

BCAN Homeless Forum  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

<i>Present:</i> Hazel, Paul, Nathalie, Richard, Jonnie, Val, Ed	Action
<p><u>Information Share</u></p> <p><u>Julian Trust</u></p> <p>The nightshelter is actually shut from 19<sup>th</sup> of August to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September (correction to previous minutes)</p> <p>The HAM meeting went well, Richard found that people were very interested on him as a person. His talk helped demonstrate that volunteers were busy people who did lots of things, not just the nightshelter.</p> <p>Richard also gave examples during his talk of how volunteers had helped clients move on from the shelter when they weren't willing to cooperate with the statutory services.</p> <p>Currently the nightshelter gets one visit a week from the council.</p> <p>Richard isn't sure if he is invited to the next HAM meeting.</p> <p><u>Val</u></p> <p><u>Christchurch - Breakfast Run</u></p> <p>Nothing much to update other than numbers are increasing.</p> <p><u>Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland</u></p> <p>Lunch run - numbers are also increasing, twice as many people to feed as last year.</p> <p><u>St John Ambulance</u></p> <p>Val mentioned the Big Issues own sleep out took place without many people knowing about it. She requested that next time she, and others, are informed of the event.</p> <p>Val confirmed that her unit will continue to provide free first aid cover to any homelessness event in Bristol.</p> <p><u>Jonnie</u></p> <p>Jonnie reported that he had heard that some Irish people had been into the Julian Trust and the Wild Goose, targeting vulnerable people, to work for them. Please report to the police and inform other interested parties if it happens again.</p> <p><u>Wild Goose</u></p> <p>There is an issue with people drinking across the road from the centre. CCM are working with other organisations (council, police etc) to try and find the best solution.</p> <p>Richard likes that the Wild Goose closes when drinkers refuse to move on. He would like to be kept informed of what the outcome is. Richard offered his contacts to facilitate meetings if the problem became much bigger.</p> <p>CCM need to contact interested parties when we close. A checklist of people</p>	

<p>needs to be produced. Please send Richard a text as the contact for Julian Trust.</p> <p><u>Spring of Hope</u></p> <p>The nightshelter is currently accommodating between six and twelve ladies each night they are open.</p> <p>The current system of accepting ladies from Julian Trust is working very effectively.</p> <p>Val is still looking for more female volunteers.</p> <p>CCM are still waiting for the information from the planning office.</p> <p><u>Proposed Mens Nightshelter</u></p> <p>Alan is communicating with Kensington Baptist Church to potentially get this open in September/October.</p> <p>One of the issues surrounding the nightshelter is the fear that Alan could be talking on more work when he is already over-capacity.</p> <p><u>LITE</u></p> <p>Sophy, Stuart and the volunteers recently took the students to the forest of dean to do team-building activities.</p> <p>Val suggested Viney Green Christian Activity Centre as a place to use in the future.</p> <p><u>Foodbank</u></p> <p>There is a new outlet on a Wednesday and CCM are in touch with another church in Kingswood to open another outlet.</p>	
<p><u>Notified Business</u></p> <p><u>Homeless Survey Results for 2012</u></p> <p>There are a number of good points that Paul would like explore in more detail. There was some question over whether the Breakfast Run completed any surveys. Val and Paul will look into this as a matter of urgency, before the survey results get circulated.</p> <p>Paul talked through some of the results.</p> <p>Val suggested that the Sisters of the Church might like to be involved this year. The BCAN meetings currently clash with their Thursday Eucharist.</p> <p>Paul will email the document around and put it on the website, once the query of the Breakfast Run surveys has been resolved.</p> <p><u>Homeless Survey Plans for 2013</u></p> <p>People are happy to go ahead with doing another survey in the Autumn. Provisional date week 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of November.</p> <p>It would be a good idea to include Nightstop and Spring of Hope as a separate project in it's own right for the purposes of the survey.</p> <p><u>Sleep Out - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014</u></p> <p>Phil Nott is back from his sabbatical and so is likely to be in touch soon with regards the 2014 Sleep Out taking place in College Green. Paul has provisionally booked Pip'n'Jay in case it is not possible to use College Green.</p> <p>Joanna Stapley contacted some people who fundraised for the Breakfast Run at the 2013 Sleep Out, asking them to send their sponsor money in to CCM. This was not good; Paul apologised.</p> <p>Paul will arrange getting in touch with the organisations who took part this year to get a total of the amount raised.</p> <p><u>Preventing Homelessness Strategy Review</u></p> <p>The council have to formulate a Strategy and are required to consult on it. Paul had sent an email with the link to the document online prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Val and Paul</p>

<p><u>PIE City</u>  Richard attending a meeting that was to discuss funding for Second Step. They plan to get funding for eight years and several key workers. This is a 'Golden Keys' service to get specific people who are at the end of the road (Vanessas, Erics, etc) the help they need. PIE stands for Psychologically Informed Environment. Paul has the presentation slides that he can send to people if they'd like it.  They want services to sign up to the system which, in part, means that in order to comply with their rules these services will then need to employ a psychologist. This is all part of a bid to get lottery funding which would be approved at the end of December.</p> <p><u>New Street Day Centre</u>  Novas are running some classes from these premises, but no long-term plans for the building have been decided.</p> <p><u>No Second Night</u>  Sarah is now the contact for No Second Night but there is no phone number for her yet.</p> <p><u>Positive Causes</u>  No news.</p> <p><u>Other News</u>  Paul, Graham Donald and Clare Fleming met with Barbara Janke from the Council to talk about joining up communication more and supporting each other in targets and general work.</p> <p>There is an event called Going Deeper at Colston Hall 31<sup>st</sup> of August.</p> <p>Ed is trying to find out some statistics on the distribution of the Survival Handbook. If anyone has any old emails about the number their organisation uses or how many they would like, please let Ed know. He is contactable on Rhiannon's email address.  Paul will forward Ed's request email to the BCAN group.  The new Handbook will produced in the next two months, hopefully. The electronic copy should be available in the next couple of weeks.</p>	<p>Paul</p>
<p><u>Next Meeting</u>  7:30pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Julian Trust Nightshelter</p>	