

**Program Services Committee
PRC Task Force Group
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

Shelter Services:

- Because of individuals we encountered on the night of the Point-in-Time Count, we plan to go out in the community at least once a month to meet the needs of these individuals & do the Coordinated Assessment process with them. We will also encourage them to come to the shelter.
- We discussed the need in our county for a wet shelter or low barrier shelter. Visits to Carter House and Club Nova are planned to assist us in dealing with mental health issues.
- We will also visit low barrier shelters. A low barrier shelter may bring several challenges and we need specialized training and evaluate whether we can accommodate all of the requirements of a low barrier shelter. Items to consider include amount of funding from ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant), potential behavioral issues and shelter guests and staff security.
- The committee (Task Force) sees as our critical objectives the following items:
 1. Breaking the cycle of crisis
 2. Reduction/elimination of poverty
 3. Affordable housing
 4. Prevention of homelessness
 5. Providing resource information to our clients/guests and to the community as a whole.

Through well-trained volunteers and caring, skilled staff, the group feels we can tackle these objectives as we continue to serve as a safety net for our community.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 3 at 5:30pm and we will look more closely at these issues and develop strategies that might be used to achieve the objectives.

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