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
• 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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