



## City of Concord Steering Committee for the Plan to End Homelessness

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

2:00 pm- 3:30 pm

Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

49 S Main St Suite 104, Concord, NH 03301

### MINUTES

#### Attendees

**Committee Members:** Rosanne Haggerty, Byron Champlin, Jim Schlosser, Tom Furtado, Barrett Franklin, Lisa Lorden, Lisa Madden, Ruth Perencevich, Valerie Guy, Kara Coffey, Gwen Whitney-Gill, Rabbi Robin Nafshi, Tim Sink,

**Members Attending via Zoom:** Laura Simoes, Karen Emis-Williams, Peter Surmanis

**Guests:** Karen Jantzen, Holly Cooper, Nicole Petrin, Connor Sperrn, Cindy Yanski,, Freeman Toth

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Mayor Champlin and turned the meeting over to new Chair, Roseanne Haggerty.
2. Approval of December 19, 2023 meeting minutes: A Motion was made to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes made by Rabbi Nafshi and seconded by Lisa Madden. Motion passed.
3. The Chair presented the proposed committee goals to be shares with City Council:

#### Proposed Plan 2024-2025

To advance the City's plan to end homelessness through 2025, the City Council will work through the Steering Committee to strengthen the coordination required to make measurable progress by:

- Unifying community's activities around the shared goal of reducing overall homelessness
- Convening key organizations and departments to streamline homelessness prevention and rehousing activities
- Mapping county, regional and state responses to homelessness and aligning those with Concord's plan
- Maintaining a comprehensive, real-time, By Name List of those experiencing homelessness
- Supporting coordinated outreach to all those experiencing homelessness
- Supporting coordinated case conferencing for all those experiencing homelessness
- Identifying community assets that can contribute to achieving the goal



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- Inviting landlords and other community partners to play essential roles
  - Regularly reporting to the Council and community on progress and on opportunities to assist
  - Clearing barriers to progress wherever possible
  - Identifying additional resources to bring into Concord to accelerate reductions in homelessness
  - Improving communication to key constituents and the broader community about ongoing progress and challenges
4. In reviewing the goals, the committee discussed in more detail:
    - a. The role of and working with landlords
    - b. Zoning: both at the City level and proposed State legislation
    - c. Prevention and the use of the 211 system
    - d. Safety concerns raised by residents and downtown businesses
    - e. Need for a focus on communications and education
  5. Councilor Jim Schlosser reviewed current data for Merrimack County and explained that the data is contingent on many factors and should be considered an approximation. Councilor Schlosser also reviewed the Homeless Person Pathway that area service providers are working on in order to help identify gaps and bottlenecks in the homeless response system.
  6. Concord Police Department social Worker Nicole Petrin was introduced.
  7. Members discussed increasing meetings to bi-monthly beginning in June and holding a longer-in-depth meeting in May.
    - a. Upcoming meetings:
      - i. May 16<sup>th</sup> planning meeting: this will be an in-person meeting; more information regarding location and time to follow.
      - ii. June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 3:30 pm Concord Chamber of Commerce
  8. Motion to adjourn by Tim Sink, Seconded by Ruth Perencivich. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.