



## Shelter Planning Task Force

May 13, 2015

### Meeting Notes

#### Attendees:

Donna Yellen	Preble Street	Sean Kerwin	Bayside Neighborhood Assn
Nicole Evans	United Way	Mike Tarpinian	Opportunity Alliance
Cullen Ryan	Community Housing of Maine	Dawn Stiles	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Dept
Bill Higgins	Homeless Voices for Justice	Jim Devine	HVJ and Region 1 Homeless Council
Mark Swann	Preble Street	Dana Totman	Avesta Housing
Jim Hanley	Chamber of Commerce	Angela Giordano	City of Portland, Oxford Street Shelter
Jenny Stasio	Region 1 Homeless Council	Bob Fowler	Milestone
Kim Cook	Off-peninsula	Rob Parritt	MaineHousing
Peter Driscoll	Amistad	Julie Sullivan	Staff to the Task Force, City of Portland
Norm Maze	Shalom House		

1. Welcome, (re-)introductions, updates
2. Expenses and revenue overview – Oxford Street Shelter
  - City HHS Department Head Dawn Stiles reviewed the Oxford Street Shelter (OSS) and Family Shelter (FS) Fiscal Year 16 proposed budget and FY13-FY16 GA and Shelter expense and revenue data (attached)
  - Where does the additional \$350,000 that the City has proposed come from?
    - UPDATE: \$300,000 for transitional services comes from the City general fund. About \$50,000 comes from an anonymous donor to Wayside for asylum seekers/those losing eligibility for other food support.
  - What is the cost per bed night? FY13 OSS had 84,898 bed nights including overflow, for a cost per bed night of \$31.11
  - Would like to see shelter funding trend for 5 years prior; what happened between FY13 and FY14
  - Would like to see shelter demographics, bed night usage specifically for OSS, with costs broken out by OSS, Preble Street overflow, and warming center(s)
3. Programmatic overview – Preble Street

- Preble Street Chief Program Officer Donna Yellen provided extensive information on Preble Street's history and broad scope of services
  - Services specifically related to homeless adults and shelter include:
    - Serving as a mailing address
    - Providing hygiene items, outerwear, bathrooms, showers, laundry, phone
    - OK to be there under the influence and untreated mental illness – provide a safe and respectful place
    - Staff works to engage clients into case management, which can take years
    - 3 meals/day, every day, all year
    - Case work services – housing, basic needs, bus passes, benefit programs, referrals
    - Clinical intervention services – clients with severe and persistent mental illness without mainstream resources and the homeless
    - Collaborating with the City on veterans' housing
    - New collaboration with Maine Medical Center called Homeless Health Partners – MMC funds two full-time medical case managers on site
    - Homeless Voices for Justice advocacy
4. Expenses and revenue overview – Preble Street
- Preble Street Executive Director Mark Swann reviewed their FY15 budget (attached)
5. Wrap up and next meeting
- Weds 5/27, 9-11 a.m., City Hall, rm 24
    - Milestone adult emergency shelter programmatic and financial overview (Bob Fowler, <20 minutes including Q&A)
    - Long-term stayer approach (Cullen Ryan, <20 minutes including Q&A)
    - What works well – eg, what from current system should we keep doing – and what would we like to see changed (<40 minutes)
    - Best practice models to be evaluated; materials from Task Force to Prevent and End Homelessness to review (<35 minutes)
    - Discuss tour of shelters (<5 minutes)
  - Web site: [www.portlandmaine.gov/1512/Shelter-Planning-Task-Force](http://www.portlandmaine.gov/1512/Shelter-Planning-Task-Force)
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