

# CITY OF NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION

November 8, 2018

## Minutes

### Attendance:

**Members Present:** C. Phillips Jr., V. Wilson, J. Huettner, D. Ecton

**Ex-Officio:** V. George, N. Torres

**Staff:** V. George

**Guests:** B. Huang, S. Rodriguez, T. Clark, P. Phillips, C. Campbell

**Members Excused Absent:** A. Roth, N. Hogan, C. Gormley

**Members Absent:** E Robinson, J. Hardy

0.0 J. Huettner called the meeting to order with introductions.

1.0 Approval of September 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes was unanimous.

### NEW BUSINESS

2.0 S. Rodriguez consultant with the New Haven Board of Education gave a presentation on the Youth, Family & Community Engagement as it relates to the McKinney Vento Act. He described MKV Liaisons role:

- Build awareness of homelessness in the school system
- Assist in identifying homeless children and youth
- Provide outreach to community-based support services
- Resolve any issues that may arise with families
- Maintain records

In school year 2016/ 2017 there were 868 children / youth identified.

During 2017/2018 those identified were 821. He shared that Hurricane

Maria and the closing of the Church Street South Housing Development

impacted their numbers. Of the children/ youth identified, over 500 lived in doubled up situations.

3.0 The 2019 H.A.C. Meeting Schedule was unanimously accepted.

4.0 The group briefly discussed the article: Homeless

Criminalization: Presentation/Discussion of HOUSING NOT

HANDCUFFS-Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness in U.S. Cities,

National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty. J. Huettner pointed out

that New Haven topped the list in 2016 for prohibited conduct laws. The group agreed that we must work to change the perception of the homeless. The group went on to discuss the plight of seniors experiencing housing insecurity. It was suggested that this be a focus for the upcoming year.

#### 5.0 Homeless Shelter Counts

V. George shared that in October 197 single adults, 15 youth (18-24) and 47 families were served. She also shared that the Columbus House Overflow shelter is scheduled to open on 11/19/18 – 4/30/19. The 180 Center will be hosting the warming center this year beginning 1/3/19 – 4/15/18.

#### 6.0 Update on CAN 2017-18 Goals/Progress

T. Clark shared that from 9/1/18 – 10/31/18, 2,461 people called 211 requesting housing assistance. Of these, 459 showed up for their appointment – 80 went to shelter, 213-added to the waitlist, 164 -diverted. On the exit side: 193 households went to Rapid Rehousing.

There were 2 new youth navigators employed by Youth Continuum to help youth navigate the homeless system.

During the Governors challenge, New Haven has pledged to house 40 families in 77 days. To date they have housed 21 families. Challenge ends 12/11/18.

#### 7.0 No YHHAP Updates

#### 8.0 Membership Updates:

Reappointments: D. Ecton, E. Robinson, and C. Phillips Jr.

Ms. G. McNair was recommended for membership – her application at the BOA for approval.

Ms. E. Lynn-Green of YHAP has stepped down.

#### 9.0 Announcements/ News/Events

- Office of Housing and Homelessness is sponsoring a sock and toiletry drive to benefit the homeless.
- Affordable Housing Taskforce is scheduled to meet 11/15/18 at 6pm in the Aldermanic Chambers.

#### 10.0 Adjournment