

Meeting of Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance
Warming Shelter Network
 Nov. 18, 2020

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1. Updates from each Organization:

SafeSleep United (<https://www.unitedwaymwv.org/safesleep-united.html>)

- # beds: 19, women and children
- Low-barrier, duration shelter
- Some issues with severely mentally ill guests having to be exited after uncontrollable behavior.

Church of the Park (<https://www.church-at-the-park.org/>)

- # beds: 19 for women and families; up to 50 parking spots (RVs and cars; 2 person occupancy)
- Not a “drop-in” program. Participants commit to duration shelter.
- Using HMIS to “pull” referrals

Polk County Warming Network (<https://polkwarming.weebly.com/>)

- mobile “shelter trailer” carries equipment for up to 25 beds from church to church
- each church commits to a 2-week block of time; shelter is temperature-activated
- Community Center has 15 beds; temperature activated
- transportation provided to shelters
- Dale’s Lodge-supportive transitional housing (6 months) for 7 veterans

Salem Warming Network (<https://salemwarming.weebly.com>)

- 3 locations for drop-in, low-barrier shelter: 1st Presbyterian, Capital Park Wesleyan Church, South Salem Friends Church; transportation provided
- Portland Rd. site: up to 25 people
 - 65 or over or those with chronic health conditions
 - 29-day duration program; may be “re-upped”
 - emergent program; starting with indoor shelter and moving to overflow tents/safe parking
 - Opens Dec. 1st, open until March 31st

Sheltering Silverton (<http://www.shelteringsilverton.org>)

- New location for daytime Resource Center (812 McClaine St., Silverton) in former tractor supply warehouse; large space suitable for safe COVID protocols
- Open M-F, 1-5
- Providing coffee, snacks, a take-away dinner, clothes, camping supplies, computer access, Case Management, hotel vouchers for the most vulnerable, resource navigation.
- No Warming Shelter this year; space may possibly be used for Emergency (temperature activated) shelter if needed. Emergent program.
- Focusing on long-term solutions.
- Possible Pallet Shelter (<https://www.palletshelter.com/>) partnership with local church.

2. Concerns:

- PPE (masks, gloves) are needed (Lynelle.) DJ suggested that she contact Coleman Crocker at Good360 (971-601-8101, ccrocker@unitedwaymwv.org) to arrange direct pickup of these items. Gretchen also said City of Salem can supply these items to Salem shelters.
- Alternatives for severe mental health/chronically ill folks, whose disabilities often become a barrier to being able to access and stay in shelters