

Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

One City Center

Thursday, August 15, 2019

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Brian Townsend	Amistad
Ginny Dill	Shalom House	Norm Maze	Shalom House
George Rheault	Bayside	Sara Fleurant	City of Portland
Amy Geren	Portland Downtown	Sara Ewing-Merril	GP Family Promise
Jim Divine	HVJ	Jill Damion	Shalom House
Jenny Stasio	Through These Doors	Josh Ruitto	City of Portland
Amanda Methot	City of Portland HCD	Carol Hutchins	BNA

Introductions

- Approval of Minutes
 - Ginny moved to accept the minutes, norm seconded and the minutes passed.
- Announcements
 - Noted: Adam to ask IT to update ESAC template to include HVJ and LTS

HVJ

- Currently off

Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

- Tracking HHS&PS and is displeased with Riverside location for the new Homeless Services Center
- There will be candidate forums for the mayoral campaign, Brian Batson's seat, and Pious Ali's Council seat.

July Statistics

<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1013>

- OSS has a lower average in the summer months
- Expo numbers included

Legislative Update

- Press Herald article about new federal funding for opioid treatment.
 - o Distribution formula issue: Maine only got \$4.4 million whereas New Hampshire got \$21+ million.
 - o GPAC has tracked this and has a focus on it hearing about the discrepancy last month.
 - Action is being taken at the state level.

Warming Center

- Closing today.
- Entered the morning with a count of 78
 - o Many went to community
 - o 20 individuals went into the shelter on Wednesday; those has been open but were being held per CDC recommendation due to chicken pox.
- 26 individuals in Brunswick with a MaineHousing Step like voucher.
 - o Food through GA
- 12 placements on the table in Scarborough.
- Families in host programs.
- City is negotiating for additional space with outside agencies in the event of another influx
- The City has been at the table but is not leading the host family process or placements; GPCOG and CIEE are driving the host family initiative.
 - o City is aware of 20 families being hosted
- Warming Center overflow is 110.
- 450 individuals have come since June 9th.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 AM.