Government Operations Committee Meeting Homelessness Related Services Summary January 3, 2021

Agency Website: https://brickchurchbangor.org/

Brick Church- Warming Center

Pastor Marley was unable to be present and so Assistant Director of Public Health & Community Services Rindy Fogler provided summary based on her knowledge.

- Operates entirely with volunteers (number unknown) with capacity of 25 individuals (no beds, just chairs). Currently averaging eight people a night.
- City has provided assistance through CDGB funding for sprinkler system and showers.
- Opens sometime in November through March for overnight warming center; day time option for the overnight guests only.
- Guests must check-in between 2-4 pm. If a guest leaves after check-in, they cannot return until following day. However, there are hourly smoke breaks.
- Guests are those who can't get into the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter warming center either because they're barred or the warming center is at capacity.
- The Brick Church works closely with BAHS and the Mansion Church.
- Guests are searched and cannot bring in weapons or drug paraphernalia but can be under the influence. This was a change from how they originally operated as they realized they couldn't keep people safe without these precautions.
- Meals are provided at noon guests only and evening meal at 4pm open to everyone.
- Showers can be accessed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am to 2pm.
- They do accept donations of clothing and household supplies that that provide to those in need.

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