



Encampment Meeting

3/10/26

Zoom

1pm – 1:30pm

Our **mission** is to promote, protect, and preserve the health and wellbeing of the Greater Nashua Region through leadership and community collaboration. Our **vision** is to have an informed, safe, healthy, and resilient community where all people can thrive and prosper. We subscribe to the following **values**: integrity, leadership, adaptability, and respect.

Facilitator: LaTonya Muccioli

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Agenda

Topic

Notes

Updates and Announcements

Introductions & Provider Updates

- Participants introduced themselves to start the meeting
- The Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter (NSKS)
 - Closed their daytime winter warming station due to the warm weather today. Deep cleaning of the space was completed by staff
 - Have 2 outreach workers, Luis and Raine, that can connect people to showers, laundry, treatment, and obtaining IDs
 - March 20th is the next dental clinic, appointments must be made through outreach staff
 - Overnight extended Winter shelter beds will likely end in mid-April, depending on shelter funding
 - On average, there are 15 to 20 people on any given night. Some nights there have been up to 25 people, but the ideal capacity is 22 people.
- City of Nashua Risk Department
 - Bloodborne Pathogen training is being conducted with Division of Public Works, as snow is beginning to melt and sharps are appearing.
- Greater Nashua Mental Health Center
 - Today is Susan Mead, PATH Outreach Worker's, last day with Greater Nashua Mental Health. Her replacement, Nicole Forbes, was introduced.
 - Intakes are currently by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 603-402-1574 and will be held at 5 Pine Street Extension. Prospective clients will need to provide their name, date of birth, and any insurance information.
- City of Nashua Welfare Department
 - Currently there are not any families receiving motel assistance. The department's focus

at this time is eviction prevention.

- City of Nashua Parking Enforcement
 - People have been found sheltering in their vehicles on Pond Street and in the Field's Grove area.
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Discussion on current encampment sites

There have not been any active encampments reported. Often times new encampments begin to appear in the Spring. Public Health will continue to monitor this.

The Overnight Warming Station is scheduled to close on April 15th.

- On average, there are 40 or so people per night.
 - There had been some concerns with guests loitering on the property after hours, Nashua Police have been responsive to this and these concerns have been resolved.
 - Public Health is collaborating with Wanderlust Therapeutic Services to have clinicians on-site from 7pm-10pm daily and 4am-7am daily, in addition to on-call support to manage any mental health crisis situations.
 - There are many guests at the warming station presenting with mental health conditions. This additional support will help guests receive the critical mental health support that they need, and hopefully foster ongoing mental health support service engagement.
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Camping Ordinance Discussion

Nashua Police's Sergeant Caron discussed the City Ordinance Prohibiting Camping on Public Property.

- People found camping on private property will be criminally trespassed if the property owner requests their removal.
 - People found camping on public property will be asked to move, if they are discovered camping again, they will receive a citation. Citations may be approximately \$100. If they are found camping after receiving a citation, there is a possibility that they will be arrested.
 - This will be the process within a year's timeframe.
 - This applies to camping on any public property, if someone moves from one location to another, the process will not restart.
 - Failure to comply with the City and State's Ordinances prohibiting camping is not a jailable offense.
 - If citations are not paid, individuals can bring the citation to court.
 - Public Health will continue to work with individuals to direct them to available resources, such as treatment, emergency shelter, and housing opportunities.
 - There will be some upcoming extended days at the overnight warming station for providers to
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Other Updates

- A memo was sent to the Board of Alderman in February outlining plans for the Resource Center. The current plan is still underway and involves the use of portable classrooms on the Maple Street Lot to serve as the temporary resource center. There is not a current timeline for this, and it will not be completed in time for the closure of the overnight warming station
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- The group discussed concerns on where people will go. Public Health and Nashua Soup Kitchen's outreach staff will continue referring people to the available resources in the community. L. Muccioli acknowledged that it is understood there are not adequate resources to support the estimated 60 or so people that will be displaced when the warming station and extended shelter beds close.
- There was discussion regarding organizations offering sleeping bags and camping supplies now that the camping ordinance is in effect.
- There was brief discussion regarding the need for more sheltering options and places for people to go.

<i>Additional Items</i>	

Follow-up Items		
Action Item	Person/Organization Responsible	Date Completed

Please join us for our Next Meeting:

April 14th
Zoom
1pm-1:30pm