

# Dover City Council Update

November 3, 2021



# Services to Dover 2020-2021

- Total served in Dover: 2,983
- Fuel Assistance Program: \$280,382.00
- Electrical Assistance Program: \$273,155.19
- Rental Assistance: \$1,855,956.77
- Weatherization: \$86,894.00
- Childcare: \$288,175.00

\*\*Total rental/utility assistance paid out for Dover residents from GOFERR and NHERAP funds (7/1/20 - 10/31/2021): \$3,265,187.00



# Winter Shelter

## Garrison Shelter

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| • Total bed nights            | 3,643        |
| • Strafford County bed nights | 81%          |
| • NH bed nights               | 15%          |
| • Out of State                | 4%           |
| • Cost savings                | \$236,795.00 |

## Dover Portion

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| • Total bed nights      | 1635      |
| • Percent of bed nights | 43.8%     |
| • Cost savings          | \$106,275 |



# Encampment Update- Services Provided

- Have seen 32% of clients from the encampment
- Laundry
- Showers
- Food distribution
- Medical care
- Referral to the Doorway, Better Life Partners, Crossroads, and Families First
- Applications to housing, shelters, EBT, and Permanent Supported Housing were completed and submitted, added to waitlist for shelter, and new client releases signed for care
- One person reconnected with a previous landlord and will be moving back to previous housing within the next couple of weeks!
- No one refused help



# Encampment Update- Donations

## Food:

- Lindsey Williams, Jodi Langellotti, Red's Good Vibes, Dover Friend's Meeting

## Donations:

- MARF is collecting donations and is helping distribute donations
- Ordered wagons and additional supplies to help move out. Some request for backpacks as well.



# Encampment Update-Shelter Availability

Week ending 10/22

- 9 hotels in the Tri-Cities area-17 beds available that weekend
- Local and statewide shelters (Southern Maine and Boston)
  - some did not respond
  - some reported that they are unable to give out information.
- Out of 11 shelters that we were able to speak with,
  - total of 14 available beds that day
  - many shelters are not using a waiting list at this time, opting to run on a first-come, first-serve basis
- We asked how many people were currently on waitlists:
  - 69, 6, “it’s long”, “our list is closed”, “a long waitlist”



# Encampment Update- Move- Out Day

- November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Somersworth Police Department will take the lead
- Social service partners will provide assist at the WC if clients want to access services
- Please contact Somersworth for their plan



# Encampment Update- Barriers

- Working with Somersworth to remove the barriers to access sites for property removal
- Days without eating so not able to comprehend services
- Afraid to leave site for fear of losing their belongings
- Concerned with prior convictions and ability to access services/get help
- There are no hotels/motels/campsites





# Thank you to our Partners

- Dover City Welfare
- Rochester City Welfare
- Somersworth City Welfare
- Somersworth Housing
- SOS
- NH Harm Reduction Coalition
- Goodwin Community Health
- Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services
- Strafford County Public Defender
- Waypoint
- Somersworth City Council
- CAPSC Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry
- Dr. Tory Jennison



# Challenges to the work

- Evictions
- Substance misuse
- Beds
- Housing that accepts Choice Vouchers or is affordable

# NH Council on Housing Stability

- Housing stability in New Hampshire is a significant challenge that leaves some of our most vulnerable citizens without access to the means necessary to meet their basic human needs.
- The latest statistics for New Hampshire demonstrate the critical need to address this issue.
- More than 4,230 individuals were documented as receiving shelter or transitional services in 2020.
- Children represented 19 percent of those staying at state-sponsored shelters in 2019.
- There were 4,043 homeless school-aged children documented in 2020.
- The vacancy rate is 1.8% and the median rent is \$1,413 for a two-bedroom unit in 2020.
- The New Hampshire Council on Housing Stability is tasked with addressing these challenges and providing short- and long-term recommendations to support planning, policy and resource allocation for statewide, regional and local community-based efforts. In doing so, it is the Council's goal for New Hampshire to realize improved health, social, educational, and economic outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.
- <https://nhchs.org/>



# Questions

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