

City of New Haven

Homeless Advisory Commission

January 12, 2023

Attendance: Present: L. Hardy, C. Mendez
Absent: U. Muley, C. Spears
Ex-Officio: V. George, N. Torres,
Staff: T. Jefferson

0.0 Call to Order – V. George

Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

1.0 Welcome new Homeless Advisory Commissioner

V. George began by introducing the new commissioner -Mr. Hardy. He shared his reasons for wanting to join the committee. Mr. Hardy discussed a link between the criminal justice system and homelessness system. He wants to get grants from the Department of Justice to go towards homeless services.

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2.0 Homeless Services Update

2.1 Overview of homeless services

In November there was a Board of Alders Human Service Committee workshop on the State of Homelessness in New Haven. Many homeless service providers attended and gave testimony. The common thread throughout all the testimonies was the need for more deeply affordable housing units and the need to increase funding to the homeless service budget. In addition, the Office of Housing & Homelessness will be partnering with the Greater New Haven United Way to make homelessness a regional issue and not just a New Haven issue.

2.2 Warming center update

V. George gave an overview of current homeless services (Navigation HUB's, warming canter, Shelters). Every year the city opens at least 1 warming center during the cold weather months, this year we were able to provide 4 warming centers around the city! We are seeing about 29 people a night at each warming center.

3.0 CAN Update

There was no representative present at this meeting.

4.0 YHHAP Update

There was no representative present at this meeting.

5.0 Announcements

V. George announced there are currently 4 official members on this commission. She encouraged members to recommend fellow New Haven residents who may be interested in serving on this commission. There is still quite a bit of seats available.

6.0 Adjournment – 6:50pm