



**04/09 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT SESSION
FOCUS: OCA, DMHHS, DOES**

Issued: 23 April 2024

Purpose	Opportunities for Engaging ICH Member Agencies on the Mayor’s Proposed Budget.		
Details	Date: 09 April 2024	Time: 10:30 AM – 12 PM	Location: Webex Link
Attendees	Participants: 43	Organizations: 24	Detailed list below meeting notes
Key	■ Budget Related	■ Priorities, policies, procedures	■ Performance Management

I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH) officially opened the meeting by recording to support compliance with the Open Meetings Act requirements. She greeted participants and reviewed the meeting agenda, introducing the purpose – the legislative mandate to comment on the Mayor’s Proposed Budget.

The government representatives of the ICH Full Council presenting the details of the Mayor’s Proposed budget introduced themselves. They included:

- Jenny Reed (Director, OBPM),
- Bryan Harrison (Policy Director, DMHHS) on behalf of Ciana Creighton (Chief of Staff, DMHHS), who was able to join later and present, and
- Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes (Director, DOES).

Director Silla also acknowledged the Community Representative from the ICH Full Council in attendance.

Finally, she highlighted comments about the budget captured from prior Executive and Full Council meetings in anticipation of the Mayor’s Proposed Budget.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Agenda • Level Setting • ICH Full Council – DC Gov & Community Representatives • Comments – Compiling & Received To Date • Notes on Welcome & Agenda Review 	2-11

II. OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Director Jenny Reed presented a comprehensive overview of the Mayor’s Proposed Budget. Slide details below.

Comments and questions are captured on slides 35-36. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Reflection that human services and public education comprise a significant portion of the budget
- ■ ■ ■ Call to reimagine human services and public education programs.
- ■ Importance of performance management/metrics
- ■ Concern about funding available to ERAP.
- ■ Options for increasing revenue, especially income tax for higher wage earners.
- ■ Vision for the operation of the new Federal City Shelter? Will it be a low-barrier shelter?
- ■ ■ ■ Concern that animal care and control is more effective than homeless services.





Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Overview • We Have Advanced our DC Priorities • The State of the District is Strong • This Year’s Budget Reality • Our Guiding Principles • Steps We Took to Balance in FY25 • Widening the Gap Between Resources and Costs • Savings and Program Reductions • Our 10 Largest Agencies Account for Almost 70% of the Local Budget • Not Much Discretionary Spending in Our Biggest Agencies • New Revenues to be Shared Across the Community • FY25 Operating Budget • FY25-FY30 Capitol Plan • Our Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Safety, ○ Downtown, ○ Education, • Health & Human Services, • Housing & Economic Development, • Recreation & Libraries, • Transportation & Environment, and • Government Operations 	13 – 34

III. DEPUTY MAYOR FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chief of Staff Ciana Creighton presented an overview of the role, structure, and budget for the DMHHS Office. Initiatives of interest included Age-Friendly, Encampment Response, and the ICH. Slide details below.

Comments and questions are captured on slide 46. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Interest in Age-Friendly given the aging population amongst single adults.

-  Housing affordability as a critical metric for whether a city is age-friendly for retirement.
-    Call to address harms caused by agency operations.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMHHS FY25 Budget Overview • Health and Human Services Cluster • Age-Friendly DC • Encampment Response Team • The ICH • Budget Summary • Budget Overview 	38 – 45






VI. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes presented an overview of the DOES FY25 Budget which included:

- enhancements such as the DC Infrastructure Academy and
- reductions and eliminations related to DC Career Connections and the Poverty Commission.

Dr. Morris-Hughes also presented on the Paid Family Leave Tax administered by DOES. Slide details below.

Comments and questions are captured on slide 54. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

-    Adequacy of training programs and demonstrated outcomes.
-   Defunding the dedicated staffing to the Poverty Commission.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOES FY25 Budget Overview • H.O.P.E. Key Focus Area • FY25 DOES Budget • DOES Capital Budget • Shared Sacrifice 	48 – 53

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Director Silla quickly scanned the variety of announcements included in the PPT deck. Slide details below.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Council Budget Hearings • DHCD: Fair Housing Fridays • DHCF: 1115 Renewal Application Public Comments • DOC: READY Center • DPR: Summer Jobs • ICH: Budget Engagement Sessions 	55 – 66

- NHLC: Housing Not Handcuffs: Johnson v. Grants Pass Supreme Court Rally
- Youth Homelessness Matters Day Event: Save the Date

VI. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Director Silla adjourned the meeting after reminding participants of upcoming Budget Engagement Sessions.

Participant List (43 Attendees, 24 Orgs)

ICH Full Council – DC Gov Reps

Jenny Reed (OBPM)
 Bryan Harrison (DMHHS)
 Ciana Creighton (DMHHS)
 Dana McDaniel (DOES)
 Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes (DOES)
 Colleen Green (DHCD)
 Rachel Pierre (DHS)
 Jaqueline Watson (DHS)
 Eileen Rosa (ICH)
 Jill Carmichael (ICH)
 Theresa Silla (ICH)
 Synina Pugh (ICH)
 Nicole Lee-Mwandha (OSSE)
 Tasheen Stallings (OSSE)

ICH Full Council - CoC Rep

Fred Swan (TCP)
 Samantha LeBlanc (TCP)

ICH Full Council – Community Reps

Daniel Rico (Sasha Bruce)
 Karen Cunningham (Everyone Home DC)
 Nikila Smith (Street Sense Vendor)
 Roxanne Murray (Echelon)
 Kelly Sweeney McShane (COH)
 Rachelle Ellison (PFFC/CEWG)
 Reggie Black (Serve Your City/CEWG)
 Rico Harris (CCNV)

Stakeholders

2025****56 (Concerned Citizen)
 2027****06 (Concerned Citizen)
 Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)
 Celenia Whitted (DC Doors)
 Cybele Yadiberet (Healthy Babies Project)
 Regine Elie (Healthy Babies Project)
 Cydnea Shearlds (COH)
 Florence B. Rozario (Pathways)
 Gary Hines (Thrive DC)
 Jakia Carroll (PFFC/CEWG)
 Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana (Friendship Place)
 Joshua Drumming (WLCH)
 Kelly Andreae (GMCGT)
 Rebecca Kellett (GMCGT)
 Kym Richardson (Echelon)
 Ms. Naomi (PFFC/CEWG)
 Robert Warren (PFFC/CEWG)
 Chapman Todd (Jaydot)
 Donte (Concerned Citizen)