

# CITY OF NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION

**January 9, 2020**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** E. Robinson, D. Ecton, A. Roth, E. Sabin,

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

**Staff:** V. George

**Guests:** D. Diaz

**Members Excused Absent:**

**Members Absent:** - J. Hardy, C. Phillips Jr., N. Torres

D. Ecton called the meeting to order at 6:12

December 12, 2019 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

McKinney-Vento:

V. George shared the follow up FY 18/19 McKinney-Vento Statistics from D. Diaz:

<b><u>New Haven McKinney Vento Children</u></b>	<b><u>Count</u></b>
DOUBLED UP	333
SHELTER	112
HOTEL/MOTEL	59
DOUBLED UP/ UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN	12
SHELTER/UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>521</b>

V. George shared that she was most concerned about the children in the doubled-up households because these families would not be considered homeless according to HUD standards and consequently would not be eligible for shelter through the CAN. She also shared that these doubled up families are at extreme high risk of becoming literally homeless. This Commission needs to work closely with the BOE to bring attention to the plight of these families.

Public Loo discussion was tabled.

#### HAC Election:

HAC membership election was tabled since there was no quorum. V. George shared with the group that J. Huettner, the outgoing chair appointed D. Ecton as acting chair of HAC until an election is held.

#### Shelter Update:

V. George shared that the full warming center ran by Omega Seventh Day Adventist Church opened on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. She shared that since opening, the attendance has steadily increased. T. Clark of CAN asked for clarification around the Grace Chapel women warming center schedule. She shared that there was discussion and concern among the partner agencies regarding the extension of this underutilized warming center and its impact on continuum of services in the region. V. George shared that this was an administrative decision made above her.

#### CAN Update:

T. Clark shared that Jeff Bezos of Amazon awarded funds for diversion assistance to the CAN.

She also shared that between 11/1/19 – 12/31/19, on the entry side of CAN there were 2029 housing calls to 211, of those callers only 407 showed up for their CAN appointments. 76 were enrolled in shelter, 128 were added to the wait list and 159 were diverted.

On the exit side of CAN 10/1/19 -12/31/19: 220 households received rapid rehousing. Of these 33 were veterans and 35 were chronic homeless.

T. Clark shared with the group that this was her last meeting as she was moving on to another job. The group wished her well.

#### YHAPP Update:

There was no representative present.

Meeting adjourned.