

# EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

One City Center  
Thursday, January 18, 2018  
9:00 am – 10:00 am

Attendance:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Adam Harr	City of Portland	Steve Ellis	City of Portland
Ben Skillins	Amistad	Meaghan Void	City of Portland
Robert Parritt	City of Portland	Ginny Dill	Shalom House
Christina Cook	TOA-PATH	Cullen Ryan	CHOM
George Rhault	Bayside Resident	Dave MacLean	City of Portland
Norm Maze	Shalom House	Vickey Rand	CHOM

**Monthly Statistics:** The [December statistics](#) were reviewed:

<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/838>

The City has reached out to make change to HMIS to add different data points such as where people are coming from and if there is a previous connection to Portland. The teen shelter stats are down to 10 compared to 20 last year. First time homeless statistics may change next month due to coordinated entry. With better data we will be able to see if someone has accessed serviced in other geographic areas of our continuum versus what is captured in self reporting.

**LTS:** On the 5<sup>th</sup> list with the list distilled to those with the most barriers to housing. Plans are becoming more involved and take longer. Huston Commons occupancy is full with 9 people from the Long Term Stayers list. All residents meet the definition of chronic homelessness and several residents whose primary barrier to housing is opioid addiction in addition to severe mental health other medical issues. 7 individuals are receiving medically assisted treatment (MAT) through the Preble Street and Maine Medical Center Learning Collaborative.

### **Legislative Update:**

Federal: A continuing resolution is expected vs a shutdown or full budget. The national housing trust fund is vulnerable.

State: There was a big turnout for HB1711 to give MAT services to uninsured opioid addicted people experiencing homelessness. Any bill with a fiscal note will not likely be funded. 1115 waiver is likely to gain traction due to guidance from the Trump administration. If a work requirement to provide healthcare to "able-bodied" individuals which Maine Equal Justice would likely sue in response.

**Attendance:** We will survey individuals who attend and who no longer attend meetings to see what would be valuable for this group, in addition to outreach to agencies we feel would be valuable to have around the table.

Amistad is will be moving in the coming year, as their building has closed.