

**CITY OF NEW HAVEN HOMELESS  
ADVISORY COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** J. Huettner, D. Ecton, N. Hogan, C. Phillips, V. Wilson, C. Gormley

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

**Staff:** V. George

**Guest:** T. Clark, C. Kidd, B. Huang, C. Dignan

**Members Excused Absence:** J. Hardy, A. Roth, E. Robinson,

**Members Absent:** E. Lynn-Green,

0.0 J. Huettner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone 6:05pm.

1.0 July 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2.0 J. Huettner gave an update on the status of proposed Homeless Criminalization Resolution & Bill of Rights. He shared that Alder A. Roth was instrumental in the information flow to the Board of Alders(BOA) and getting this item to move up on the BOA agenda. J. Huettner is hoping to get a BOA workshop for this proposed legislation.

3.0 V. George shared that singles shelter counts continue to rise steadily since 2016. Data showed that the single male population has become older with increase health problems. Family shelters remained full throughout the summer months. Many FEMA families from Hurricane Maria have been added to the shelters and waitlists as their hotel stays expired.

4.0 T. Clark of United Way of Greater New Haven reported that the CAN continues to stream line their process – average wait time for CAN appointments are now at 3 days. During June 1 to August 30, there were 3,962 calls to 211. Of those callers, only 586 people showed up for their appointment. Ninety- four people were placed in shelters, 326 people were wait-listed, and 156 people were diverted. In addition, there were 200 households that were rapidly rehoused to permanent housing in this same time frame.

T. Clarke also shared that Governor Malloy recently issued a statewide challenge to reduce family homelessness by the end of this year.

5.0 C. Gormley stated that she is the new YHHAP representative – replacing E. Lynn-Green. She shared that YHAP will be partnering with the Columbus House Outreach and Engagement team for an initiative called New Haven Cares. She went on to list other initiatives that YHAP was working on: Y2Y Project with Youth Continuum, Life Haven, and Food Rescue. C. Gormley also announced the upcoming Fall Festival on September 30<sup>th</sup> on Cross Campus.

6.0 There were no membership updates.

7.0 J. Huettner formally opened the hearing on the Grievance of Timothy Yankee concerning the denial of his fee waiver application. For the record J. Huettner noted that this matter was delayed in hopes that Mr. Yankee would show up. This record reflects that as of 7pm, Mr. Yankee still had not arrived. J. Huettner opted to go forth with the hearing.

V. George presented Mr. Yankee's request for a fee waiver to the Commission and her response to his request. Because Mr. Yankee was not present, V. George read Mr. Yankee's grievance. The commissioners discussed the matter amongst themselves. J. Huettner asked the members to explore whether the application of the fee waiver policy was reasonable.

The commissioners deemed the application of the fee waiver policy to be reasonable as it encourages best practices, while instituting a coordinated response strategy to addressing the homeless crisis. Consequently, the Commissioners voted unanimously to uphold the decision to deny Mr. Yankee a fee waiver since his application did not meet the basic requirement of coordinating with other outreach services. The commissioners however were clear in stating that their above decision does not prohibit Mr. Yankee from using the New Haven Green. Instead, he will be subject to the fee structure as indicated by the Parks Department.

8.0 Announcements/ News/Events

Jessie Hardy will be having an end of the summer cookout in partnership with DESK and Church on the Green on September 22, 2018.

YHAP will be having a Fall Festival on September 30<sup>th</sup> on Cross Campus.

9.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm