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Marilyn Bellesfield & Denise Britton | Chairs  
Capitol Area Coalition on Homelessness:

Nelva Wright | Health Officer  
Harrisburg Office of Health:

The low [hit the 20s twice](#) in Harrisburg last week. That's like having the flu or a fever in a cold shower all night, and nobody felt it more than the homeless on the streets. Two days ago, at dusk, I walked through a garage on my way home from the store. When asked, a homeless man told me that overnight shelters don't open their doors till Dec. 1 (regardless of the temperature outside). Would it trouble the city to open gyms, basements, and auditoriums at the Y, churches, and -- for those people screened -- public schools if the nightly temperature will drop below 40?

Regards,

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