

Tri-City Mayors Task Force on Homelessness
Shelter Sub-Task Group
SOS Recovery
63 S. Main St. Rochester, NH 03878

September 27, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Present

Marcia Gasses

Todd Marsh

Tory Jennison

Elizabeth Atwood

Lena Nichols

John Burns

Barbara Holstein

T. Marsh updated the group on what would need to be done for the Salvation Army to shelter people. The Salvation Army would need to speak to the Fire Department and Code Enforcement.

T. Jennison expressed there was a grey area around the extreme cold. The EMD's were working to put a shelter in place that would serve all people homeless or not.

T. Marsh suggested that the municipality may be able to help by finding a place to store the community gifts the Salvation Army collects for the Holidays.

T. Jennison discussed that it would be important to get names of individuals utilizing the shelter.

T. Marsh expressed the Salvation Army would be a night only shelter and that Elizabeth from the Salvation Army would determine the trigger for opening.

E. Atwood expressed that some type of notification system would need to be in place when the Salvation Army decides to open the shelter.

The group discussed the Master Plan topic of Seasonal Cold Weather Strategy

There was a brief discussion on the Strafford County Homeless Shelter.

T. Jennison explained that there is a coordinated entry system in place. In order to get in a bed in a shelter an individual must go through the entry system. There was concern that if the Salvation Army

shelters someone we would not want it to interfere with their spot through the coordinated entry system.

L. Nichols explained that those individuals housed in a hotel are not considered sheltered.

E. Atwood there was always a need for clean socks and underwear.

T. Jennison expressed that the homeless especially those would not come in to a shelter need dry cloths and laundry.

T. Jennison expressed that in regard to the Salvation Army the group should show acknowledgement and appreciation to the Salvation Army. She would act as the liaison with the public health network and facilitate as partners in the region.

The group discussed the need as part of the Master Plan to have a charrette on sheltering.

M. Gasses and L. Nichols were to check with Chief Hagman and Town Manager, Mike Joyal on what Dover could offer.

Submitted by
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