

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

Agency Website: <http://www.themansionchurch.org>

Mansion Church – Warming Center

Pastor Terry Dinkins provided information and answered questions on behalf of the Church.

- Associated with Crosspoint Church. Opened in March 2020 when seeing need due to start of pandemic.
- Operates entirely with volunteers with capacity of approximately 25 individuals (again, no beds). Last night they had 16 individuals.
- Opens sometime in November through March.
- Guests can arrive between 6 – 9 pm. If new, an intake is performed to ensure guests are aware of rules. If someone leaves at night, they cannot return until next day. Smoke breaks are allowed until 9pm. Typically folks get ready for the day starting at 6 am and many leave by 7am.
- Guests are searched for weapons and drug paraphernalia. If something is found, they are warned and the items are stored for them. Rules include no profanity, fighting, or serious intoxication as they need to keep everyone safe. Everyone is given a chance but may be asked to leave for night if necessary. Guests can be barred longer for not following rules. It is case-by-case and an apology goes a long way.
- A hot meal is provided every evening and usually a cold breakfast, such as cereal, is provided in the morning. They also provide bags of food for folks to take with them. Different churches and other volunteers do provide some of the hot meals on different nights. Folks can knock on door and they will be provided food.
 - Provide daily meals to approx. 15 people to encampment behind Hope House
- Guests have access to showers nightly from 6 – 9 pm. No jackets or backpacks are allowed in bathrooms as their biggest concern is someone overdosing in the bathroom.
- They typically have at least two volunteers within the room nightly to help keep things safe. They will occasionally show a movie and offer things like prayer and counseling- all of which is optional.
- Provide donated clothing, boots, etc. available for free to those in need.
- State police, Brewer, Old Town and other municipalities do bring people to them and they have a good relationship.
- Some financial information including an approx. \$1,500 a month on food, increased electric of \$400/mo and \$300 in heating.
- Pastor Dinkins stated that he believes a daytime shelter open to active substance users is needed. He stated that not everyone would be able to (or want to) go into a shelter no matter what.
- Collaborates with Brick Church closely. Also has a good working relationship with Bangor PD.

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