



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SHELTER OPERATIONS (ERSO) COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 28, June 2023	Time: 1 pm - 2:30 pm	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes
I. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW
<p>Synina Pugh (ICH, ERSO Advisor) opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, and started the recording with a reminder about the ICH recording conventions detailed on slide 3.</p> <p>Synina covered housekeeping items slides 5-6 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Icebreaker• Introductions and call for announcements.• Adopting Notes and Managing Listserv <p>Synina, asked co-chairs Tony Newman (Deputy FSA Administrator-Individuals, DHS, and Reginal Black (Co-Director, PFFC) to introduce themselves. Ms. Pugh asked co-chair Reginald Black to provide a review of the meeting agenda.</p>
II. SYSTEM CHECK-IN
A. AIR QUALITY EMERGENCY PLANNING (HSEMA / DHS)
<p>Synina turned the agenda to Corinne Edds (HSEMA)who presented a summary of actions and outcomes from the Hazard Air Quality event on June 7. Please see slides 8-10 for that update.</p> <p>Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSEMA is tasked with the creation of a Hazardous Air Quality Guide• Messaging templates are pre-translated and approved for future use• Continuing with partner collaboration <p>June 7 Operational Shifts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional water delivered to LBS and community• Extra masks provided• Extended Day Center Hours for Purple Alert• Reality – air quality is going to get worse• The District is incorporating Air Quality into the Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning efforts. <p>Comments, questions, and concerns are summarized below. Please refer to slides 11-12 for reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did people know there was an air quality event?• Did our staff and consumers understand the shifts in severity?• Did people come inside?

- Can you provide an explanation on organizational shift in operations and mobilization?
- How can we better support your teams?

Next Steps:

Given that hot weather impacts air quality, HSEMA will connect with DOEE to determine the best action plan for guidance in air quality planning for clients.

B. OPERATIONAL SHIFTS (DHS)

See section II.A for a look at DHS operational shifts that occurred resulting from the June 7 air quality alert.

III. DISCUSSION: ENGAGING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, NON-CONGREGATE SHELTERS AND DEVELOPING WINTER-PLAN

A. HOW TO ENGAGE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT (MPD)

Captain Jonathan Dorrrough (Strategic Change Division, MPD) presented on a pilot program in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to stand up a co-response team in the District. The program involves having the following.

- Officers and clinicians riding together in a police vehicle during calls (ride-along).
- Five officers are assigned from MPD. MPD are waiting for DBH clinicians to be assigned to the co-response team.
- Provide active CIO and crisis intervention officers are on the MPD side.
- Melanie Menges (MPD) is partnering with Captain Dorrrough on this project.

Out of this and in conversation with the ICH – there is a request to set up an MPD 101 presentation for shelter staff and the co-response teams for DBH. The official presentation will require MPD approval. Below are the four overarching topics for the MPD 101 presentation:

- History / organization of MPD
- How calls are received/dispatched
- How we classify crimes and what’s involved in making arrests.
- What happens after a crime occurs – whether arrest or no arrest.

Comments, questions, and concerns are summarized here for easy reference. Please see slides 14-15 for details.

- Recommendations for the presentation includes the following:
- Providing guidance on how calls are dispatched.
- Engagement and language on FD-12’s
- Providing clarity on dispatch on of co-response versus other teams.
- Provide guidance on when to contact MPD.

B. NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER

Anthony Newman (DHS) presented on the acquisition of The Aston Building – a non-congregate shelter located in Ward 2, partially funded by HUD.

The discussion included the following highlights: Please see slides 17-20 for details..

- Advantages of non-congregate sites

- Who will be served at the Aston (190 Rooms / 2 to a room)
- Low barrier shelter vs. Non-congregate shelter

Comments, questions, and concerns are summarized below. Please refer to slides 22-23 for reference.

- There are several questions in reference to qualifications for entry into the program.
- Questions pertaining to length of stay.
- Questions and discussions on availability of clients currently staying in LBS, to gain access to the program.

C. WINTER PLAN

The ERSO Workgroup discussed The Winter Plan. The discussion focused on:

- Process and timeline for amending and refining the District’s Winter Plan for FY2023-24
- Including new sections to the plan.
- **Discussion on key questions:** What are key areas, amendments, and modifications that should be included as new sections of the Winter Plan?

Please see slide 26-27 for feedback.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- The ICH announced the re-instatement of Shelter Conditions Workgroup which will begin on July 13 at 10:30am.
- Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities) and Shaquin Grier (DHS), Co-chairs were introduced as co-chairs of the workgroup.
- Chesney mentioned that much has changed within the system and that, moving forward, shelter improvements will need to be made thoughtfully.
- Details of the meeting will be sent to the ERSO Committee and the old Shelter Conditions Workgroup Listserv.

V. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

The next ERSO meeting is scheduled for July 26 at 1:00 pm. Co-chair Anthony Newman reminded the group their comments are needed for bridge housing. Wishing everyone a safe July 4th, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting	Date: July 26, 2023	Time: 1:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Location: WebEx
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Participant List (67 Attendees, 34 Organizations)

2026****16 (Concerned Citizen)	Roxanne Murray (Echelon)	Timothy Nelson (Miriam’s Kitchen)
2026****86 (Concerned Citizen)	Russell McDowell (N Street Village)	Capt. Jonathan Dorrough (MPD)
Jackson Boyle (Concerned Citizen)	Wesley Leary (HSEMA)	Melanie Minges (MPD)
Justin Herman (Concerned Citizen)	Blair Copeland (Catholic Charities)	Candyce Coates (TCP)
Roberta Shapiro (ANC Commissioner, ANC6a03)	Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities)	Samantha Nolet (TCP)
Aldo Hurtado (LAYC)	Larry Gooch (Catholic Charities)	Sarah Flinspach (TCP)
Annemarie Cuccia (StreetSense Media)	Nikila Smith (CEWG, PFFC)	Tyrell McQueen (TCP)
	Ms. Naomi (CEWG, PFFC)	Antwan Washington (UPO)
	Qadir El Amin (CEWG, PFFC)	Novella Browne White (UPO)

<p>Betty Gentle (SOME) Brendan Haley (Everyone Home DC) Catherine Crosland (Unity Health Care) Ceymone Dyce (Pathways to Housing) Chelsey Brown (Covenant House) Corinne Edds (HSEMA) Jennifer Olney (GWCF) Jordan Kiszla (DHCF) Kalifia Thomas (COH) Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Mariesa Robinson (DCCADV) Michael Ferrell (DCCFH) Pam Mendelson (Anne Frank House) Rebecca Kellett (GMC) Rico Harris (CCNV) Ronnie Stanley (Central Union Mission)</p>	<p>Reginald Black (CEWG, PFFC) Darryl Phillips (Community Connections) Ishan Heru (Community Connections) Pamela Agava (CSH) Shiri Yadlin (CSH) Anthony Newman (DHS) Carl McAllister (DHS) Judy Williams (DHS) Krysta Agular (DHS) Lindsay Curtin (DHS) Ted Joseph (DHS) William Kuennen (DHS) Chris Pitochelli (Friendship Place) Lynn Amano (Friendship Place) Joshua Drumming (Legal Clinic) LaJuan Brooks (Legal Clinic) Wes Heppler (Legal Clinic) Jesse Rabinowitz (Miriam’s Kitchen)</p>	<p><u>ICH Staff</u> Daisean Foster (ICH) Donna Harris (ICH) Eileen Rosa (ICH) Jorge Membreño (ICH) Synina Pugh (ICH) Theresa Silla (ICH)</p>
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