

Hartford Committee on Homelessness

September 11, 2019. Town of Hartford Town Hall, Rm 2

Brandon called to order 8:03 am

In attendance

Dan Fraser, Michael Redmond, Brannon Godfrey, Renee Weeks, Lori Hirschfield, Jesse Vazzano, Michelle Kersey, Joie Finley, Phil Kasten, Noel Bryant, Scott Fletcher and Mike Chamness

Brief introductions

Brandon read the charge

Mike reminded the committee about participation from the committee

Mike Chamness nominated Chair (Joie, Michelle)

Michael Redmon nominated Vice Chair (Michelle, Joie)

Joie Finley nominated Secretary (Michelle, Mike)

Discussion on time of meetings

1st Wednesday 8

3rd Wednesday 5

*Here are the final room and date assignments

9/18 @ 5pm – Room 317

10/2 @ 8am - Room 312 (9:30 mtg scheduled in that room)

10/16 @ 5pm – Room 317

11/6 @ 8am – Room 312 (9:30 mtg scheduled in that room)

11/20 @ 5pm – Room 317

12/4 @ 8am – Room 317 (9:30 mtg scheduled in that room)

12/18 @ 5pm – Room 317

1/1 Holiday – no meeting

1/15 @ 5pm – Room 317

2/5 @ 8am – Room 2 (9:30 mtg scheduled in that room)

2/19 @ 5pm – Room 2

*Mike will pass on the meeting dates to the community

Visioning

- Scope of issue Hartford Lebanon Hanover Norwich,
- What are the actual numbers?
- What are the resources available
- We need to coordination with other groups
- What is the actual inventory of available/affordable housing stock
- What are the barriers to housing (i.e., criminal background, eviction history, affordable housing)
- How do land use policy and town planning affect housing affordability?
- Prevention
- Addressing the 'precariously housed'
- National and State models that are working
- Models for permanent supportive housing and programs
- Are we listening to the client
- Working together with the police
- Information sharing

- Quality of life issues
- McKinney Vento Act
- Food insecurity
- DHMC
- Mental Health WCBH and HCRS involvement
- Case management model
- Landlord involvement
- Navigating benefits
- I have a dream model (Frame work)
- “Deliverables” and “drops” in the model of UV Gear
- Storage for persons belonging.
- Food Justice (Healthier Food Choices)
- Know your rights trainings
- Job training
- Pool of \$ for crisis assistance
- Tiny houses
- Safe camping space
- Existing space use (vacancies)
- Research NH RSA 165 A
- Faith community involvement
- We must present a call to action at the end of the committee

NOTE Jan 15, 2020 is the last day we can submit to the Town for a town crisis/assistance fund.

OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST:

*Join a discussion with local business leaders, affordable housing advocates, and community members on the challenges facing Vermont and the possible local and statewide solutions. Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs Committee Hearing on Affordable Housing September 18, 10:30-12:30 Room 2, Hartford Town Hall
For more information contact Peter Sterling at psterling@leg.state.vt.us or 802-279-6840 and...*

Balance of State Continuum of Care meeting on Oct 31 11-1:30 costumes are required. (Place was not recorded, can someone fill this in?)

Adjourned 9:03 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Joie

OTHER:

Note from Jesse

It was good to see all of you today. I read an article today that had a link to the information below from the US Interagency Council on Homelessness that I thought might be of interest.

Jesse

<https://www.usich.gov/news/resource-roundup-assisting-people-to-move-swiftly-into-permanent-housing>