

**Greater Bridgeport Area Continuum of Care  
Public Policy and Information Committee**

**March 14, 2007**

**Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: Laurie Gross, Joyce Undella, Nadine Nevins, Helen Wasserman, Carmen Colon, Liz Dupont-Diehl, Dick Tenenbaum, Margaret Peabody, and Tony Bonetti

Legislative Breakfast

- I. Reviewed RSVPs to date.
  - a. Carmen Colon will send a personal e-mail to Representative Reinoso and Senator Gomes.
  - b. Carmen Colon will speak with Representative Ayala about speaking with to the Bridgeport Caucus about the breakfast.
- II. What We Learned For Next Time:
  - a. Next year the legislative breakfast will be done much earlier. Prior to the start of the legislative session.
  - b. Next year the Continuum will identify the legislative priorities in early Fall for the 2008 Legislative Session.
- III. Packet Contents
  - a. Reviewed contents of legislative packets
  - b. Discussed need for a one-pager on "What is the GBCoC". Tony Bonetti will develop a one-pager for the folders.
- IV. Reviewed Agenda and Timing for Legislative Breakfast
  - a. Developed a internal schedule for people to follow
  - b. Identified people to pose the CoCs specific asks at the legislative breakfast:
    - i. RAP – Andrew Martinez
    - ii. Supportive Housing – Carmen Colon
    - iii. Beyond Shelter – Lorrie Brooks
- V. Press Release
  - a. Post event release that discussed actions that are linked to a larger statewide effort.
  - b. Caryn Kaufman will take the lead on the press release.

City Ordinance Concerning Hiring Process and Ex-Offenders

- I. Nadine Nevins shared information with the committee concerning efforts to have a city ordinance passed concerning city positions that first identify candidates based on skill and look at criminal background last to ensure fairness in process and hiring.
- II. Nadine Nevins indicated she had spoken with the Mayor's office and the office informed her that the issue would have to be brought to the Civil Service Commission.
- III. Carmen Colon will set up a meeting with city officials regarding this ordinance.
- IV. Nadine Nevins will send information to Carmen Colon, Liz Dupont-Diehl, and Tony Bonetti.
- V. Liz Dupont-Diehl suggested the letter Nadine has drafted could be used as a template for all CoCs to use based on the work Nadine has already done.

**Next Meeting of the Public Policy and Information Committee will be Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 11 AM at the Catholic Center, 238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport.**