



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & SHELTER OPERATIONS (ERSO) COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 23 November 2022	Time: 1 – 2:30 PM	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

ERSO Committee co-chair, Tony Newman (DHS), welcomed the group and invited folks to introduce themselves in the chat. ICH Advisor, Synina Pugh, notified the group that the recording was started and covered housekeeping reminders for the Committee outlined on slide 4.

II. DISCUSSION: HYPOTHERMIA DEBRIEF

A. OPERATIONAL UPDATES & CAPACITY

Tony Newman (DHS) covered these updates. Please see details recorded on slides 7-10.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- **Holiday Hypo Shelter Hours:** Question on the hours for sites over the Thanksgiving holiday. DHS confirmed shelters would be open from Wednesday and will remain open until Friday morning.
- **Shelter Capacity:** No plans to use King Greenleaf site until occupancies across the different sites get to the threshold number of vacancies to bring additional sites serving men online.

B. ACHIEVEMENTS, GAPS & CHALLENGES

Synina Pugh (ICH) and Tony Newman (DHS) facilitated this discussion with providers. Please see the details recorded on slides 7-10.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- **Day Centers**
 - Adam's Place Day and 801 East Day, Sherwood and Trinidad hours are 8 pm -7 am.
- **Outreach Teams**
 - UPO: Hypothermia gives us a lot more sites to transport to because shelters were previously filling up early in the evenings. Volume for transportation has been picking up due to weather. Demand for blankets, socks, etc. have increased.
 - Question on if DPR sites will be staying online all season. Yes, they will be on all season.
 - Question on if UPO can stop by previous hypo sites that are not in use this year to ensure there are no consumers waiting for them to open and support with transport to the new sites for this season. This is especially true for walk up sites like Langdon and Kennedy.

- Salvation Army Grate Patrol: Question on if on demand shelter transportation is possible. Yes, there are scheduled pickups at shelter locations to designated sites for day centers and meals. People may also call the hotline to request additional pickup via the Shelter Hotline 202-399-7093. The transportation schedule is included in the Winter Plan.
- Note from Qaadir that consumers are supporting consumers staying in encampments downtown to provide connection to service providers like Pathways.
- **Shelter Providers**
 - Adams Place Day Center: reporting smooth operations so far this season.
 - Central Union Mission: Open and fully operational. Have capacity up to 200 during hypothermia emergency for men age 26+. Normal check in is 3pm, but during hypothermia drop off at any time is okay. UPO will need to add this as a drop off point.
 - Question on if Central Union reports vacancies to UPO. No, this is not currently happening, but can call the main number 202-238-9300.
 - DHS will coordinate with staff to schedule a call on strategy for this site.
- **Day Center and Hypo Site Hours:**
 - Question on if hours are uniform for all day centers including CCNV, Epiphany? No, this varies by site due to need for rec centers to close out normal services and clean the site to reopen.
- **Bed Densities:**
 - Question on if hypo shelters are operating under COVID distancing bed densities. No, we are not at pre-COVID densities across our facilities. There are no immediate plans to change that.

C. LESSONS LEARNED

Tony Newman (DHS) covered these updates. Please see the notes recorded on slide 11.

The Committee agreed to continue discussing lessons learned in monthly ERSO Committee meetings throughout hypothermia season.

III. UPDATES

A. NY AVE SHELTER REDEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

ICH Director, Theresa Silla, covered this topic. Please see slide 13 for more information.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- Question on the timeframe for the NYA facility. DHS does not have a confirmed timeframe but will provide updates to the group as available.

B. COVID & MONKEYPOX

Madeleine Solan (DHS) presented on this topic. Please see slides 14-17.

COVID: The District is still in a low community level. DC Health predicts an increase in COVID cases over the next few months, though likely not surge level.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- Request to resend the written guidance from DHS on the updated vaccination guidelines for staff.

- Question on if DOH still has a vaccination mandate for healthcare providers. DHS confirmed following the meeting that DOH no longer has a vaccination mandate in place for healthcare workers. Note that different institutions can decide to have a mandate in place for their workers, but it is not a DOH requirement.
- Providers can continue to request supplies through the following link:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/21ccfa8e89fe4cbca33831c235393f90>

C. OFFICE OF MIGRANT SERVICES

DHS continues to develop the structure of the Office of Migrant Services and open to receiving feedback and questions and bring updates back to the ERSO Committee. Please see details recorded on slide 19.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- Question on where we are with setting up OMS and when services will be available.
- Most often questions are about messaging.
- Providers are asking if OMS is fully operational and whom to contact if they have material donations, etc.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Joe Mettimano from Central Union Mission covered the expansion of the organization’s wrap-around services. Please see slide 21 for more details.

V. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Synina Pugh (ICH) adjourned the meeting and reminded everyone that the December ERSO Committee meeting will be moved to Wednesday, January 4th from 1-2:30 pm.

Next Meeting	Date: 04 January 2023	Time: 1 – 2:30 PM	Location: Webex Link TBD
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Participant List (41 attendees, 26 organizations)

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