

**Mayor's Dover Task Force on Homelessness**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

**3:30-5:00 PM**

**Dover Public Library – Meeting Room A**

**Agenda**

1. Call to order, Valerie Bradshaw
2. Identification of volunteer to take minutes
3. Introductions of attendees
4. Approval of Minutes, November 26, 2017
5. Review of Notes from January 3, 2018 meeting (no quorum)
6. Working Group Reports:
  - a. Development
  - b. Daytime Support
  - c. Food & Emergency Shelter
7. New Business
8. Schedule of next meeting
  - a. Wednesday, March 14, 2018 3:30-5:00 PM, Dover Library, Meeting Room A
9. 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. 31<sup>st</sup>- 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.

Mayor's Homeless Task Force  
January 3, 2018

Notes (No quorum)  
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Attendees: Chairman- Jeanine Kleimo, Tina Showalter, Herb Konowitz, Kim Brockenbrough, Councilman David Anderson, Commissioner Allen Angel, Greg Bunkley, Valerie Bradshaw-vice Chair, David Hugg

Guests: Sue Harris and Brian Passerell

Chairperson, Jeanine Kleimo, noted that we did not have a quorum and asked the guests attending to move forward and participate in the meeting as it would be informal.

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

Working Group Updates:

### **Emergency Shelter**

- Alan Angel began by giving an update on Code Purple. He indicated that sanctuaries have had difficulty accommodating people using wheelchairs and that there are a number of people in our community who are homeless and using wheelchairs.
- Alan updated the committee about how Bay Health Hospital in Dover has assigned a nurse in the emergency room to provide care to the homeless who are regulars in the emergency room.
- Alan showed those present a map that shows homeless services in Wilmington. Alan would like to create a similar map for the Dover area. Jeanine asked that he ensure that the service directory created by the Dover Library is part of the information used to create the map, as it has some services that are not included in other directories.
- Jeanine reported that the Interfaith Mission Resource Center has been approved by the Fire Marshall to provide overflow housing during extreme cold.
- The group was informed that no Code Purple shelter currently exists in the Dover area for women and children on Saturday evenings. Sue Harris indicated that Wesley Church may provide space if people were identified to staff it. She and Allen agreed to work together to see if they can get space and staffing to provide code purple shelter in the Dover area on Saturday evenings.

**Daytime Services**

- Herb reported that they are still moving forward with installing lockers on site at Interfaith Mission.
- Interfaith Resource center is currently open Mon-Friday from 8-4.
- Jeanine reported that there are now social workers from the State in seven libraries across the State. Each Library has this assistance for about 3 hours a week.
- Independent Resources has submitted an application for funding to assist people at the Dover Library who are homeless.

**Development Committee**

- Dave reported that the work to get lockers from the YMCA and install them continues.
- Councilman Polce attended the last development committee meeting and presented information about a program in Denver CO.
- The Committee is looking into creating a new Housing Development Corporation.
- The Interfaith Mission Board is concerned about their capacity to take on new initiatives for new populations. The Board will be meeting on 1/4/18 and discuss further what they are ready and able to take on. Jeanine indicated that of current opportunities that we are aware of, an additional 200 beds of highly affordable housing could be created in the area. Wish to create housing with rents at \$350 per month or less in properties that are handicapped accessible.

**Other Business**

- Jeanine reported that she has identified a retired social worker from New York who is living in Delaware and has a curriculum to train tenants.
- Announcement that the Peoples Place II Director has recently resigned and that Del Failing has returned to the Director position temporarily.
- Jeanine suggested that we be ready with a report to the Council and possibly Levy Court as well in the next few months. Councilman Anderson expressed that he would like to see this report be delivered at a regular meeting so that it would be televised for the broader community to view.

**Next Meetings**

- February 7, 2018 at the Dover Library 3:30-5:00p.m.– Valerie Bradshaw will be chair as Jeanine will be out of town
- March 14, 2018 at the Dover Library 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Notes respectfully submitted by  
Kim Brockenbrough