# CITY OF NEW HAVEN HOMELESS ADVISORY COMMISSION JULY 12, 2018

## MEETING AGENDA

## Attendance:

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

C. Phillips

Ex-Officio: V. George,

Staff: V. George

Guest: C. Brown, T. Clark, C. Dignan, C. Kidd, M. O'Neill, A. Denson

**Members Excused Absence:** N. Torres

Members Absent: E. Lynn-Green, V. Wilson,

0.0 J. Huettner called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and began with introductions.

1.0 The June 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## 2.0 Updates on Proposed Homeless Bill of Rights

There was a very robust discussion on the impact the Bill of Rights would have on the police to enforce the laws vs the rights of homeless being violated. The discussion also included the excessive loitering on the New Haven Green. Lt. M. O'Neill shared that the people loitering tends to be APT Foundation clients from out of town. A. Roth suggested that the commission coordinate with the New Haven Board of Aldermen - Human Service Committee as the Bill of Rights public hearing is scheduled for the day after the BOA public hearing on the APT Foundation. She was concerned that the public may conflate the two issues. A. Roth also suggested that we have the Corporation Counsel take another look at the Homeless Bill of Rights prior to the public hearing.

## 3.0 Homeless Shelter Count

Family shelters continued to run at capacity with large numbers of families being diverted due to lack of beds. C. Brown shared that Life Haven was off line for one month for renovations.

Youth Continuum shelter beds remain full since they opened their doors.

## 4.0 CAN update

T. Clark shared that during the time period of May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 211 fielded 2,440 requests for housing. Of those 2440 calls, 501 showed up for their appointment. And of the 501, only 44 went into shelter.

- 5.0 YHHAP Update E. Lynn-Green, et. al.- not present.
- 6.0 No Membership Updates available.
- 7.0 Announcements/News/Events none
- J. Huettner reminded all of the upcoming Public Hearing on the Homeless Bill of 'Rights scheduled for September 13, 2018 @6pm.
- 8.0 Adjournment