

**EMERGENCY SHELTER
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**
196 Lancaster Street

Thursday, February 16, 2017
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Minutes

Attendees:

Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland
Steve Ellis	City of Portland
Norman Maze	Shalom House
Jan Bindas-Tinney	Preble Street
Vicky Rand	CHOM
Dave MacLean	City of Portland
Chelsea Hoskins	Catholic Charities

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Ginny Dill	Shalom House
Cullen Ryan	CHOM
Ali Lovejoy	Preble Street
Rob Parritt	City of Portland
William Higgins	HVJ
Jim Divine	HVJ
Jeff Tardif	City of Portland

February Statistics: The usage stats look similar to last year, but placements are down as the LTS initiative housed many people last year; the placements are smaller this year as only the those with the greatest barriers remain.

LTS Update: Three names on left on the first list. The other list are being housed at about five to six people a month from OSS staff. Second list has 17 left, third list has 10 people left and the fourth list has 28 remaining.

HVJ: The annual State House Day is coming on 4/11. HVJ is currently doing outreach to faith communities. Jim said he is interested in the panhandling initiative. Rob expanded that the program is looking to have Social Services partner with the Parks Dept. to offer six hours of work twice a week to a small group of panhandlers who will be given breakfast and lunch, as well as be connected to Services. Bill Shared that HVJ chapters are explaining issues at the capitol and are holding office hours at PSRC to act as a community organizing hub.

Legislative Update:

Federal: The president has released his budget. HUD is proposed to be cut by 13.2% (\$6.2 billion) which will affect Section 8 vouchers. It will eliminate FEDHome and CDBG funding. Congress must approve it before it can be implemented. The AHCA is not favorable to low-income individuals as it looks to use health savings accounts. It includes block grants that flat funds programs making a per capita cap.

State: The governor's budget had many hearings in late February. The HSS committee has rejected some safety net cut proposals. There is a bill that helps remove individuals squatting in apartments. LD970 is a bill to provide supportive services implementing housing first initiatives that could support Houston Commons. It has a hearing on 3/27 at 1:00 pm. There is a bill to release the \$15 million affordable housing bond for seniors, and an additional bond for the same.

Other Business:

Bill stated there is a webinar next Monday about how to organize around the proposed cuts to HUD.

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Jenny said that Steve had requested a VAWA training. Family Crisis and PTLA will hold a training on protections for people in housing and looking for housing who are victims of domestic violence.