

## Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness

### Agenda- September 5, 2024 meeting

Time: 6 pm – 8 pm

Place: Community Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Auburn City Hall

1. Call to Order & Review of Agenda
2. Review/Approval of minutes for 8/1/24 meeting
3. Updates and discussion regarding preparing for Rally for Recovery (September 14, Kennedy Park, Lewiston)
4. Discuss and prioritize recommendations to include in report for City Council. Recommendations discussed in past meetings:
  - Keep Committee on Homelessness active for next 12-24 months
  - City of Auburn's roles (including Committee on Homelessness):
    - 1) a convener and influencer;
      - a. E.g. the City of Auburn could help sponsor regional workshop on homelessness, for organizations addressing homelessness and those with lived experience can gather to identify needs and programs/solutions to address issues.
      - b. 121 Mill Street- creating physical space to minimize barriers to services and maximize engagement
    - 2) one of several sources providing social service support
    - 3) Establish (update) and implement plan for housing (including attainable housing)
    - 4) Eviction prevention programming and funding- hire staff to
  - Work with Lewiston's Committee(s) on homelessness, to ensure coordinated plan/efforts
  - Some details to be sure included in strategy/plan
    - 1) Four pillars- Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, Recovery
    - 2) Goal provide Wrap-Around Services with a warm-handoff
    - 3) Create a buffet of services, to best serve all individuals experiencing homeless- meet each person where he/she is- in terms of readiness for help.
    - 4) Need to have strategies that address different types of groups experiencing homelessness.
      - a. E.g. unaccompanied youth- New Beginnings great support.
      - b. Youth and families/young children (<school age)- can PAL Center be used? (likely need separate location from 121 Mill Street, for safety reasons)
    - 5) City's roles listed above
  - Get storage units- for Mill Street and for future shelter in Lewiston
5. review, finalize tasks/assignments between current and next meeting

Committee Charge:

- a. Limited in duration.
- b. Assess the current state of homelessness in Auburn.
- c. Identify partners that the city can work with to address the homeless issue.

- d. Identify the role of the city government in addressing the homeless issue.
- e. Identify a strategy and priority activities to be undertaken.
- f. Provide advice to the City Council on a path forward.

Future meetings:

September 19- Community Room, City Hall

Information of Interest:

<https://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/homeless>

<https://www.mainehousing.org/data-research/research-reports#PIT>

<https://www.mainehousing.org/partners/partner-type/homeless-service-providers/homeless-initiatives>

<https://mainehmis.org/>

<https://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/homeless/emergency-shelters>

<https://www.mainehousing.org/partners/partner-type/homeless-service-providers/homeless-initiatives>

<https://www.mainehomelessplanning.org/>

<https://endhomelessness.org/>

<https://nationalhomeless.org/>

<https://homelesslaw.org/>