

Three County Individual Services Meeting Minutes - 6/13/22

In attendance: Nancy Alvarado, Three County CoC, Kevin Cavanaugh, Samaratin Inn, Kate Coulehan, Construct, Sami Cunningham, Northampton Resiliency Hub, Jen Glover, Life Path, Andy Klatka, Eliot Services, Michele LaFleur, Three County CoC, Jay Levy, Eliot Services, Jen Lucca, Samaratin Inn, Jeff McLeod, Eliot Services, Gilad Meron, Theresa Nicholson, CHD, Keleigh Pereira, Three County Coc, Steve Plummer, Greater Springfield Senior Services, Kim Puffer, Domus Inc.

Data Update: [Go here](#) to see the May 2022 report. Thank you, Michele! We agreed we would convene a small group to further discuss how to make the best use of this excellent information. Pamela will follow-up with Jay, Gilad, Tim and Michele to discuss further.

Shelter Updates:

Craig's Doors, Amherst: Tim McCarthy shared an update on recent staff changes, including his new role as Director of Operations (congratulations, Tim!). The Knights Inn is up and running as a shelter site - has 26 guests now and will have 38 by the time it is filled. The University Motor Lodge continues to provide shelter for up to 38 guests.

CHD, Motel 6, Holyoke: increased capacity to 46 beds. Construction is continuing for the low-threshold housing in Holyoke (hopefully ready for occupancy by July), which will increase housing opportunities and create more out-flow at Motel 6

Encampments - The group discussed the predictable increase in campsites in these warmer months. Work continues to get people housed or in temporary hotel rooms. The group applauded the excellent collaboration and support among Eliot Services, Manna and area shelter providers, particularly around enabling a harm reduction approach at encampment areas in Amherst.

Community Foundation funds update: Theresa provided an update on the funds. Roughly \$11,000 remains to serve Franklin and Hampshire Counties. The group agreed that requests for funds would come only through providers to Theresa. We discussed the possible uses for times of extreme heat and replacement of tents and other singular needs. We will take stock monthly on the flow of funds.

Announcements:

- Dr. Bossie will now be at Manna 1 day/week to provide medical services.
- 5 Franklin Street, Northampton, Permanent Supportive Housing Development - there will be an **Open House on July 8, 5-7 pm**. 10 individuals have been identified so far (of 14 beds total) - these are some of our most challenged, long-time homeless individuals. VERY exciting to see this come to fruition! Let's join together on 7/8 to mark the moment!

Three County CoC Updates:

First, welcome to Nancy Alvarado who has just joined the Three County CoC team as a homelessness coordinator. She offered the following update on CoC housing numbers:

- 2 move-ins last month
- 1 new Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) referral
- 1 new Rapid Rehousing referral
- 177 people on by-names list
- 15 total exits

Legislative Update: Pamela reported that NOW is the crunch time for pushing on our key priority bills as the legislative session approaches its end. Go to [this blog post](#) to get next action steps and please stay tuned on the ones to come in these next days and weeks. If not subscribed, please [go here](#) to get connected!

Next meeting: Monday, July 11, 2 pm