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MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

DZZ DATE 3/9/2021

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James L. Gillis, Jr., City Manager *JLG*

Re: Discussion of the First Step Shelter's Admission Data and the City's Continued Financial Commitment to the Organization

Date: March 4, 2021

On January 10, 2020, the City Council authorized a one-time payment of \$30,500 to the newly formed First Step Shelter to support operating costs. During that year, the City only had one person who identified as homeless when found in South Daytona that was accepted by the shelter when our Police Department transported the individual there.

A number of our residents expressed their displeasure at the City donating such a large amount of money for one individual. As a result, the City did not budget, nor did we make a commitment to the First Step Shelter this fiscal year.

Last month, our Police Department again transported an individual who identified as homeless to the First Step Shelter. The First Step Shelter has now reached out to the City for a contribution to support operating costs.

The First Step Shelter has provided a summary of the individuals who currently reside at the shelter along with the jurisdiction who provided transportation. That summary is presented as Exhibit A to this memorandum. As presented in the summary, our Police Department transported one individual to the shelter in 2020 and now one in the current year. The overwhelming majority are either transported by the Daytona Beach Police Department, local hospitals or houses of worship.

Staff is not recommending that the City make such a large contribution as we did in FY 2019-20 due to our goal of reducing our debt and improving our finances. If any contribution is approved by the City Council, it can either be taken out of contingency or accounted in the mid-year budget amendment which will be presented on May 11, 2021.

EXHIBIT A

FIRST STEP SHELTER ADMISSION DATA

Les Gillis

From: Victoria Fahlberg <VictoriaFahlberg@firststepshelter.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 10:31 AM
Subject: FSS Numbers Update

Good Morning,
 FSS currently has about 50 residents in the shelter. We also have 9 residents ready for housing - it's just a matter now of finding places that they can afford. You may also notice that use of the safe zone is expanding - we're glad to be able to provide this service to our community partners!
 Have a nice weekend!

			2021		
		Nov 23 through end of 2020	Jan	Feb to date	Total to date
Safe Zone Referrals	DBPD	23	91	127	241
	OBPD	0	0	2	2
	POPD	0	0	2	2
	DBSPD	0	3	11	14
	SDPD	0	0	1	1
	Deland*	0	1	0	1
	HHPD	7	1	2	10
	Volusia County	1	1	1	3
	Total Law Enforcement	31	98	146	275
			2021		
Variables		2020	Jan	Feb to date	Total to date
Shelter					
Referrals	DBPD	54	10	10	74
	OBPD	2	0	0	2
	POPD	0	0	2	2
	DBSPD	0	0	0	0
	SDPD	1	0	0	1
	PIPD	0	0	0	0
	HHPD	2	0	0	2
	Volusia County	3	0	1	4
	Total Law Enforcement	62	10	12	84
	Total Hospitals	38	0	2	40
	Total SS and Worship	55	5	11	71
Total Referrals		155	15	25	195
			2021		

Variables		2020	Jan	Feb to date	Total to date
Services Received	SSI/SSDI	52	5	11	68
	Employment	57	3	3	63
	Total with Income	109	8	13	130
	Food Stamps	80	7	21	108
	Birth Certificates	61	4	5	70
	Medicare	23	2	10	35
	Medicaid	44	4	6	54
	Other insurance	8	0	1	9
	Total Insurance	75	6	17	98
	Housing	65	2	3	70
	Rapid Rehousing	1	0	1	2
Variables		2020	2021		
Variables		2020	Jan	Feb to date	Total to date
Health Concerns	Drug Problem	28	3	10	41
	Alcohol Problem	22	4	4	30
	Hypertension	24	2	7	33
	COPD	9	0	4	13
	Asthma	2	2	3	7
	Diabetes	5	0	2	7
	Other Medical Problem	1	1	16	18
	Total Medical Problem	41	10	39	90
	Psychotropic Medication	44	15	12	71
	Psychotropic & Medical	41	11	31	83
	Average length of stay		73.5	72	

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