

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

One City Center
Thursday, February 15, 2018
9:00 am – 10:00 am

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Steve Ellis	City of Portland
Jim Divine	HVJ	Harrison Deah	City of Westbrook
Bill Higans	HVJ	Ginny Dill	Shalom House
Christina Cook	TOA-PATH	Cullen Ryan	CHOM
George Rhault	Bayside Resident	Dave MacLean	City of Portland
Norm Maze	Shalom House	Vickey Rand	CHOM
Jeff Tardif	City of Portland	Donna Yellen	Preble Street
Sarah Ewing-Merril	Family Promise		

Monthly Statics: [January shelter statistics](#) were reviewed, available here:

<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/853>

Family Services: Jeff and Sarah reviewed what was discussed at the last ad-hoc family services meeting; the [minutes](#) are available here:

<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/5979?fileID=32592>

LTS: Donna – Preble Street appreciates the data and numbers going down but are concerned that the projections are overly optimistic and don't take into consideration forces such as market availability.

Legislative update: If what was agreed to on the budget for March 23rd would see a two-year pause on sequestration.

The president's budget would severely cut services across the board including changes to Section 8; this is not supported by congress but does show where the administration stands.

State:

- 2 bills on opioids 1711 and 17
- Bill to help make recovery residences work better
- A large bond
- Naloxone availability for individuals under 21
- 11.15 waiver

The update is available on [Maine Homeless Planning.org](http://www.mainehomelessplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/State-and-Federal-Legislation-Update-2.5.18-1.docx) : <http://www.mainehomelessplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/State-and-Federal-Legislation-Update-2.5.18-1.docx>

George was at a community policing office and heard about a mass eviction and asked if the shelter system has heard of or seen it reflected in the numbers. Jeff- 41 chestnut is evicted tenants that are doubled or triples up for over-occupancy. Steve – no one is reporting that that is why people are coming into OSS.