

INTRODUCTION TO WORK IN THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY

AGENDA FOR THE EVENING

- Eat, meet, and greet!
- General introduction from Audrey Carr, Hiba Dhanani, Faiz Khan, Craig Kaufmann, and Megan Smith
- Presentation by Barbara Freitas, the RI Homeless Advocacy Project
- Specifics on how to get involved
 - RI Medical Navigator Partnership (Hiba Dhanani and Faiz Khan)
 - BIOL 6530: Homeless Communities: Health Outreach and Education (Audrey Carr)
 - Adjunct projects: Signs of Providence, health screenings, Homeless Bill of Rights Defense Committee, etc.

INTRODUCTIONS

RI HOMELESS ADVOCACY PROJECT

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

RI MEDICAL NAVIGATOR PARTNERSHIP

- Connects interdisciplinary teams of students (including medical, social work, nursing, and undergraduates) to individuals experiencing homelessness to assist that person in navigating the healthcare system
- Yearlong commitment (recognizing that second-year med students are finished in February)
- Application (link in email and on handout) due Saturday, September 17
- Training (for medical students) on Thursday, September 22 at 6pm at AMS (room TBD)

PRECLINICAL ELECTIVE

Consists of three components:

- Monthly interdisciplinary talks on issues intersecting with homelessness:
 - Wednesday, October 5 at 5pm: Opioid misuse symposium
 - Wednesday, November 16 at 6pm: Criminalization of homelessness, poverty, and mental illness
 - Wednesday, December 7 at 6pm: Systemic causes of and social justice responses to homelessness
 - Wednesday, February 1 at 6pm: Impacts of Trauma
- Street outreach rounds
- Final project of each student's choosing

ADJUNCT PROJECTS

Signs of Providence

- Collecting the stories of people who panhandle in Providence to counter the misinformation and hate that is currently dominating the media and public discourse
 - Training Monday, September 26 at 6pm at AMS (room TBD) on how to interview and film/audio record

Health screenings

- Providing health screenings and referrals to the homeless community at an event later in the fall
 - Next planning meeting Friday, September 9 at 4pm at AMS (room TBD)

Homeless Bill of Rights Defense Committee

- Interdisciplinary group working to combat the criminalization of homelessness and poverty
 - Next meeting Friday, September 23 at 9:30am at the RI Coalition for the Homeless (1070 Main Street, Pawtucket)
 - And/or join the listserv: email megan@thehouseofhopecdc.org

QUESTIONS?

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