



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE &
SHELTER OPERATIONS (ERSO) COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 26 October 2022	Time: 1 – 2:30 PM	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes
<p>I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>ERSO Committee co-chair Reggie Black (PFFC, CEWG) welcomed the group and invited ICH Director, Theresa Silla, notified the group that the recording was started and covered housekeeping reminders for the Committee outlined on slide 3.</p>
<p>II. GOVERNANCE & ICH UPDATES</p> <p>Director Silla covered these updates and recognized the new ERSO co-chair Anthony Newman, Deputy Administrator for Single Individuals at DHS. Director Silla also shared ICH staffing, Full Council membership updates, and the HUD CoC NOFOs. Please see slides 6 – 11 for specific details.</p>
<p>III. DISCUSSION ITEMS</p> <p>A. PROGRESS ON MOBILIZING HYPO SITES</p> <p>Director Silla covered this topic on mobilizing overflow sites in the Winter Plan, including potential backup shelter sites. Please see additional details and notes recorded directly in slides 13-15.</p> <p>Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overflow Sites: Question if all the recreation sites we anticipated bringing online in the Winter Plan are available. DHS confirmed yes. King Greenleaf and Sherwood. Trinidad location will be an alert night only for the time being. DHS is also exploring an additional church site for hypothermia alert nights, but this is not yet confirmed. <p>B. CONCERNS TRACKED OUTSIDE THE WINTER PLAN</p> <p>Director Silla led discussion on concerns tracked through the Winter planning process that were not appropriate to include in the Winter Plan itself. Please see additional details and notes recorded directly in slides 17-23.</p> <p>Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEP-V: Question on criteria for PEPV. DHS and ICH confirmed PEPV criteria includes individuals matched to a permanent housing resource (RRH, TAH and PSH) and individuals who are determined to be medically

vulnerable based on assessment from Unity Health Care following the referral. DHS is coordinating with TCP to promote referrals to PEP-V to fill the 92 available vacancies and create flow through the low barrier shelters prior to hypothermia season. DHS is also working to update the site agreement and program rules.

- **LGBTQ+ shelter:** Request for materials and system announcement for referral process. DHS noted that transportation to the new site, Living Life Alternative, is available as with other shelter sites by calling the Shelter Hotline.
- **CAHP Liaisons at Hypothermia Sites:** Discussion on capacity and structure for CAHP liaisons across hypothermia sites.
 - Preference from Catholic Charities for shelter in reach model from other organizations as on-site program assistants do not have experience or capacity to support SPDATs, engagement and housing connection. Staff are primarily managing behaviors and assisting with monitoring and operations on site.
 - Concern on backlog of tentative matches awaiting assignment to PSH providers for timely lease up and to promote system flow.
- **Daytime Services:** Question on if the analysis includes days that the libraries are closed since those sites serve as alternate day services when others are closed. Director Silla noted that this consideration was included in the review.

A. OFFICE OF MIGRANT SERVICES

Rachel Pierre (DHS) provided an update on DHS' development of the Office of Migrant Services noting that this information was also shared during the 10/25 ICH Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Please see slides 25-30 for more information on this topic. Notes from the discussion including questions and answers are recorded directly on slide 30 in red text.

B. COVID & C. MONKEYPOX

Anthony Newman (DHS) covered the COVID and Monkeypox updates including recent data and operational impacts. Please see slides 32-37 for details.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- **Transmission Rate:**
 - Question on if we have the DC COVID Community Transmission Rate data. Note that this is mostly addressed with the charts in slide 33 and 34.
 - Question on if rate in shelters is higher. DHS continues to monitor this with testing events and vaccinations, but currently, rates in shelter mirror the larger community.
- **Shelter Capacity:**
 - **CCNV:** Individuals entered under COVID adjusted capacity are mostly still there. Vacancies are only in the drop in. Question on if CCNV needs assistance with review of consumers who are eligible for PEPV referrals. Rico confirmed no, most residents that were in ADA beds were transferred to PEPV previously.
 - **Densities:** Question on if lower transmission rates means shelters will be returning to pre-pandemic levels. DHS and ICH indicated no, not at this time.
- **Vaccination Data:** Question on vaccination rates in shelter. DHS will follow up to provide this information.
 - TCP providing gift card incentives for testing and vaccinations. Question on if we have any data to see the impact that gift cards are having on event turnout and vaccination rate. This is a difficult question to track

