

EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

One City Center

Thursday, September 20, 2018
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Mary Cook	TOA
Brian Townsend	Amistad	Norm Maze	Shalom House
Rob Parritt	City of Portland	Vickey Rand	CHOM
Kelly Walsh	Through These Doors	Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Joanie Klayman	Preble Street	Steve Sclar	Citizen
Ginny Dill	Shalom House	William Higgins	Homeless Advocacy for All
Sara Fleurant	City of Portland	George Cooper	Portland Public Library
Meaghan Void	City of Portland	Harrison Deah	City of Westbrook
Sara Ewing Meril	Family Promise	Andrew Bove	Preble Street
Marybeth		Karina Jackson	

Amendment needed: the full names and organizations of: Karina Jackson and Marybeth. .

Monthly Statistics: The August shelter statistics are available here:

<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/913>

- Looking for Angolan Portuguese Dialect speakers and materials
- In the Salvation Army for warming center families nearly the entire month
 - When near capacity, the warming center is opened in SA in

Utilities for families

- The interpreters clients are bringing are presenting challenges

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- Many families don't have two forms of ID
 - WIC IDs may satisfy as one because it is State issues
- Is there a consumer protection that could help?

Homeless Services Center:

- The HHS & PS Committee is going back to receive further guidance from the full council before moving forward with site selection

PSRC Day Shelter:

- Preble Street is reducing hours due to a loss of funding:
 - Remove weekend hours moving the schedule to M – F
 - There will be a second seating for every meal so every day has the same schedule
 - 8:00 am – 9:30 am, Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - Dinner
- OSS Day Services does not have the capacity to absorb the entire weekend population
 - The physical space is limited
 - It will be challenging to set up the dorms
- People access the PSRC who are not in emergency shelter
- Is the expectation that the PSRC courtyard will be empty and cleared as there will be no staff
- Brian asked about the decision to close the resource center and it seemed like it may not save that much money and that it would be the last thing Preble Street would do
 - Preble Street made many changes behind the scenes before reaching this decision that were felt internally with limited effects felt by other service providers
 - Loss of RHY while still offering services, Etc.
- George asked how much would it cost to staff the courtyard in order to make an ask
- The second seating will be at 45 minutes past the hour
 - There no longer be a family friendly designated meal as the second seating has calmed the meals
- Preble Street Requested the City take over meals for families accessing the warming center
 - Difficult logistics
 - St' Vincent de Paul M-R for lunch
 - GA for
 - Tuesday night at Salvation Army
 - Preble Street to provide the food
 - Cold vs hot meals
 - Timing
 - The City is hiring new staff
 - What is the cafeteria schedule for the Salvation Army's Recovery program on the corner of Preble Street and Lancaster Street?

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HVJ:

- Candidate Meet and Greet
- Candidates' Forum
 - Outreach at housing first projects and emergency shelters
- You Don't Need a Home to Vote Campaign
 - Outreach at shelters

Legislative Update:

- Definition of homelessness for youth
- THRIVE Act creates rental subsidies with substance use disorder but it would pull the money from section 8.
 - It is good to serve this population
 - It is bad to pull the funding from an already underfunded project that prevents homelessness
- Invite candidates to see your programs
- SNAP: House wanted to cut but Senate won't
- Movement to remove access to basic needs for not having a job

Next Meeting: October 18, 2018

- WC Meals
- PSRC Day Shelter