

1. 5:30 P.M. Health & Human Services Committee

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2. HIRE Update

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[HIRE REPORT FOR HHS COMMITTEE 11.16.PDF](#)

3. HHS SU Committee Revised November 10

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Health & Human Services Committee Meeting

November 10, 2016*

5:30 PM

Room 5/Portland Public Library

(*Meeting moved from Election Day)

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order and Minutes Reviewed
2. HIRE Program Recommendations
3. Substance Use Prevention Recommendations
4. Positive Health Transition
5. Shelter Tour Update

Chair Suslovic
Dawn Stiles/Staff
Chief Sauschuck/Chief
Jackson/Bridget Rauscher
Dawn Stiles/GPH Staff
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HIRE Update

What Is Going Well

- Growing Community Partnerships: Working with entities like Goodwill Workforce Solutions and the Portland Career Center has opened doors for the program in ways that directly benefit our clients. Two clients were accepted into the Northeast Technical Institute's machinist training program via the career center. The organization was so impressed with our clients, that they opened 9 additional slots for us, at a total value of \$3,900;
- Client Growth: Staff helped improve clients' job seeking skills directly and connected them to ESL resources and job training, such as CNA certification programs;
- Client Outcomes: Full and part-time employment that lessened or eliminated reliance on public assistance;
- Supportive Administration
- Skilled Caseworkers

FY18 Budget Items to Enhance the Program

- Transportation: Increase partnerships with area bus services so clients can access training and employment in the greater Portland area. For example, partnering with the ZOOM bus company would allow an employment search to stretch from Saco to Freeport.

We will be evaluating additional needs as we prepare our FY 18 budget.

**Health & Human Services Department**

Dawn Stiles, Director

Substance Use Prevention Program Recommendations

1. Ongoing support of the Needle Exchange Program at 103 India Street (whether operated by the City or a partner agency).
2. Overdose prevention and naloxone training for City staff and presence of naloxone in City-owned and managed buildings.
3. Developing overdose prevention and naloxone distribution program to those being released from Cumberland County Jail.
4. Installing additional sharps disposal boxes in high-traffic areas around the City.
5. Providing marijuana prevention education for youth and young adults, particularly pending the outcome of Question 1.
6. Increased outreach services to racial, ethnic, and language minorities.
7. Expand availability of detox services (bed increase at Milestone).
8. Support for increased collaboration between city departments addressing similar community needs: Public Health, Police, Fire/EMS, Oxford Street Shelter with a focus (at a minimum) of maintaining the current ability to provide outreach/referral services via LEAAP/OPP/NEP.
9. Expanded Milestone HOME Team hours (12 hour shifts M-F) and scope (to include EMT-level first responder and housing coordinator). Ideally, this would include the use of a second van and overlapping shifts. The presence of a medical provider would encourage identification of serious medical conditions as well as reduce EMS calls and unnecessary ED visits.