

**Supportive Housing Issues Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2026**

Attendees:

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Town Staff</u>	<u>Public</u>
Adam Buczkowski	Gene Dvornick	Luis Hernandez
Dennis Winzenried	Joel Diaz	April Morehouse
Eddie Wise		Tom Ogden
Janet Laws		Jud Malone
John Barmby		
Linda Dennis		
Sharon Pitcher		
Tammy Hardy-Kester		
Trish Hill		

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Approval of the December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Janet Laws and seconded by John Barmby. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Service Provider Presentation, Higher Ground Outreach

Luis Hernandez of High Ground Outreach gave a presentation outlining the services provided by Higher Ground Outreach over the last 4 years of their operation. Main areas of focus are harm reduction, peer support and stabilization services, helping those who experience homelessness, substance abuse, trauma and social isolation. Luis Hernandez stated they provide assistance to 30-40 individuals a day. During the past 4 years it was stated the organization has assisted over 1,000 people. Highlighted during the presentation were efforts to find housing for the homeless in town during the recent extreme weather conditions we experienced. Working with other non-profits and local churches helped around 70 people find shelter during the inclement weather. Provided to the committee was literature outlining programs and contact information.

Service Provider Georgetown Police Department

Joel Diaz of the Georgetown Police Department provided the committee with services that are provided by the department, coordination efforts with local organizations and firsthand experience of working on the front line. Joel Diaz spoke of efforts in the Mental Health Clinicians and classes attended by officers in mental health support. A timeframe of the arrest process was highlighted, citing the struggles of what is a 3 hour process for officers. This process is slated to become more efficient with the construction of a new police department. Joel provided an opportunity for committee members to ask questions and provided answers to those questions.

Service Provider Presentation, Springboard Delaware

Judson Malone of Springboard Delaware gave a presentation outlining the services provided by the Springboard Collaborative. Highlighted were recent collaborative efforts with other local nonprofits in securing housing for Georgetown's homeless individuals during the inclement weather. Judson Malone explained the operations of the organization and employee roles in the organization. Judson spoke of difficulties in information sharing with other nonprofits in sharing information due to HIPAA regulations. The organization's objective to help the most vulnerable individuals and their participation in HUD's database HMIS/CMIS. Provided to the committee was literature on the organization and a recent letter of thanks received from their efforts in finding housing during the recent weather events.

Open Discussion

During the open discussion a need for affordable housing was discussed, as well as a mix of different housing types. A need for better coordination between local nonprofits to reduce overlapping services was also discussed. Also proposed was an invitation to the SCI discharge division, Everlasting Hope Ministries and the Shepard's Office. Committee members were tasked with starting to form recommendations on recommendations to the Town Council. The next meeting was scheduled to take place on March 2, 2026.

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Dennis, the motion was seconded by Dennis Winzenried. The motion passed without objection at 7:38PM.