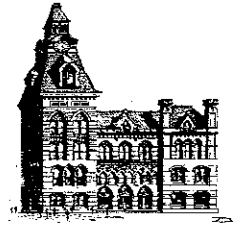




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To: Members of the Board of Alderman
From: Dr. Chisara N. Asomugha, Community Services Administration, City of New Haven
CC: Sean Matteson, Chief of Staff, City of New Haven
Date: May 27, 2010
Re: City Plan for Winter Shelter, Winter 2010-2011

This memo is submitted as a response to the policy amendment on homelessness for the FY10-FY11 City Budget. This memo attempts to address the concerns of the maker of the amendment calling for a plan as it relates to homelessness expenditures.

Currently, the City of New Haven appropriates over \$1million to address homelessness. The majority of this allocation targets the highest risk population—single men—in the form of funding to the Overflow Shelter and to the Emergency Management Services, Inc.

In an effort to address the funding decrease that have resulted from budget cuts over the last 3 years and to address the increasing need to provide shelter during the winter months, the Community Services Administration shall institute the following cold weather mitigation plan:

1. The Overflow Shelter will run from November 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 (six months).
2. Current funds to service providers will be reallocated to ensure that the Overflow Shelter will provide shelter without interruption during the six month period.

Recognizing that funding levels will not change for the upcoming fiscal year, the plan will mean that local shelter providers could receive less funding this year than originally appropriated. These are tough times, which warrant tough decisions to ensure the health, well-being and safety of New Haven residents, including residents who are homeless.

Thank you.