

Mayor's Dover Task Force on Homelessness

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

3:30-5:00 PM

Dover Public Library – Meeting Room A

Agenda

1. Call to order, Jeanine Kleimo
2. Identification of volunteer to take minutes
3. Introductions of attendees
4. Approval of Minutes, November 26, 2017
5. Working Group Reports:
 - a. Development
 - b. Daytime Support
 - c. Food & Emergency Shelter
6. New Business
7. Schedule of next meeting
 - a. Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:30-5:00 PM, Dover Library, Meeting Room A
8. Adjourn

Mayor's Homeless Task Force
November 29, 2017
3:30-5:00 PM

Minutes

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Attendees: Chairman- Jeanine Kleimo, Sarah Keifer, Tina Showalter, Herb Konowitz, Crystal Allen-Home, Kim Brockenbrough, Councilman David Anderson, Commissioner Allen Angel, Samantha Hemphill, Representative Andria Bennett, Greg Bunkley, Valerie Bradshaw-vice Chair, Chanda Jackson, and community member/visitor Connie Miller representing Christ Church.

Chairperson, Jeanine Kleimo called the meeting to order and asked that members vote on the minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 2017. The motion was made by Greg Bunkley and seconded by Herb Konowitz. All members present voted to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting with one correction- Greg Bunkley volunteered to serve on the Emergency Shelter and Food Working Group.

Jeanine asked each workgroup Chairperson to provide a short summary of the workgroups activities since the last meeting.

Working Group Updates:

- Development- The Development Work Group met on 11/21/17. Minutes from the Development Work Group meeting was submitted to everyone present. The group established its mission and priorities. They are looking for a holistic approach to addressing the challenges. The group is looking at a Rental Equity Concept that would look to partner with landlords who want to hold on to properties, but cannot afford to renovate them. The idea would be to lease the property for 20 years for use as affordable rental housing. Discussion will continue surrounding this concept and whether or not it is feasible. Another approach the group is looking into is a conservative approach. The group will continue to investigate this approach as well. Presently, the group will focus on storage of personal belongings. Dover Interfaith received 80 lockers from the YMCA, they are currently looking into receiving or purchasing 80 locks for the lockers as well as a location for the lockers for an immediate solution.

Discussion and Suggestions: Look at acquiring properties behind on taxes and land banking options. Potential approaches to organizations taking the lead on land banking include strengthening DIMH or take on another organization. Other suggestions include meeting with various community organizations, faith based institutions/organizations and the Rotary clubs to potentially create an LLC as an alternative to raising funds.

- Daytime Resources- Picked up 80 lockers from the YMCA. Potentially looking at space in front of the Resource Center. Looked into locks for the lockers which will cost about or under \$4.00 a lock. In the Spring, the group is looking at painting the lockers because they are rusty. Independent Resources is interested in providing more assistance to people on the streets and who are without homes. The assistance would include case management services. Questions proposed- Is there another organization offering this service? Is this needed? Maybe it's a matter of collaboration and information sharing so others are aware of existing services.
- Emergency Shelter and Food – The group met on 11/14, minutes from the meeting were distributed to everyone present which included a list of food services for people without homes. Becky from Code Purple sent an email resigning from completing the monthly calendar due to family issues. Lisa from DIMH will attempt to complete the calendar for one month as a trial.

New Business:

- DIMH's Resource Center needs more volunteers for staffing.
- It was suggested to have land banking on the agenda for City Council.
- Councilman Anderson also stated that a new grant finder software will be available within the next 2 weeks.
- Purchasing homes that are over 1 year behind on their taxes- contact Cheryl 302 736-7000
- Point and Time Count date Jan. 31st- Point and Time Count is a snapshot or count of those people who are without homes
- Emergency Food and Shelter work group will have a brief meeting following the closure of this meeting

The next Task Force meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and February 7, 2018 from, 3:30-5:00 PM. Both meetings will take place at the Library, Meeting Room A.

The meeting was adjourned.