

Town of Waynesville

Homelessness Task Force

June 25, 2020

Agenda

AGENDA

Town of Waynesville
Homelessness Task Force

Thursday, June 25, 2020

6:00—7:00 PM EST

Location: Zoom

<https://wcu.zoom.us/j/96689446161>

Dial in: 877 853 5247 US Toll-free

877 369 0926 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 966 8944 6161

Meeting Facilitator: Amy Murphy-Nugen

Attendees: Attendee list

Please read: NA

Please bring: NA

6:00—6:10

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome Message, Purpose of Meeting

Zoom Logistics

Roll Call

6:10—6:30

Task Force Charge & Responsibilities

Charge from Mayor and Alderman

Task Force Member Responsibilities

Local Conditions, Defining Homelessness

Expected Deliverables

6:30—7:00

Proposed Work Process, Communications Plan

Estimating 12-month Process

Initial Actions

Communications

Welcome

COVID19

Need

Opportunity

Solutions

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Local law enforcement ensures vulnerable families are well-fed

By Shelby Harrell sharrell@themountaineer.com May 11, 2020

While Haywood County schools are working diligently to feed students a healthy breakfast and lunch for every day of the week, there still has been a concern that many families don't have continual access to food on nights and weekends.

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This need inspired First United Methodist Church and Tyler Trantham from the Waynesville Police

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Double-edged sword: Porta potties brought in for homeless during pandemic

By Becky Johnson bjohanson@themountaineer.com Apr 18, 2020

Homeless people in Waynesville have been without bathroom facilities for weeks following the closure of restrooms over coronavirus concerns.

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New partners distribute hot meals to those in need

Vicki Hyatt vhyatt@themountaineer.com Jun 2, 2020

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Feeding the hungry is possible when all work together

Vicki Hyatt vhyatt@themountaineer.com Apr 23, 2020

Last fall, a group of nonprofits and churches began tackling food insecurity issues across the county — move that put Haywood County months ahead of a crisis where hundreds would lose their jobs and unemployment checks were weeks away.

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Purpose of Meeting





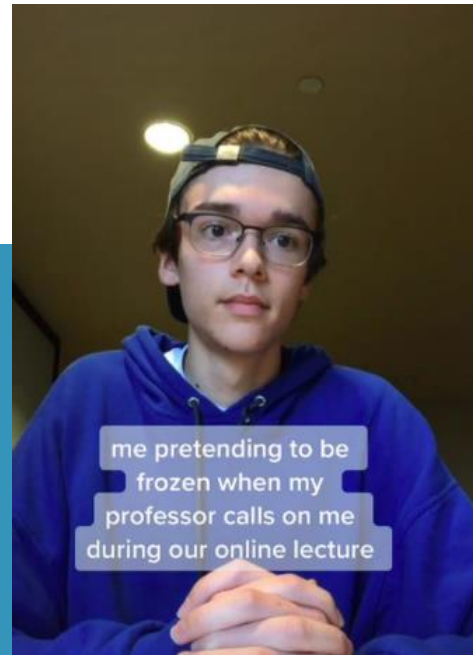
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Zoom meeting schedule:

- 1-1:05— Waiting for the host to start the meeting
- 1:06— The group discovers virtual backgrounds
- 1:07— Someone really struggling with audio
- 1:09— "Let me try headphones"
- 1:10— Everyone holds up their cats
- 1:15-1:25— Actual meeting time
- 1:30— "Stay safe!"

Zoom Logistics



Roll Call

TOW HTF Members		
Police Chief David Adams or appointee	Commissioner Kevin Ensley	Amy Murphy-Nugen (interim Chair)
Juleah Berliner	Keri Guidry	Linda Nulsen
Dale Burris	Bill Guy	Teresa Pierce
Nathan Cartwright	Mandy Haithcox	Joey Reece
Sheriff Greg Christopher or appointee	Laura Howell	Joslyn Schaefer
Bob Cummings	Jon Lynn McDermott	Alderman Anthony Sutton
Patsy Davis	Neese Morris	Brandon Wilson

Charge from Mayor & Aldermen

1. Research the demographics of persons who are homeless in Waynesville and the causes of homelessness;
2. Examine stigmatization, criminalization and discrimination associated with homelessness;
3. Conduct a gap analysis to identify needs, existing community capacity, and additional resources necessary to prevent and respond to temporary and chronic homelessness; and,
4. Developing a collaborative community action plan to fill system gaps and improve existing programs.

Task Force Member Responsibilities & Expectations

- Collectively, represent all sectors which serve individuals who are homeless
- Members should commit to the goals and objectives of the Task Force.
- Members should commit to attending at least 2 meetings per month and serving on at least one subcommittee/work group.
- Members should be residents of the Town
- In addition to members who represent the concerns of town residents, the members who are agency representatives should be those who have the ability to commit the resources/money of their organizations and/or who can obligate their agency or organization to collaboration in crafting solutions to homelessness.

Local Conditions: How did we get here?

Lack of affordable housing options

Perceived increase in the number of individuals who lack secure and stable shelter

Identification of encampments (i.e. bridges, cars, abandoned buildings) serving as shelter

Public health and safety concerns expressed by neighbors in proximity to encampments and/or individuals who are homeless

Community and leadership agreeing that preventing and addressing homelessness is a shared priority



Defining Homelessness

Category 1

- Literally homeless

Category 2

- Imminent risk of homeless

Category 3

- Homeless under other federal statutes

Category 4

- Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence (DV)

(U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, n.d.)

Link: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefinition_RecordkeepingRequirementsandCriteria.pdf

Expected Deliverables

- A. Demographic profile of people who are homeless and the causes of their homelessness;
- B. Identification of stigmatization, criminalization and discrimination associated with homelessness;
- C. Gap analysis to identify needs, existing community capacity, and additional resources necessary to prevent and respond to temporary and chronic homelessness; and,
- D. Collaborative community action plan to fill system gaps and improve existing programs.

Proposed Work Process

Estimating 12-month process

Initial Actions:

- Guiding principles
- Determining meeting schedule: how often? how long? when? where? Proposing for first 3 months to meet twice a month
- What will be our process of decision making? Voting? Simply majority?
- Identify Rapid Response, Immediate Impact Actions for next 3 months

Communication: For consideration

To whom should we provide updates on our status as we are going through the work process? How often should we communicate? What form should the communication take?

What should our policy be concerning task force members communicating with others outside the task force, including the press, concerning our status?

How will information about each meeting be distributed, internally and externally?

Next Steps

- Task Force Chair: Send out survey link; send out next meeting notice
- Task Force Members: Complete brief survey by Friday, July 3

(survey asks about guiding principles, meeting frequency, decision-making process, rapid response actions, key issues)

- Community: Complete brief survey by Friday, July 3:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TOWHTFJune2020Feedback>



Prepare for Next Meeting

Review Task Force Charge & Process (i.e. guiding principles, meeting schedule, decision-making)

Key Issue Discussion (i.e. what is rapid response, what involves longer-term planning/action)

Rapid Response Planning

Work Plan & Work Groups (as time allows)

Thank you!

Questions? Feedback?

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