

**CITY OF NEW HAVEN  
HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

May 12, 2022  
Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** D. Ecton, C. Spears, S. Abdussabur

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

**Staff:** S. James- Marquis, T. Jefferson

**Guest:** K. Fitzgerald

**Members Excused Absent:** C. Mendez,

**Members Absent:** R Handler

Chair D. Ecton called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

**Minutes:** The group reviewed the March minutes. There was no April meeting due to lack of quorum.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The March meeting opened with two presentations made by Community Services Administration staff on T. Jefferson- Manager of Community Development Programs and S. James-Marquis- Community Outreach Worker. T. Jefferson gave a brief description of the two (2) federally funded programs used to serve those that were homeless, at risk of homelessness and the unsheltered population. T. Jefferson shared that, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funded initiatives focused on violence prevention, community mental health and serving high needs populations such as individuals experiencing homelessness or substance use disorder. More specifically, the Office of Housing & Homelessness allocated \$525,00.00 to serve the unsheltered population by extending the hours of Homeless Navigation Hubs, and mobile shower services. To date there were 6 Navigation Hubs that reported 935 visits. In addition, there were 6,895 units of food distributed, 15 individuals secured jobs, 37 individuals received assistance with housing applications.

T. Jefferson shared statistics on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, (CARES ACT) which is another federal grant program that provided fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, small businesses, and industries during the pandemic. More specifically, the city of New Haven was allocated \$2.6 million for rapid rehousing, emergency shelter assistance, and basic needs. Through Rapid Rehousing (RRH) services, 136 household secured housing, 172 households were served across emergency shelter programs, and 396 household were assisted with basic needs.

**COLD WEATHER UPDATE:**

S. James-Marquis- Community Outreach Worker gave a brief description of her role as the Community Outreach worker. She shared that her role is to enhance outreach efforts by better coordinating services that support and stabilize unsheltered individuals, and to serve as a liaison between the city, the residents, businesses, and the unsheltered homeless community to address quality of life issues.

S. James-Marquis gave an update on the warming center, which was located at 100 Pound Lilly Ave. During November 2021 -April 2022, there were 183 clients served and 67 clients were successfully housed. S. James-Marquis shared that case management service provide through the following agencies, Community Action Agency, Fellowship Inn, Liberty Community Services, BHCARE, Marrakech, CMHC, Cornell Scott and The Connections. Clients received health screening with Cornell Scott-Mental Health Center, mental health services, addiction services from MATTS Van. S. James-Marquis shared that clients were also provided with additional wrap-around services such as clothing for interviews and daily wear, tablets with WI-FI services for scheduling doctor's appointments and applying for employment, and daily bus passes for transportation to appointments.

**New Initiative:** The One Stop Popup initiative provides mobile shower services, medical and harm reduction services to unsheltered individuals. This is a collaboration between the City of New Haven Office of Housing & Homelessness, the Yale Community Health Care Van, Cornell Scott Hill Health

Center- Street Medicine Team, Liberty Community Services, Power in a Shower, and Una Iglesias para la Ciudad. The One Stop Popup visits two areas within the city weekly.

**Schedule:**

Tuesdays – New Haven Green: 8am to 11am– 2:30pm

Fridays - Una Iglesias para la Ciudad 9am – 12pm  
99 East Pearl Street

As of today, about 66 clients have been served.

**CAN: K. Fitzgerald -**

K. Fitzgerald shared that 1,844 households called 211 for the month, there were 506 CAN appointments scheduled, 343 people showed up for their CAN appointments. She also shared that 146 people were wait listed and 59 people were diverted, 105 no show, 22 people refused shelter, and 93 not appropriate. K. Fitzgerald shared that the median wait time call to an appointment is 2 days. K. Fitzgerald also shared that there are 637 people on their By Name List, with 166 people matched to a housing resource and 36 people were housed in April. K. Fitzgerald shared that \$100k was allocated for landlord incentives and CAN resources. She shared that lack of affordable housing continues to be a challenge and all cold weather locations have closed. K. Fitzgerald shared that The My Home CT Program, a State funded program for homeowners to access mortgage delinquency sustained during the pandemic is now available.

**YHHAP:** R. Handler absent.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.**