

Homeless Advisory Commission 1/12/23

Attendees: V. George, T. Jefferson, N. Torres, L. Hardy, C. Mendez

Discussion:

Meeting called to order and began with introductions. Mr. Hardy shared his reasons for wanting to join the committee. Expressed a link between the criminal justice system and homelessness, wants to help build an argument to get grants from the Department of Justice money to go towards homeless services.

V. George announced we currently have 5 members on record apart of the committee, if there is anyone who may want to join please let them know we are reviewing for new members. In November the city had a workshop presentation to the board of alders where homeless service agencies showed up to talk about the need for deeply affordable housing and increasing funding in the homeless category. New Haven wants to make an effort to address homelessness as a regional issue and not just a New Haven issue. V. George gave an overview of current homeless services (Navigation HUB's, warming canters, 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.

CAN Update

No updates. Representative wasn't here.

YHHAP Update

No update. Representative wasn't here

Update

We will hold an orientation in March during a meeting once all of our new members are in.

Meeting adjourned: 6:50pm