Homelessness Task Force Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 13, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall, Montpelier

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ITEM	ACTION
11:30 Agenda	1. Review and approve
11:35 Public Comment	2. Public invited to comment on any items not on the Agenda
11:40 Minutes	3. Review and approve Minutes from prior meeting(s)
11:45 Report to Council	4. Review Cameron's draft report; discuss needed revisions and additions; and reach consensus on content of report 5. Consider and decide who will do what to get this item on Council agenda and present at the Council meeting on 11/20
12:15 Updates	6. Jodi & Will: results of service provider luncheon and efforts to obtain accurate count of people who are homeless in Montpelier 7. Cameron: lockers
12:30 Urgent Issues	8. Consider in depth each issues listed below; assess needs, resources and gaps; and discuss ideas and possible actions / recommendations o Warming spaces for those not served at available places o Non-emergency & emergency health care needs (e.g. water, diabetes testing, Narcan)
12:55 Next steps	9. Review action items: who; what; when 10. Set agenda for next meeting
1:00 Adjourn	

Overall HTF AGENDA

I. Urgent / Immediate Needs (specific items included in today's agenda)

For future agendas:

- Camping possibilities
- storage for strike force supplies
- places for cleaning - shower & laundry
- 24 hour bathrooms
- Transportation (vouchers, off-hours)
- Process for banning people from Another Way, shelter, warming spaces

II. Improvement of Existing Systems

A. Gathering information & Support

1. Determine what information is needed and how to get it
2. Connect with other Stakeholder (who, how, when)
3. Align HTF with other groups focused on helping homeless people
    - Vermont Interfaith Action
    - Housing Task Force
4. What is the budget that is needed and where will money come from?
5. Explore grant possibilities – especially with other stakeholders

B. Specific ideas

1. Have service providers go to where people in need naturally gather
2. Connect more people with Coordinated Entry System
3. Create a means for One Stop Shopping
4. Utilizing the Nest
5. Hold a community forum that will bring attention to the issues and people who are homeless and generate creative ideas for community-based solutions

III. Strategies for Reducing Homelessness

1. Help people who are homeless take responsibility & work for own interests

2. Wages that match costs of living
3. Filling existing housing stock (need information about # of available rental units – Cameron and Rick are collecting information on this)
4. Creating more permanent housing options using multiple strategies (housing first, harm reduction, for people not eligible for any programs, Gary's suggestion of a communal farm run by a nonprofit where residents can voluntarily do work or pay a small sum in exchange for their housing)

Homelessness Task Force CHARGE

The Montpelier Homelessness Task Force is charged with providing the City Council with a report in three months that includes:

- Creative, collaboratively developed short-term ideas and/or solutions to improve conditions for the people who are homeless
- Policy recommendations and concrete ideas for longer-term structural and systems improvement that the City could implement, along with a preliminary budget and timeline for duration of work and implementation

Ideas and recommendations should be supported by data that includes:

- Information regarding the scope of homelessness in Montpelier and the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Montpelier
- The systems currently in place in our region to address homelessness
- The range of concerns, perceived barriers, and potential solutions identified by the community
- Existing strategies in other cities or states, recognizing that the location of our city requires solutions that are responsive to our changing seasons