

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, March 17, 2017

Link:

- **Navigation Team Chronicles (blog)** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>

MISSION UPDATES:

Mission 1: Make an additional 200+ safer living spaces available

Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- The new Georgetown and Myers authorized encampments opened to referrals with 24 initial beds.
- Navigation Center – (Continuing planning for opening)
 - Construction continues on the build out.
 - Protocols work with DESC for intake that will include families.
- Combined Mission 1 & 3 work this week on synching of protocols for referral process to sanctioned encampment sites, including work with Behavioral Health and Navigation Center.

Mission 2: Reduce Trash

Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director

- Deepened planning efforts with Mission 3 and the Navigation Team for better coordination.
- Emerson Street encampment closure and clean-up was completed this week. Vegetation was also trimmed to help reduce the risk of repopulation at this site.
- Removal of trash along I-5 began, including north of the ship canal and in the express lanes.

Mission 3: Connect people with services and mitigate most hazardous encampments

Lead: Scott Lindsay, Navigation Team, Mayor's Public Safety Advisor

- Provided outreach and storage services at the Emerson Street encampment. 8 of 15 people accepted referrals to safer places.
- The REACH Team successfully referred two couples to the new tiny houses at the Georgetown site.
 - One couple had been camping under the Spokane Street viaduct.
 - One couple (with a pet) had been camping at 6th And James.
- Meridian Playfield unauthorized camping site. Outreach to six campers that were on Parks property occurred on March 16. Three of the six people took advantage of offers of services (drug and alcohol counseling and housing). The team reports that the remaining three people may be open to accepting of services in the future.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- New rules were finalized this week and published to the external website.
- Planning for implementation date of April 3rd.
- Planning for the delivery of personal belongings component of the Rules.

Mission 5: Incubate Housing Resource Center (HRC) to Increase Housing

Lead: Miriam Roskin, Office of Housing

- Meetings this week with funders/stakeholders of HRC.

Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication

Lead: Cassandra da Costa, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations

- Training for City staff that work in the field on the Homelessness issues occurred on March 16. Approximately 100 people participated in this training that was held at the Joint Training Facility.



- Several topics were covered in the training, including: de-escalation strategies; safe material and trash handling techniques; dealing with animals; self-care; and, fire extinguishers and evacuations.

Mission 9: Communications

Leads: Julie Moore, Communications Team, FAS and Meg Olberding, Communications Team, HSD

Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation

- Communications Team continues to respond to inquiries regarding trash around the City; they continue to work closely with SPU to respond to questions.
- Published blog postings on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Participated in the planning for the work party on March 18 for the building of additional “Tiny houses” for the Georgetown site.
- Coordinated media interviews for Fred Podesta.