



# Rochesterians Engaging in Action for the Chronically Homeless

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## REACH Advocacy Minutes October 15, 2018

Introductions.....Andy

Reflection- .....Marcia

Next Reflection.....Connie October 29th, 2018

Approval of minutes.....Marj, Dan

REACH Home 2018.....Andy

Laurie, Director of Dimitri House, has agreed to allow REACH to use the front building again this year! This is the first time in REACH History to utilize a location consecutively.

Utilizing grants and DHS reimbursement, DHS willing to utilize our services

Dimitri House Expectations/Requests

1. Smoking to be to the side of the house
2. All residents to be fully clothed to go out smoking.
3. Staff to really monitor the garbage
4. Parking arrangements TBA

List of new things

-Opening up side door, building a lean-to

-Making a new doorway next to the side door to prevent residents from having access to our supplies

-Relocating the office to the front bedroom

-Using front door as the main entrance

-Back kitchen door to be used only for Staff and Food Only

-Donations only for the basement outside door

Asking that staff/volunteers

Be strong enough to say NO when it comes to clothing donations

Tentative Opening Date will be November 17th, 2018

Date not to be made public as of yet

Inventory of Supplies.....John

All the kitchen, cleaning supplies has been dry and stored in the basement

All the mattresses, cot mattresses, were placed in plastic sleeves and stored in the basement.

All the linens, towels, etc., etc. carefully stored in the basement

UR the 24th- bed set up

Need to do a maintenance check of any and all machines

Maybe look for a dishwasher to be donated

No sofa like furniture at all

Still have black leather chairs from HoM

If we don't have tables donated, we will be able to borrow the tables from St. Monica's again

One HUGE tv stored at Andy's

Cleaning/Set Up Schedule.....John

We currently have enough cleaning/paper supplies to get started

maybe get some donated? FB?

PODS, PODS, PODS for dishwasher as well as washers

NO WIPES PRODUCTS

Kelly from House of Mercy is offering the use of their moving trucks in the event we need to have donations picked up

Starting October 22nd- MWFSa 9am-5pm Cleaning, Volunteerism and Donation Drop off

Plumbing.....Dan

Making sure that the staff are all properly trained

Only TP in the toilet and excrement

Only 16 sheets of toilet paper

Possibly putting a shower up on the woman's side

Staff needs to be doing regular checks on the functions of the bathrooms

Meal Coordination.....Andy

Bridget has been coordinating our sign-up genius for our dinners, if anyone would like to learn or take over please let Andy know

Staff Committee (DD, DP, JC).....Dan

Volunteer Staff Application prototyped, and 14 copies handed out, if anyone has any problems, or suggestions, please email a staff committee member

Problem Solving Scenarios

All staff to be on the same page

If you were staff last year, you still have to go through the interview process, no jobs are guaranteed

No less than 10 ppl for staff

Looking to hire one full time manager, then the rest are stipend volunteers

Electronic Copy to be sent out by the end of the week

Applications accepted after Monday, October 22nd

Tiny Home Village Update.....John

Land at 1169/1179 St. Paul

July-present John has had the college students assist in cleaning out the debris

Neighbors in the area have been able to utilize wood from the tree that DD cut down

Neighbors are happier that it looks better to look at

Announcements

Peace Village, on Industrial St., is officially open