

Brooke reported now that the hotel exit program has been paused everything seems to have stopped. Since there is no immediate need for alternative housing the summit in Montpelier has stopped. Capstone has secured funding for 5 portable toilets and an ice machine. Nicolas Storellicastro asked the Homelessness Task Force to suggest locations for the toilets. There will be five toilets. The task force suggested City Hall Park/Church Street, Depot Square/Merchant's Row, Bike Path, Rotary Park and a location on the North End of the city (Granite St area/Dollar General/Granite Museum) The ice machine was more problematic. We we unclear as to the type of ice machine and the purpose. Is its function to facilitate food storage or to be used in drinks. We were concerned about how sanitary it would be. If the health issue are satisfactorily addressed Enough Ministries seemed like a good option. The City had suggested the public safety building but that might be off-putting.

A discussion was held about setting goals for the coming months. The hotel program will end next April. The committee will use the intervening months to formulate a plan.

Suggested goals: Monitor the state about follow through on the requirement that people exit hotels when an alternative is offered. Chip reported that H 171 is extremely vague. DCF will be working with households and reporting back to legislature. We will find out who that point person is and how to access the reports. Chip will send out the parts of H171 that he has summarized.

Discussion Points for August meeting

Formulate a plan for winter. Rental subsidies are ending. What will be the impact of that on housing insecurity? 1000 people exited the hotels in June. Were any records Kept?