



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE &
SHELTER OPERATIONS (ERSO) COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 24 August 2022	Time: 1 – 2:30 PM	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes
<p>I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>ICH Director, Theresa Silla, called the meeting to order and notified the group that the recording was started. Committee Co-Chair, Reginald Black, welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the agenda.</p>
<p>II. DISCUSSION</p> <p>A. HYPERTHERMIA CHECK-IN</p> <p>Director Silla facilitated the Hyperthermia Check-In with specific reflections on the Hot Weather Emergency at the beginning of August. Detailed notes from the discussion were taken directly in the slides. Please see the PPT for more information (slides 6-10).</p> <p>B. HYPOTHERMIA PLANNING</p> <p>Director Silla facilitated this agenda topic and highlighted key framing and timeline considerations for the development of the Winter Plan. Please see PPT Slides 12-15 for more details and direct feedback from the group recorded in red text.</p> <p>Concerns/Recommendations/Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to Migrants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion highlighted the additional strain on shelter capacity. Limited shelter capacity at the various sites means that LBSs are actively turning people away. ○ Question if shelters are tracking new intakes of migrants. Catholic Charities noted they try to keep count at the LBS they operate. DHS also noted that the DHS shelter monitoring unit has been in contact with the Program Managers at the LBS to get a count of the migrants using the shelter. • Outreach strategies in Hypothermia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern for people who refuse shelter and are prone to cold weather injury, including hypothermia and death from cold exposure. Flag for improved coordination with DBH and MPD. ○ Suggestion to leverage HUD Supplemental NOFO to target unsheltered long stayers. • Prep and Training for Hypothermia Season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TCP is working on a training schedule for hypothermia staff. ○ DBH will be providing overdose prevention and Narcan training for all staff as part of that onboarding • Coordination with Dept. of Parks and Recreation: Question if DPR is on the ICH and whether it makes to invite them to attend ERSO meetings and Winter Planning sessions.

C. COMMUNITY PLAN FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NOFO

Director Silla solicited feedback from consumers, outreach, and shelter staff on current coordination efforts and opportunities for improvement. This information will be included in the Community Plan for the HUD Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness. Please see the attached PPT Slides 17-20 for detailed notes.

Concerns/Recommendations/Feedback:

- **Expanded Outreach:** Recommendation from UPO for extended outreach hours during hypothermia season and even consider stretching hours of operation to 12 am, particularly when a cold emergency alert is activated given the successes seen in additional services through Hot Weather Emergency and weekends.
- **Engagement Strategies for Aging Population:** Question on what outreach to the geriatric population looks like as some outreach teams noted this is a population of clients that they see some resistance with.
- **Shelter In-Reach:** This has largely not been happening due to DHS staffing constraints and DHS CSON providers are not contracted for shelter in-reach. Outreach teams noted that they would need to increase their current staffing to support shelter in-reach efforts. This is a significant gap in the system as there are at least two shelters that do not participate in HMIS.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Director Silla briefly reviewed the slides for HUD NOFOs and Monkeypox Response and Protocols. Due to limited meeting time, Director Silla reminded committee members that the notes and PPT slides would be distributed to meeting attendees.

Sari Frankel, of DBH, shared in the Webex meeting chat that DBH State Opioid Response will be releasing an RFA for recovery housing within the next few weeks.

Upcoming Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Proposed Agenda
ERSO Committee (leveraging Executive Committee slot)	Sept 13	1:30 – 3 PM	Draft Winter Plan Review
ERSO Committee	Sept 28	1 – 2:30 PM	Draft Community Plan (HUD Supplemental NOFO) Review; Review and Approval of Winter Plan

Participant List (43 attendees)

Theresa Silla (ICH) Eileen Rosa (ICH) Kelly Andreae (GMC) Synina Pugh (DHS) Dervin Brown (UPO) Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense) Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Michael Ferrell (CFTH)	2028****54 Wes Heppler (Legal Clinic) Reginald Black (PFFC, CEWG) Ana Elias (Community Conn.) Bill Kuennen (DHS) Emil Pauling (DHS) Jamey Burden (COH) Robert Warren (PFFC, CEWG)	Florence Rozario (PTHDC) Sakina Thompson (DMHHS) Ishan Heru (Community Conn.) Marsheika Gee (TCP) Belinda Fadlelmola (HUD) Natasha Charles (Catholic Char.) Dallas Williams (DHS) Micheal Coleman (PFFC, CEWG)
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