

Auburn Homeless Taskforce

Board meeting

DATE September 20, 2023

TIME 11:00 am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Renee Jensen

IN ATTENDANCE

Renee Jensen, City of Auburn; Timothy Donovan, Community Advocate; Michelle Hobart, Soldier On; Shari Weiss, Cayuga Community Health Network; Nicole Gee, Cayuga Community Health Network; Kyra Paulsey, Cayuga Community Health Network; Mary Rathbun, Cayuga County DSS; Meadow McDowell, Soldier On; April Miles, East Hill Medical; Liz Vuillemot, Auburn Housing Authority; Lisa Barr, Seymour Library; Kim Dunn, Chapel House; Alexa Hicks, Chapel House; Miranda Spencer, Housing and Homeless Coalition; Amy Heintz, Auburn Rescue Mission; Christina Bennett, CAP; Krista McElligot, Auburn Rescue Mission; April Miles, East Hill Medical, Sherrain Clark, Housing and Homeless Coalition; Trisha Kerr, East Hill Medical; Arlene Ryan, Community Member; Amy Alfieri, CAP; George Juduere, Gavras Center;

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 11 am. Introductions were made.

PRESENTATION

There was a presentation from East Hill Medical Center about the various programs and services. The vision is to elevate community wellness. They are a federally qualified health center, serving anyone, regardless of ability to pay. There is a sliding scale of pay. They are avidly working to reduce barriers to people accessing wellness resources, including programs with Dialectical Behavioral Therapy for youth. They have extended hours to aid in accessibility. There has been a lot of growth and they would like to see more collaboration with the community. There is a mobile mammogram program, which is free if people don't have insurance.

There are 5 different practices. They are working to tying it all together to ensure that the different programs are offered to everyone in the community.

October 1st will be the next Mobile mammogram.

Summit Pediatrics is hosting a Trunk or Treat on October 27th from 5-7 pm.

HHC UPDATES

Sherrain Clark shared October 1st the HUD Data standards are changing. There will be mandatory training for all HMIS and Coordinated Entry users.

The NOFO Consolidated application will be submitted next Tuesday, September 26th.

COC FUNDED AGENCY UPDATES

Chapel House: Men's Shelter and ROLES have been completely full. They have had several positive discharges. They are still struggling with finding housing. Men's construction updates are continuing, but it is coming along and it's looking really great. The RRH is up and running. The eligibility is living within the Auburn zip code, no more than 150% AMI. It is only a few months of assistance.

CAP: Christina shared one opening for DV. CAP filled 4 spots the last month. There will be one client moving on in the fall.

AGENCY UPDATES

Cayuga County Department of Social Services: Prevented 21 households to entering homelessness between CHES and DSS. Currently 113 households, 93 singles/no children. All shelter beds are full and 63 hotel rooms are being utilized. The length of time is over 90 days

Cayuga Community Health Network: Nicole shared that last month, they housed a gentleman within a week thanks to community collaboration. There have been several calls about the individual who is at the Speedway. They are working with them. The shower program is going really well.

City of Auburn: There are many projects that are kicking off, several park projects. CDBG will be having community meetings in late October for the annual action plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Shari Weiss shared about their reproductive health program which helps people with uterus's ages 14-44 with case management from birth up until the child is 2 years old.

Seymour Library book club: Education, Find Peace, Set Boundaries, on Monday's at 6 pm. More information will be found on their website. October 31 will have trick or read at 5-7 pm. There will be multiple stations. There is a budget vote that will be coming up on October 25th from 9 am to 7 pm. Lisa Barr brought several materials about upcoming events.

Michelle Hobart shared the Veteran Financial Education program that is available to any veterans, regardless of income.

Tim Donovan shared that there was an overwhelming amount of donations that will go to the 6 different foodbanks in the area from the Tomato Festival in the past weekend.

Chapel House announced that they are in need of blankets.

AGENCY UPDATES

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.