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Announcement from Nechama Masliansky (SOME) that SOME will be renovating its Dining Room building at 71 O Street, NW, starting in February 2023. SOME will continue food services at another building about a half block away. Additional details will be forthcoming, and SOME will coordinate with ICH/DHS/UPO as we get closer to that event.

V. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Director Silla adjourned the meeting and confirmed that due to the holidays, the November and December meetings of the ICH ERSO Committee will be moved. The co-chairs will support the ICH staff in determining the most appropriate dates. Options under consideration:

- Next meeting: 11/23 is right before Thanksgiving; propose meeting on 11/30 or **12/7 (ideal)**
- December meeting: 12/28 is between Xmas and New Year's; propose meeting on **01/04**

Participant List (51 attendees)

Theresa Silla (ICH)	Jamey Burden (COH)	Michael Ferrell (DCCFH)
Anthony Newman (DHS)	Jamie W. Thomas (DHS)	Nadia Malik (Miriam's Kitchen)
Reginald Black (PFFC, CEWG)	Janelle Davis (SOME)	Nechama Masliansky (SOME)
Aaron White (DBH, YAB)	Janethe Peña (DC Doors)	Novella Brown-White (UPO)
Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)	Jasmin Miller (DHS Intern)	Qaadir El Amin (PFFC, CEWG)
Abel Nunez (Carecen DC)	Jesse L. Rabinowitz (Miriam's Kitchen)	Quin Grier (DHS)
Ana Elias (Community Connections)	Jessie Henry (Pathways to Housing)	Rachel Pierre (DHS)
Andrew Wassenich (Miriam's Kitchen)	Jill Carmichael (DHS, Natl Community Church)	Rainer Rodriguez (SJCS)
Ashlee Robinson (DC Doors)	Jorge Membreño (ICH)	Rico E. Harris (CCNV)
Belinda Fadlelmola (HUD)	Joshua Drumming (Legal Clinic)	Robert Warren (PFFC, CEWG)
Blair Copeland (Catholic Charities)	Judy Williams (DHS)	Ronnie Stanley (Central Union Mission)
Brendan Haley (Everyone Home DC)	Julia Fowler (Pathways to Housing)	Roxanne Murray (Echelon)
Candyce Coates (TCP)	Kalifia Thomas (COH)	Russell McDowell (N Street)
Carla Branham	Kate Coventry (DCFPI)	Sabrina Burrell (DHS)
Catherine Crosland (Unity)	Kelly Andreae (GMC)	Sakina Thompson (DMHHS)
Charlene Flaherty (COH)	Kim Glover (DHS)	Sara Platek (TCP)
Daisean Foster (ICH)	Lafayette Dublin (OSSE)	Sari Frankel (DBH)
Dervin Brown (UPO)	Larry Gooch (Catholic Charities)	Synina Pugh (ICH)
Donna Harris (ICH)	Leslie-Ann Byam (DBH)	Tamika Weldon (DHS)
Dr Mayaalla MuQaddim Abdullah Al Saud (PFFC)	Lindsay Curtin (DHS)	Tiffany Tyler (DHS)
Eileen Rosa (ICH)	Liza Poris (Friendship Place)	Tyrell McQueen (TCP)
Elisabeth Young (TCP)	Maurice Cook (Serve Your City)	Wes Heppler (Legal Clinic)
Florence B. Rozario (Pathways to Housing)	Michael Cook (HSEMA)	William Kuennen (DHS)
George Johnson (Sasha Bruce)		