



**04/11 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT SESSION
FOCUS: SPECIAL POPULATIONS
MOLGBTQA, MPD, & DOC**

Issued: 23 April 2024

Purpose	Opportunities for Engaging ICH Member Agencies on the Mayor’s Proposed Budget.		
Details	Date: 11 April 2024	Time: 1:30 – 3 PM	Location: Webex Link
Attendees	Participants: 31	Organizations: 19	Detailed list below meeting notes
Key	■ Budget & Funding	■ 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:

- Japer Bowles (Director, MOLGBTQA),
- Kelly O’Meara (Executive Director of Strategic Change Division, MPD), and
- Jaqueline Williams (Deputy Director of Education, Case Management and Reentry Services, DOC).










Director Silla also acknowledged the Community Representatives 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. Slide details below.

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. MAYOR’S OFFICE OF LGBTQ AFFAIRS (MOLGBTQA)

Director Bowles gave an overview of the MOLGBTQA, including programs, grants, and events. He also reviewed FY25 enhancements, comparing FY24 to proposed FY25. Slide details are included below.

Comments and questions are captured on slides 24-27. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

-  Interest in understanding hate crimes committed against the LGBTQIA community.
-  Interest in programming specific to returning transgender citizens.
-   Leveraging CAHP to prioritize LGBTQ experiencing homelessness for MOLGBTQA housing resources.
-   Understanding demand for additional LGBTQ-specific capacity, specifically related to young adults.
-    Working with transitional housing resources to identify and leverage vacancies/capacity, primarily related to the youth subsystem.

Additional comments and questions captured but not discussed due to scope and timing – for further deliberation at the appropriate forum:










-  Evaluating performance around housing resources/placement.
-  Request for cultural competency training for individuals experiencing homelessness to understand better and support LGBTQ or transgender peers.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title slide -- FY25 Budget Overview • Agenda • Introductions to the Mayor’s Office on Community Affairs Agencies • Meet the MOLGBTQA Team • Mission • What We Do • FY24 Grants • Signature Events • FY24 & FY25 Budget 	13 – 23

III. METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kelly O’Meara (Executive Director—Strategic Change Division, MPD) presented the budget. She also highlighted staff, training, tools, and reductions in crime since the beginning of the year. Slide details below.

Comments and questions are captured on slides 38-40. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

-   Training or guidance to officers to ensure they are not criminalizing or otherwise inappropriately targeting people experiencing homelessness.
-   Understanding the basics of drug free zones
-   Efforts to appropriate triage and support behavioral health crisis.
-  Interest in reducing the involvement of MPD in the transport of individuals detained involuntarily.
-   Continued interest in expanding and supporting CIO training and certifications.




-  Range of personal experiences with MPD relayed – some positive, some negative.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title slide – Briefing for the Interagency Council on Homelessness • FY25 Budget • Historical MPD Staffing • People & Crime-Fighting Tools • Driving Crime Down • Community Policing: Co-Response Team • Training: 2022 – 2024 • Additional Information 	29-37













IV. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Deputy Director Williams presented an overview of the budget, specifically looking at the length of stay and substance use. Slide details below.

Comments and questions are captured on slide 51-52. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

-    Importance of leveraging partnerships to support comprehensive services to incarcerated citizens

Additional comments and questions captured but not discussed due to scope and timing – for further deliberation at the appropriate forum, with a flag that an ICH forum specific to criminal justice and victim services has been identified as a potential addition to the ICH structure:

-    Concern about
 - operations/practices that are harmful to incarcerated individuals and/or
 - predatory staff
-    Efforts to combat drug use.
-  Definition of personnel services in the budget.
-    Concern about capacity to deliver needed services and performance – ensuring that the goal of the agency is not to fill beds but rather to disrupt cycles of incarceration.
-   Concern about the number of peers experiencing homelessness wearing ankle monitors.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title slide – ICH Budget Engagement Sessions DC Department of Corrections • Road Map – Agenda for Presentation • Overview of DOC • Current Population- FY23- Project population at the end of FY24 • Increase in the Length of Stay in DOC Custody • DOC Population: Substance Use Disorders and Opioid Use • Summary Overview • DOC FY24-FY25 Budget at a Glance • FY24 & FY25 Proposed Programs Budget 	42 – 50

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"> • DBH: Notice of Funding Opportunity for DC Opioid Responses • DC Council Budget Hearings • DHCD: Fair Housing Fridays • DHCF: 1115 Renewal Application Public Comments • DHS-FSA: Funding Opportunity: Youth Transitional Housing • DOC: READY Center • DPR: Summer Jobs • H3: First Aid & CPR Training and Health Fair • ICH: Budget Engagement Sessions • NHL: Housing Not Handcuffs: Johnson v. Grants Pass Supreme Court Rally • Youth Homelessness Matters Day Event: Save the Date 	53-65

VI. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

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

Participant List (31 Attendees, 19 Orgs)		
<p>ICH Full Council- DC Gov Reps Cpt. Jon Dorrrough (MPD) Eileen Rosa (ICH) Gina Rupert (MOLGBTQA) Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) Jacqueline E. Williams (DOC) Japer Bowles (MOLGBTQA) Jill Carmichael (ICH) Kelly O'Meara (MPD) Theresa Silla (ICH)</p> <p>ICH Full Council- CoC Rep Fred Swan (TCP)</p>	<p>ICH Full Council- Community Reps Angela Jones Hackley (Covenant House) Daniel Rico (Sasha Bruce) Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Lynn Amano (Friendship Place) Nikila Smith (Street Sense Vendor) Rachelle Ellison (PFFC) Robert Warren (PFFC) Roxanne Murray (Echelon) Reggie Black (Serve Your City) Rico Harris (CCNV)</p>	<p>Stakeholders Andrew Anderson (PFFC) Abike Mohammed (US Vets) Chris Cole (PFFC) Cybele Yadiberet (Healthy Babies) Jakia Carroll (PFFC) Justin Dahse (US Vets) Kelly Andreae (GMCGT) Ms. Naomi (PFFC) Rebecca Kellett (GMCGT) Regine Elie (Healthy Babies) Queenie Featherstone (PFFC)</p>