



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final Commission on Homeless

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

The telephone number to link to the meeting is 1 717.740.2323 - the conference ID is 254 423 196# - the agenda can be found on the city website. The city will receive comments prior to the meeting and will consider all comments from city residents. Comments can be registered using the ecomment provision on the agenda. These comments are public and will appear on the agenda and website. All comments must include your name and address, including your city.

- I. Welcome & Introductions Tom Harrington

- II. Update from Strategic Planning Committee Ellen Denizard
 - a. Meeting with Liz Hersch, Director, Office of Homeless Services, Philadelphia
 - i. Key elements of Philadelphia Strategic Plan
 - 1. Expand Permanent Housing through rental subsidy and support services
 - a. Includes Landlord engagement & rent subsidies
 - b. Shallow rent program to help those on low fixed incomes
 - c. Diversion strategies to prevent homelessness
 - 2. Improve Coordination between government services
 - 3. Implement a Quality Improvement Process within homeless providers
 - 4. Improve Communication between government and private providers
 - 5. Connect people to employment and workforce development
 - ii. Utilized Corporation for Supportive Housing as outside facilitator
 - iii. Established a Steering Committee and a timeline with measurable goals
 - iv. Primary strategy – remodel existing housing stock, less reliance on shelters
 - 1. Goal – housing with rent for people making \$10,000/year
 - v. Currently looking at a Tiny Home village to respond to large tent city demands
 - b. Timeline for our Strategic Plan
 - i. 1st Rough Draft by January, 2021
 - ii. Edits – January – February
 - iii. Presentation of final copy to Allentown City Council March, 2021

- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Emergency Shelters & Street Outreach – Michelle Wagner
 - b. Permanent Supportive Housing & RRH – Ben Stephens
 - c. Tent Encampment Committee – Jennifer Miklus
 - d. Funding & Resource Committee – Hope Sabbagh
 - e. Youth Homelessness & Allentown School District – Charlene Smalls
 - f. Inter-Governmental Relations Committee – Larry Pickens, Carolyn Hoffman
 - g. Landlord Engagement Committee – Deanne Best, Alison Moretz
 - h. Data Collection Committee –

IV. Updates & Comments from City Department Heads & Representatives

V. Public Comments

VI. Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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VII. Adjourn