

Emergency Shelter Assessment Committee

Meeting Minutes August 21st, 2008

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<i>Mark Swann</i>	Preble Street
<i>Cindi Maule</i>	Frannie Peabody Center
<i>Jeff Tardif</i>	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division, Family Shelter
<i>Kimberly Curry</i>	United Way of Greater Portland
<i>Linda Janson</i>	Milestone Foundation
<i>Missy Leeman</i>	Milestone Foundation
<i>Kyra Walker</i>	Shalom House, Inc.
<i>Nicole Evans</i>	United Way of Greater Portland
<i>Seth Bruning</i>	Preble Street Women's Shelter
<i>Dee Clark</i>	Preble Street Homeless Voices for Justice
<i>Jon Bradley</i>	Preble Street
<i>Amy Grommes Pulaski</i>	City of Portland, Planning & Development Dept., Housing & Neighborhood Services
<i>Donna Yellen</i>	Preble Street Homeless Voices for Justice
<i>Amy Regan</i>	Preble Street Homeless Voices for Justice
<i>Maureen Clancy</i>	Mercy Hospital
<i>Cullen Ryan</i>	Community Housing of Maine (CHOM)
<i>Aaron Geyer</i>	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division
<i>Josh O'Brien</i>	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Dept, Social Services Div, Oxford Street Shelter for Men

I. Introductions

Robert Duranleau, ESAC Tri-Chair, welcomed everyone and brief introductions were made.

II. July Shelter Bed Usage Statistics – Bob Duranleau

Bob reviewed the monthly shelter statistics for July 2008:

	<u>July 2007</u>	<u>July 2008</u>
Adolescents	8 Individuals	10 Individuals
Adults	222 Individuals	230 Individuals
Families	<u>80 Individuals (32 Families)</u>	<u>60 Individuals (24 Families)</u>
Total	316 Individuals	300 Individuals

Adolescent Shelter

The total adolescent bed nights for July 2007 were 252 while the total bed nights for July 2008 were 297. These figures indicate an increase of 45 bed nights, or 15% between July 2007 and July 2008.

Jon Bradley stated that there appears to be no trends with the adolescent population; sometimes the number of bed nights used increases or decreases with no obvious indication as to why.

Adult Shelters

Adult Shelter bed nights usage increased by 3% in July 2008 compared to July 2007. Total bed night usage during July 2007 was 6897 while it was 7118 during July 2008, a difference of 221 bed nights.

During the month of July, there were 123 intakes at the Oxford Street Shelter for Men. An Intake or New Arrival is defined as an individual that has not stayed at the Shelter for a period of three (3) months or longer.

Oxford Street Shelter for Men Support Services team placed 30 individuals into permanent housing, with five (5) of those individuals returning to the shelter within 90 days of housing placement.

Preble Street Women's Shelter served a total of 115 women during the month of July, including 37 new intakes. The Shelter placed ten individuals into housing, with three women returning.

Shelter usage among the adult population remains consistent.

Family Shelters

There was a total of 1866 bed nights used for all Family Shelters in July 2008 as compared to 2324 bed nights in July 2007. This represents a decrease of -20% in Family Shelter bed usage between July 2007 and July 2008.

The Family Shelter received 23 new families (intakes) for a total of 68 individuals in July.

Bob stated that the lower number of families accessing the Family Shelters can be attributed to the fewer secondary migrants relocating to the area.

III. HUD Continuum of Care Update – Bob Duranleau

Bob announced there is a Continuum of Care meeting scheduled for Friday, August 22nd at 9am. He also reminded everyone that leveraging letters should be collected by the end of the month.

IV. Shelter Directors Meeting Regarding Housing/Shelter Options for Registered Sex Offenders - Doug Gardner

Bob informed the group that Doug is on vacation this week and he has a meeting scheduled for September 4th at 2pm to discuss housing/shelter options for registered sex offenders. We will place this item on the September Agenda.

V. Preble Street MaineCare Citizenship & Identification Outreach Project – Donna Yellen

Preble Street is working with Amistad to assist those MaienCare recipients who still need to provide citizenship/identification verification in order to maintain their benefits. Staff will be conducting outreach for this project at both the Social Services Division and the Portland Public Library effective Monday, August 25th.

VI. Economic Stimulus Rebate Checks Outreach – Nicole Evans (CA\$H Coalition), Aaron Geyer (City of Portland Social Services Division)

Aaron discussed how outreach efforts are being conducted to help those consumers who have not yet filed for their Economic Stimulus Rebate. Aaron has completed 39 rebate forms. Nicole stated that the IRS claims there are over 5,500 eligible individuals who have yet to apply. The deadline to apply for an Economic Stimulus rebate is October 15, 2008.

Nicole also discussed other services available through the CA\$H Coalition; including budgeting, financial planning and other money management strategies to help individuals become and maintain self-sufficiency. In the very near future, a website will be up and running on all the various program available through the CA\$H Coalition, www.cashgp.org

VII. Other Business

Bob shared an email from Rebecca Smith, in reference to Police records involving individuals who are asked to move along from private property. Records are only available on individuals and incidents when a citation is issued, not when Police issue a warning and/or simply ask an individual to move along.

Cullen Ryan thanked ESAC for their ongoing support with legislative issues pertaining to homeless issues and the ESAC letter mailed to legislators. He will continue to update the group on legislative issues as they arise.

Amy Regan announced Preble Street's voter registration outreach. Their goal is to register 400 individuals to vote. Campsite and other outreach projects will be ongoing. Any one interested in assisting this project can contact Amy.

Mark Swann announced that the lawsuit delaying the construction of Florence House is officially over as the timeframe to appeal has expired. Avesta Housing Development hopes to break ground on the project this fall with a 12-month turnaround. Mark is hopeful that Florence House will be open by fall of next year.

Maureen Clancy announced that McAuley Residence received funding for one new apartment. She also stated that Mercy was applying for two grants that would involve primary care and oral health integration as well as expanding oral health programs.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, September 18th, 2008

8:30 – 10am

190 LANCASTER STREET

REFUGEE SERVICES CONFERENCE AREA

Please contact Robert Duranleau, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division at 775-7915, extension 224; if you should have any agenda items for the next meeting.