

CITY OF NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION

December 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Members Present: J. Huettner, E. Robinson, D. Ecton, A. Roth,

Ex-Officio: V. George,

Staff: V. George

Guests: D. Diaz

Members Excused Absent: - E. Sabin, N. Hogan, V. Wilson,

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

Meeting called to order 6:11 pm.

J. Huettner began the meeting with introductions.

November Minutes were reviewed and unanimously accepted.

Proposed Homeless Bill of Rights (HBR) Update

J. Huettner shared that the final draft of the HBR was submitted to the BOA in November.

He also shared that the December 5, 2019 article in the New Haven Register written by Mary O'Leary on the Bill of Rights for the homeless was a thoughtful, well written piece. J. Huettner also highlighted an article on how Cambridge, MA introduced Loos to their downtown area.

Public Loo Discussion

V. George will convene the loo committee in January to explore next steps.

New Haven McKinney-Vento Update (BOE):

J. Huettner gave a brief summary of the commissions commitment and support for the McKinney Vento Act. He then introduced D. Diaz the McKinney Vento (MCK) Liason for the New Haven Board of Education to give an update of the progress.

D. Diaz shared that MKV ensures education and transportation for homeless families. This includes families that are doubled up, displaced, and unaccompanied minors. There are MKV liaisons in every school in New Haven. Recently they contracted with Christian Community Action to provide social- emotional and housing assistance to families. Last year there MKV served 521 students. Most of the students were in doubled up situations.

The group asked D. Diaz to forward MKV statistics and to include a break down by wards. He shared he may not be able to do by ward but would forward data by zip code.

Shelter Update

V. George shared that the Columbus House Overflow Shelter opened on November 18, 2019 with 75 beds for men. She also shared that Grace Chapel Church was contracted to run a warming center for 25 women at 660 Winchester Avenue through 1/2/20. She went on to share that the women warming center census was very low. The average number of spaces utilized was 4 out of 25.

V. George is currently in negotiating for the full warming center of 50 spaces. Details to follow.

H.A.C. Election

Today J. Huettner term expired on the commission. Since there was no quorum for an election, J. Huettner appointed D. Ecton as acting chair until election in January.

CAN Update - Tabled**No YHAP Update.**

Meeting adjourned.