



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE & SHELTER OPERATIONS (ERSO) COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 27 April 2022	Time: 1 – 2:30 PM	Location: <a href="#">Webex</a>
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Meeting Notes
<b>I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER</b>
Committee Co-Chair Reginald Black (PFFC) called the meeting to order, and Theresa Silla (ICH) started recording. Theresa Silla (ICH) noted that the ICH is behind on issuing minutes from prior meetings so the meeting notes from last month will be circulated along with the notes from this meeting within a week or two.
<b>II. DISCUSSION</b>
<b>A. POST HYPOTHERMIA DEBRIEF AND SYSTEM UPDATES</b>
Theresa Silla (ICH) introduced the topic, which had two major components) and covered the slides. See a quick summary below and the attached PPT for more details.
Additionally, Theresa Silla (ICH) took a moment to recognize the extraordinary work of all the partners in the system. This was a particularly challenging hypothermia season which included the height of Omicron and several winter storms. Because we spend a lot of time as a committee identifying gaps and challenges, brainstorming the ways that the system needs to change and adapt, we likely do not spend enough time celebrating the truly heroic efforts of everyone on the front line and in the background, from the smallest provider and teams to the largest amongst us. It's especially important before we dive into how we can improve, to recognize that every hypothermia season, our system is working hard and that that hard work matters!
<b>1. POST HYPOTHERMIA DEBRIEF</b>
The goal of this section was to establish a process for <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gathering feedback (from this and other, related system meetings and efforts),</li><li>• Compiling and evaluating the feedback, including an opportunity to unpack assumption and identify potential data analysis needed to confirm assumptions</li><li>• Brainstorming and proposing potential updates/changes for the next Hypothermia Season and</li><li>• Confirming assumptions and finalizing potential updates/changes proposed</li></ul>
Please see slide 4 for an overview of the process. Meeting participants confirmed that the proposed process and timeline look comprehensive.
For the 4/27 meeting, the focus was to get feedback on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winter storms/cold alerts since the 3/23 ERSO meeting and</li><li>• Efforts un-winding hypo season operations.</li></ul>
Most of the concerns/issues/questions flagged by the Committee members were related to un-winding hypo season

operations. See PPT for notes which can be identified as the text in red.

## 2. POST HYPOTHERMIA SEASON SYSTEM UPDATES

DHS provided updates on new beds available at 801 East and temporary beds that were set up at Adam's Place Day Center due to demand for beds as hypothermia sites closed out operations by April 15.

Committee members flagged that they had heard about the pending closure of the Holiday Inn PEPV site and articulated the concerns/questions noted on slide 8 in red text.

### B. HEAT PLANNING

The discussion related to heat planning comprised of 4 components:

- A proposed process, including steps and timing (slide 10)
- An overview of the 2022 Heat Planning Process by HSEMA (slide 11)
- The standard outline/components of a Heat Plan (slide 12)
- A deeper dive into the components that are specific to homeless services, with an opportunity to provide feedback and identify potential gaps (slide 13 and 14)

Please see attached PPT, especially with regards to the concerns/questions/issues identified by Committee members in red text on slide 14.

### C. SHELTER (RE)DESIGN

The discussion related to shelter re(design) comprised of 2 components:

- A proposed process, including steps, timing, and forums for hosting each step. The proposed process looks to leverage canceled ICH Executive Committee meetings: on May 10 and June 14 from 1:30 – 3 PM.
- The opportunities that allow us to embark on the effort to re-design our shelter system for single adults, including recovery funds and budgeted local dollars for redevelopment/replacement of New York Avenue, Harriet Tubman, and Adam's Place shelters.

There was not much time for conversation, so Theresa Silla (ICH) quickly covered the slides. Kate Coventry (DCFPI) did flag that the first Council vote on the budget is currently scheduled for May 10. Reginald Black (co-chair) asked Committee Members if anyone else would be limited by this conflict and no one indicated that it would be a substantial hurdle to their participation so the proposed schedule was adopted without edits.

## III. GOVERNANCE & UPDATES

### A. FORMALIZING THE HMIS PLANNING PROCESS: KICK-OFF & ORIENTATION

Given the lack of time, Theresa Silla (ICH) quickly covered the efforts underway to formalize the HMIS planning process. Please see PPT for all the details including Context, Goals, and the Planning Process adopted for this CoC-wide effort.

### B. DHS PROCUREMENTS UNDERWAY

Again, given the lack of time, Theresa Silla (ICH) quickly covered the table announcing the DHS procurements underway. Committee members flagged that they had yet to receive the FRSP solicitation (Rapid Rehousing for Families) and Theresa Silla (ICH) promised to follow up with DHS and distribute the announcement to ICH ERSO Committee Members as and when it was available.

## IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Two announcements were shared during the call of updates/announcements:

- PFFC is celebrating 14 years! Congratulations to PFFC!
- DBH is soliciting SOR3 ideas. SAMHSA has not yet issued the application, but it should be coming any day now.

### Upcoming Meetings

Topic	Date	Time	Location
Shelter (Re)Design	May 10, 2022	1:30 – 3 PM	<a href="#">Webex</a>
HMIS Planning Process	May 17, 2022	10:30 – 12 Noon	<a href="#">Webex</a>
ERSO Committee Meeting	May 25	1 – 2:30 PM	<a href="#">Webex</a>

### Participant List

Novella Brown-White (UPO) Darryl Phillips (Community Connections) Kate Coventry (DC FPI) Michael Ferrell (Coalition for the Homeless) Melvyn Smith (DHS) Emily Ruesch (HSEMA) Kalifia Thomas (Community of Hope) Reginald Black (PFFC) Sara Platek (TCP) Wes Heppler (Legal Clinic) Theresa Silla (ICH) Kelly Paton (TCP) Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC) Betty Gentle (SOME) Bill Kuennen (DHS) Qaadir El Amin (PFFC) Sangita Joshi (N Street Village) Tyrell McQueen (TCP) Dervin Brown (UPO) Blair Copeland (Catholic Charities) Heidi Gauthier (N Street Village) Mary Bridget (Catholic Charities) Donte Lucas (HSEMA) Synina Pugh (DHS) San Lyn (Community Connections)	Tiffany Tyler (DHS) Robert Warren (PFFC) Jamal Weldon (DMHHS) Veronica Fabani (Catholic Charities) Jean Badalamenti (DCPL) Tiana Kelley-Wynn (Community Connections) DeAysia Johnson (Pathways) Marcy Bernbaum (Concerned Area Resident) Belinda Fadlilmola (HUD Field Office) Kelly Andreae (Georgetown Ministry) Catherine Crosland (Unity) Luline Lamonacy (UPO) Andrew Wassenich (MK) Sari Frankel (DBH) Ted Joseph (DHS) Micheal Coleman (CEWG) Ana Elias (Community Connections) Juanita Driver (MK) Christian Howard (DHS) Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities) Madeleine Solan (DHS) 2026****33 Candice Udodi (Community Connections) Mimi Scotchmer (Community Connections)
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