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# Greater New Bedford Health & Human Services Coalition

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A network of health and human service providers and community members, dedicated to enhancing the human condition in Greater New Bedford. By providing a forum for action, advocacy, coordination and education, we focus on fostering a community where residents are supported to achieve healthy and fulfilling lives.

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## **Steering Meeting: March 24, 2006, 12:30, Family Planning, Howland Place**

Attendees: Jocelyn Andrade, Robin Cleveland, Karin Coppola-Araia, Jean DeCoffe, Katy Dutille, Ron O'Connor, Lorraine Rosa

### Discussion Highlights:

**Strategic Planning RFQ** – Submissions were examined. After discussion, the Steering Committee decided it would make more sense to table hiring discussions until the following steps take place:

- Mobilization of youth serving community
- Invite youth serving organizations to become involved. These include DSS, Sheriff's Department, Student Resource Officer, District Attorney's Office, Michael Oliveira, Rob McPherson, Lisa Angelo, Peaceworks.
- Once the community is mobilized, reexamine the selected consultant RFQs.

**General Meeting Agenda** will include Steering Committee/Advocates for Youth Update:

- Mobilization
- Advocates for Youth Chairperson
- GNBHSC Newsletter
- Subcommittee minutes submission

### Next Steps:

- Draft letter thanking individuals who submitted Strategic Planning RFQs, to tell them we are gathering more information, will keep their information on file, and will get in touch. (Lorraine, then Committee)
- Email a list of organizations and individuals to invite to Advocates for Youth to Lorraine. (Jocelyn)
- Create sample newsletters of "The C.O.A.S.T. Connection", with vision statement. (Lorraine)

### Next Meeting:

April 28, 2006, 12:30, Family Planning, Howland Place.