Homelessness Plan and would welcome feedback at a their November public meetings. These dates will be posted on the GNCOC website. L. Christie noted that with new people coming to the Nashua area from the South, we would have full houses this fall. She reminded everyone that the Section 8 vouchers still need government funding. G. Hicks-Grogan stated that HUD has asked Housing Authorities for any left over housing voucher monies to be used for Katrina victims. She said that although they have the vouchers, they have no money to pay for them.
12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.