

Minutes

Somerville Arlington Homeless Providers Group Meeting

March 20, 2018

- Introductions/Sign in

- Announcements
 1. Pages on the City of Somerville website will be continuously updated so everyone can access information
 - Updated resource guide will be posted soon
 - Continuum of Care link is now available on the site as well
 2. ESG projects
 - ESG projects need both renewed and new applications passed along, they can be sent to Heidi
 3. Veterans who are already homeless and are **sleeping on the streets** or in their **cars** are able to **skip the waitlist** at Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center
 4. Street Outreach
 - Hannah O'Halloran from SHC goes to Cambridge to debrief then divides into groups with others to go out into the community
 - Goes to Davis Square, Alewife, and other places to hand out business cards, hats, socks etc.
 - They are hoping to get people down to coalition/shelter
 - **DONATIONS ACCEPTED**
 5. 2018 Youth Count
 - The purpose is to get a better understanding of the homeless rate in youth and young adults
 - Youth and young adults are asked questions to get a sense of their characteristics and information on their situations and circumstances
 - **April 23rd – May 13th**
 - Compensation for youth ambassadors that are partaking in the youth count is being offered, there will be \$50 Target gift cards
 - There is a pizza party being held to inform the population and encourage them to take part in the surveys
 - The pizza party will be held at The Center for Teen Empowerment which is located at 165 Broadway, Somerville, MA
 - Surveys are available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/massyouth

- Surveys can be dropped off in front of the library in a box left out for them so that surveys may remain anonymous
- Posters for the Youth count are also being made in Spanish and Creole

6. Vote on whether GBLS/CASLS can enter client data anonymously
 - Pending
 - **6 voted yes**
 - **2 abstained**

The next meeting date will be April 17th, 2018