

**Supportive Housing Issues Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2016**

Attendees:

Committee Members

Adam Buczkowski
Andrew Thurn
Dennis Winzenried
Eddie Wise
Janet Laws
John Barmby
Linda Dennis
Sharon Pitcher
Tammy Hardy-Kesler

Town Staff

Gene Dvornick

Public

Migel Alban
Gio Otero
Margaret Qutetala
Amanda Hall
Amy Curry
Matt Hipsman
Bernice Edwards
Jamie Sayler
Harriet Glover
D. Personte
Ocean Christopher
Jonathan Quateh

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

Approval of the December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by John Barmby. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Service Provider Presentation, First State Community Action Agency

Bernice Edwards of First State Community Action Agency gave a presentation outlining the services that are provided and their community service over the past 60 years as an organization. He noted 10,000 individuals were helped in the last year through First State Community Action. The services provided include; housing assistance, senior programs, emergency food assistance, after school programs, financial and tax assistance, case management for The Springboard Collaborative, retraining for work, culinary arts education and re-entry programs for inmates among others. Provided to the committee was literature outlining programs and contact information.

Service Provider Presentation, Love, Inc.

Migel Alban of Love, Inc. gave a presentation speaking of the operational approach of Love, Inc. and the over 200 churches and businesses that are local partners. It was stated they directed 67 individuals to permanent housing and prevented over 1,000 individuals from losing housing. Migel spoke of a hub and wheel approach that starts with a central phone number after which an appointment was set. These appointments would serve as a basis for directing individuals to the best resources for their needs. Migel spoke of coordinating efforts with other local nonprofits to not duplicate services to individuals. Provided to the committee was literature outlining programs and contact information.

Service Provider Presentation, Recovery Hub

Domenica Personti of Recovery Hub and Impact Life gave a presentation on the resources of Recovery Hub and the founding mission of the organization in filling gaps that exist in the assistance resources for those in need. Domenica highlighted all of their 18 residences in the state and both residential treatment centers being credited by PFARR. The organization is present in 14 schools, offers re-entry services, and is a recovery friendly workplace. They

partner with a credit union that provides individuals with low interest auto loans. In terms of success it was stated over 16,000 have been served state wide, 130 individuals have gained employment and over 500 have had access to GED programs. Provided to the committee was literature outlining programs and contact information.

Open Discussion

During the open discussion a common theme was a need for more coordination among nonprofits. The platform of Unite Us was brought up as such an example that exists currently for the process of inter organization communication. The committee was given a packet by Gene Dvornick titled “Delaware Blueprint for Solving Homelessness” from Housing Innovations. Dennis Winzenried recommended a vote for a motion to recommend to the town council a need for affordable cottage style houses. The motion passed 6-2 with Linda Dennis and Eddie Wise as the dissenting votes. The next meeting was scheduled for February 12th 2026 at 4:00PM.

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Adam Buczkowski, the motion was seconded by Dennis Winzenried. The motion passed without objection at 6:47PM.