

**City of New Haven
Homeless Advisory Commission
March 14, 2024**

Attendance:

Members Present: J. Edwards, U. Muley, J. Huettner, S. Bass, Alder Streater, Y. Chauhan
A. Jaramoga

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

Staff: S. James

Guest: T. Maguire Executive Dir- Youth Continuum

CAN- No representative

YHHAP-J. Simmons

The meeting was called to order by U. Muley at 6:05pm. The previous meeting minutes reviewed. Motion for minutes to accept minutes by J. Huettner and seconded by S. Bass. Motion passed.

V. George-James welcomed Alder T. Streater to the HAC committee. U. Muley invited Alder Streater to greet the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: V. George-James introduced T. Maguire to the commission. T. Maguire is the new Executive Director of Youth Continuum. Youth Continuum serves youth ages 18-24. T. Maguire oversees the newly implemented youth warming center, a youth drop-in center, PSH units and the renovation of 922 Grand Ave for a non-congregated shelter for youth experiencing homelessness. This space has a groundbreaking date in Spring of 2024. T. Maguire shared that the newly renovated space will provide service for day and overnight services to youth. The space will also offer crisis beds, shower, and a resource center. T. Maguire shared that the beds will be filled from the shelter waitlist that is governed by the Coordinated Access Network- CAN.

Update:

V. George-James shared that she and Shaunette went to the National Alliance Conference in California to acquire new techniques and strategies for dealing with homelessness in New Haven and the Greater New Haven area. V. George-James reported that New Haven's efforts with street psychiatry, street medicine, outreach, and the establishment of our navigation hubs and youth warming center were recognized throughout the conference. V. George-James discussed some of the key takeaways from the conference: government backed master leasing, and shared housing strategies. V. George-James mentioned that the master leasing strategy has proven highly effective in California.

Shelter Updates: V. George-James shared that the warming centers are currently at or over capacity each night. V. George-James shared that the warming centers are set to close on April 15, 2024.

V. George-James shared a new initiative called the Full Court Press that has since been launched. This initiative serves to connect clients in the warming centers with employment, and case management services before the closing date. V. George-James emphasized the importance of equipping clients with the necessary tools towards self-sufficiency.

CAN Update: No representation.

YHHAP Update: No representation

Announcements: V. George announced that the City of New Haven department of Community Resilience has a new Director, Tirzah Kemp.

Adjourn– 6:58pm