

**EMERGENCY SHELTER
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**
One City Center

Thursday, July 19, 2018
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland
Brian Townsend	Amistad
Rob Parritt	City of Portland
Kelly Walsh	Through These Doors
Joanie Klayman	Preble Street
Ginny Dill	Shalom House
Sara Fleurant	City of Portland

Name	Organization
Cheryl Harkins	HVJ
Norm Maze	Shalom House
Vickey Rand	CHOM
Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Steve Sclar	Citizen
William Higgins	Homeless Advocacy for All
Sally Bowden-Schaible	Citizen/Health Professional

Monthly Statistics: The June shelter statistics are available here:
<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/899>

HVJ:

- Homeless Voices for Justice met with the City Manager and will conduct outreach to LGBTQ people at Pride.
- HVJ Meets weekly Mondays from 9:30 to noon at the Preble Street Resource Center

Legislative Update: <http://www.mainehomelessplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/State-and-Federal-Legislation-Update-6.22.18-1.docx>

Homeless Services Center: The majority of the meeting time was used to discuss the Homeless Services Center:

- Model: community questions on which specific sup populations the center will serve
- The Long Term Stayers Initiative supports the HSC as homelessness in Maine/Portland is curving to short term where only 1.3% of people stay in emergency shelter for over 6 months
- An externally facing shelter pushes people outside
 - The new internally facing shelter will solve this by having an inner courtyard and its hours of operation and continuous operations that will connect more people to services
- A community Member who was part of an attempt to house multiple outside services in one location spoke about the challenges:
 - Not a one-size fits all client population
 - Interfacing with agencies
- OSS has experience with agencies offering services and has existing MOUs