

## Homeless Task Force Meeting

### Agenda

December 12, 2018 at 3:30pm

Dover Public Library

- I. Review of Minutes
- II. Updates:
  - a. Meeting with council members
  - b. Code Purple update
  - c. Map project cost estimate
  - d. Daytime resources: extended hours
  - e. Central Delaware Housing Collaborative
  - f. 801 W. Division Street property
  - g. Milford armory
- III. Advocacy issues:
  - a. Panhandling: Response to concerns
  - b. Developing a comprehensive approach to homelessness

November 14, 2018

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Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Jeanine Kleimo. Minutes for the October Meeting were not taken. Jeanine Kleimo, asked if members had received an email with attachments concerning past reports. This also had not been received. It was also shared that Jeanine is waiting for a roster of who are the members of the Task Force from the City.

The following people were in attendance:

Jeanine Kleimo, Chair

Sarah Keifer, Kent County

Herb Konowitz, DIMH

Allan Angel, Kent County Levy Court

Trish Hill, Hopes and Dreams

Yvonne Biddle Heisler, Code Purple Kent County

Becky Martin, Code Purple Kent County

Sue Harris, Port Hope

Valerie Bradshaw, DHSS/DSSC

Greg Bunkley, IMA and DIMH

Tina Showalter, Housing Alliance Delaware

Reports from the three (3) committees were discussed.

The Daytime Resources report was given by Herb Konowitz. Information was given concerning the Community Health worker at DIMH. This employee of Interfaith is funded by a grant from the Healthy Neighborhoods program. This employee works with all homeless in the Dover Area. (description attached)

It was recommended by Sue Harris that an outreach caseworker should assist those in the streets who will not come to any Resource Center for help.

Herb also explained that the Interfaith Resource Center has constructed 30+ Lockers for anyone needing space to store their items. There is not a fee, but the person must attend meetings with the Community Health worker at DIMH.

Trish Hill of Hopes and Dreams also agreed that an outreach person would be good for the people on the street. She agreed to reach out on Tuesdays when Sue Harris feeds at the library.

Valerie Bradshaw suggested that a Resource Center is needed on the weekends and also during holidays. Dover Interfaith and Hopes and Dreams agreed to work on a plan, to try and find a solution. Concern for monies in order for a weekend Resource Center. It was suggested to reach out to NCALL to see if any funds are available.

The Report was accepted.

The Emergency Food and Shelter was given by Allan Angel. The report is attached to the minutes. The Community Map project is ready, but at this time printing expense is an issue.

Allan discussed the changing of 211 hours to 8am-9pm, and it was also discussed that the Homeless Alliance would begin a toll free number after January 1, 2019 from 8am-5pm.

Homeless Alliance has concern over Peoples Place and Shepherds Place in Dover, as they will not take a person in after 5pm, due to not having a qualified intake person on staff. Homeless Alliance would like the shelters to take people in up to 7pm. Valerie Bradshaw will reach out to these shelters, to see if they can extend their time.

Emergency shelter when a Code Purple is not in effect is a major issue within the City. There was much discussion and sharing of ideas and issues. It was decided that Allan Angel and Herb Konowitz will set up a meeting with a few City Council members to discuss an Emergency Plan for shelter.

The Report was accepted.

There was not a report from the Development Committee, as it was noted that the Housing Pathway report has already been accepted.

The Collaborative did meet to discuss plans to find properties to rent. The issue is funding. The Collaborative has applied for grants, but none of these grants have been approved. They have not received their 501 ( c ) 3 approval yet, it was discussed to check the corporation paperwork to be sure that the corporation is set up as a non-profit. The Grants were applied for by stating the 501(c)3 status is pending.

Dover Interfaith supplied information on their purchase of a motel in the Felton area, that will be run as a motel for people in need but have income. Monies for this purchase came from loans from NCALL, and also the Islamic Community. This motel will only rent rooms to men. The motel is not structured as a shelter, but a long-term motel.

Collaborative issue is funding. Also the availability of properties to rent. The majority of people needing rooms do not have the deposits necessary to rent, nor any rental history. This makes it very difficult for a realtor to want to rent to the Collaborative. It was suggested to do an Open House for the Kent County Board of Realtors. Jeanine suggested that Beau Zebley be approached about this idea. Trish Hill of Hopes and Dreams offered to have the Open House at Hopes and Dreams.

A representative from Connections gave an overview of their program concerning housing for those in need.

Meetings were scheduled for the next 2 months. December 12, 3:30 pm and January 9, 3:30 pm. At this time all meetings will be at the Dover Public Library.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Becky Martin