

Shelter Task Force

Questions for Providers

In order to develop zoning and other regulations relating to the location and operation of emergency shelters, the Town Council established a shelter housing task force on April 17, 2018. The responsibilities of the task force is to review the Town's comprehensive plan, municipal zoning ordinances, best practices, and applicable laws and regulations associated with the development of a definition for shelter housing, appropriate zoning for the location of shelter housing, and finally develop performance standards and other appropriate regulations to govern the operation of shelters.

The Shelter Housing Task Force held their first meeting on April 20, 2018 and agreed the initial goal is to develop a working definition of shelter housing by May 9, 2018. One of the steps to achieving this goal is to receive input from facilities operating in Brunswick. Below is a list of questions which will assist the Task Force in development of an appropriate definition for Brunswick.

Approximately how many guests were served in Brunswick facilities in 2017?

How does your organization define a Brunswick resident?

How many guests were originally Brunswick residents?

How long is the average stay for single guests?

How long is the average stay for families?

How many guests were referred to the facility by other community organizations?

What other services are sought by guests in addition to temporary housing? (i.e. addiction counseling, job counseling, medical needs, etc?)

How do guests typically arrive at your facility?

What type of shelter facility, family/single, has the greatest need?

Which is the preferred facility model, small cluster facilities or larger facilities?

The information provided is crucial as the Shelter Housing Task Force has an ambitious schedule to quickly and thoughtfully develop a definition suitable for the Brunswick Community as well as providing clear direction for facility developments in the future.