



Rochesterians Engaging in Action with the Chronically Homeless

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REACH Team Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019

Welcome: Peter

Approved April 15, 2019 Minutes and approved May 13, 2019 Agenda as written.

Thank you, Mike Gill, for the reflection on the ten steps to save the world!

Next Meeting Reflection: ??

REACH Home 2018-19

Financial: David

Final REACH Home Budget Projections

We are still solvent, but have some big bills still to come in.

Thank you to Dave, our reluctant treasurer, for all he has done!

Social Work: Andy

Guests were entered into the County Management Information System; 171 people came through our doors this season! We permanently housed about 60 people. The people who stayed with us more than a few days were mostly housed. 90% of the people the last few years have stayed in housing. Without trying to, we have proved a point that it works better if you keep people in effective shelters for a good period of time and stabilize them before moving them to housing. DHS is required, if a new bill passes, to determine if noncompliance has to do with an emotional illness or some other reason before sanctioning.

REACH would like the guests to complete exit interviews to gather data.

An exit protocol checklist could be developed for reminders to staff like; do you have your medicines, personal possessions, have you completed an exit interview survey,

Handbook and training for staff needs to be enhanced and written resources created.

Statistics from REACH Home 2018-19

See above

REACH Home Closing: John, Dan

All cleaned, **thank you, John**, for the amazing job you completed!

One radiator leaking, water will be turned off

Bathroom floor first floor, in the back, needs to be fixed for next year.

Board of Director's Report

The Board has met three times and are learning what it means to be a Board.

The 501(c)(3) is taking longer as the attorneys ask significant questions about home ownership in the Tiny Home Village. The Board has discussed; Sub Committee Formation, Tiny Home Committee led by Susan, Grant Writing Committee, Susan and Sarah, A Shelter Committee, chaired by Andy, with Deb, Jeanette and Kevin as members at this time. They will be writing a draft charge for the Shelter Committee.

Future Meetings and Purpose: All

The REACH Team has had average attendance of 17 people. Discussion was held on how to maintain and keep people involved.

Brainstorming Ideas

Continue newsletter and regular meetings

Invite people to attend the board, make Board Meetings opened

Need to find a board meeting space

Get energized in other groups like the Tenants Union, Homeless Union

Form an Advocacy Committee

Opportunity to advertise what people can do for REACH, an event in the fall, like a job fair

People need to be invited to a social time, REACH is about shelter, advocacy and building homes

Open House in the Fall at REACH Home with promotional material and outside speakers, perhaps

Invite Homeless Union reps etc. to the Team meeting or the Open House.

Announcements

Thank you to:

David Gloss

Evelyn

Deb

John

Dan

Andy

Peter and Sarah, all go the extra mile.

Next Meeting: TBD, Board will discuss a meeting schedule.

Agenda: