



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & SHELTER OPERATIONS (ERSO) COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 01 February 2023	Time: 1 – 2:30 PM	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

ICH Executive Director, Theresa Silla, facilitated an icebreaker as Committee members joined the meeting. Attendees were invited to share feedback on options for the updated ICH logo.

ICH Advisor, Synina Pugh, welcomed the group and notified the group that the recording was started. Synina then introduced ERSO Committee co-chairs, Reginald Black (PFFC, CEWG) and Tony Newman (DHS). Reggie provided an overview of the agenda and invited other attendees to introduce themselves through the chat. Synina covered housekeeping reminders for the Committee outlined on slides 7 and 8 including a review of the agenda.

II. DISCUSSION

A. HYPOTHERMIA CHECK-IN

ANTICIPATED COLD SNAP

Tony Newman (DHS) covered this topic and provided information on the impending cold weather snap. Please see PPT slides 10-12 for details.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- **Request for Communication Materials:** Request for communication or flyer with the list of locations and available times of the warming buses so provider can share with their clients.
- **Warming Bus Locations:** Question on how proposed warming bus locations were identified and if there was consideration for Rock Creek Park and upper NW. DHS noted that warming bus resources are limited to the sites with the highest utilization. However, DHS will note these additional locations to list for UPO's wellness checks to offer transportation to shelter or warming bus locations.
- **Rec Center Hours:** Question on if DHS anticipated hours changing at rec centers. DHS shared that it is likely rec centers will expand hours to reduce impact particularly on Saturday, but this requires security and staffing logistics. DHS will reach out to providers directly.

MID-SEASON REVIEW

Synina Pugh (ICH) and Theresa Silla (ICH) presented a review of the implementation of the Winter Plan as well as the outcomes of the ICH's mid-season review. In addition, the ICH distributed a handout prior to the meeting outlining the mid-season review in more detail.

Please see the PPT slides 12-13. Feedback from this discussion was recorded directly in the PPT slides highlighted in red text.

LOOKING AHEAD: CAPACITY WHEN HYPO SEASONS ENDS

Theresa Silla (ICH) and Synina Pugh (ICH) covered this section of the agenda. Please see details on slide 13. Notes were also recorded directly in the slides.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- **McPherson Square Encampment:** ICH will relay questions on concerns about encampments to the DMMHS leadership on encampments. Please see slide 14.
 - Question on if shelter capacity will absorb 70+ people from the McPherson Square encampment in two weeks.
 - Question about the number of individuals who are matched to bridge and the plan for individuals who are not matched to bridge housing.
 - What is the appropriate venue and is that forum meeting in the next two weeks with McPherson square encampment closing?
- **PEP-V & Shelter Capacity:**
 - Question on DHS' PEP-V demobilization plan and options for people tentatively matched to PSH if PEP-V is no longer an option.
 - Question on if residents at PEP-V will not be placed in permanent housing prior to closing of PEP-V.
 - Feedback that impact is staggering if PEP-V closes. A number will move out to permanent housing, but there are a significant number of people who want to move in to PEP-V. Request from community for DHS to bring this planning to the forefront as immediately as possible. It impacts the system beyond hypothermia season planning.

III. UPDATES

A. OFFICE OF MIGRANT SERVICES & COVID/MPX

Due to limited agenda time, ICH and DHS requested feedback on key questions regarding OMS & COVID/MPX. Notes are included directly on slide 17 of the PPT.

B. RESPITE BEDS AT 801 EAST

Tony Newman (DHS) covered this update. Please see details on slide 18.

Comments/Recommendations/Feedback:

- Question on if Joseph's House is still viable as a respite program. Note that the presentation is specific to DHS funded respite beds and Joseph's House is not funded by DHS.
- **Referrals to Respite Beds:** Question on the process for referring people to respite at 801 East respite beds. DHS shared that they are working on a flyer for referral process.

C. DAY CENTERS: HOURS & SERVICES

Tony Newman (DHS) reviewed these updates. Please see slides 21-27 for details.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

SOME Operations: After breakfast on Mon. Feb. 6, SOME's Dining Room building at 71 O St. NW will be closed for complete renovation. Please see details outlined on slide 26.

- All services will continue, at SOME's other buildings on O St. NW.
- See flyer at www.some.org/renovation

V. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Synina Pugh (ICH) adjourned the meeting and noted that due to the schedule of performance oversight hearings, the next ICH ERSO Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, March 1st, from 1 – 2:30pm.

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Participant List (79 attendees, 38 organizations)

Ami Angell (The h3 Project)	Emil Pauling (DHS)	Michael Cook (HSEMA)Michael
Aaron White (DBH)	Erin Byrne (DCCADV)Evan Langholt	Ferrell (DCCFH)
Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)	(Catholic Charities)	Nadia Malik (Miriam's Kitchen)
Abigail Morris (HIPS)	Frank Petersen (CSC)	Nikila Smith (PFFC)
Aldo Hurtado (LAYC)	Gayan Troussard (Friendship Place)	Nikki Del Casale (HIPS)
Andrew Wassenich (Miriam's	George Johnson (Sasha Bruce)	Nechama Masliansky (SOME)
Kitchen)	Theresa Silla (ICH)	Queenie Featherstone (PFFC)
Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense)	Ishan Heru (Community Connections)	Quin Grier (DHS)
Anthony Newman (DHS)	Jamie W. Thomas (DHS)	Rachelle Ellison (PFFC)
Belinda Fadlelmola (HUD)	Janethe Peña (DC Doors)	Rebecca Kellett (GMC)
Blair Copeland (Catholic Charities)	Jean Badalamenti (DCPL)	Reginald Black (PFFC)
Brandi Gainey (Community	Jennifer Joyce (DHCF)	Rico E. Harris (CCNV)
Connections)	Jesse L. Rabinowitz (Miriam's	Robert Warren (PFFC)
Brandon L James (DHS)	Kitchen)	Roxanne Murray (Echelon)
Caitlin Cocilova (DC Council)	Jessica Yepez Rufino (LAYC)	Russell McDowell (N Street Village)
Candyce Coates (TCP)	Jorge Membreño (ICH)	Sabrina Burrell (DHS)
Carla Branham (DHS)	Joshua Drumming (Legal Clinic)	Samantha Nolet (TCP)
Catherine Crosland (Unity)	Judy Williams (DHS)	Sangita Joshi (N Street Village)
Chelsey Brown (Covenant House)	Kaira Smith (DC Council)	Sari Frankel (DBH)
Christian Howard (DHS)	Kalifia Thomas (COH)	Synina Pugh (ICH)
crogers (Covenant House)	Kate Coventry (DCFPI)	Tanya Thomas (Salvation Army)
Cynthia Alfaro (AOBA Metro)	Kelly Andreae (GMC)	Ted Joseph (DHS)
Daisean Foster (ICH)	Krysta Aguilar (DHS)	Tiana Kelley-Wynn (Community
Darryl Phillips (Community	L Arnold-Artis (Friendship Place)	Connections)
Connections)	Lauren Havoc (Friendship Place)	Tyrell McQueen (TCP)
Debra Kilpatrick Byrd (DBID)	Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)	Veronica Fabani (Catholic Charities)
Dr Mayaalla MuQaddim Abdullah Al	Madeleine Solan (DHS)	Wes Heppler (Legal Clinic)
Saud (PFFC)	Marsheika Gee (TCP)	William Kuennen (DHS)
Eileen Rosa (ICH)		