



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE & SHELTER OPERATIONS (ERSO) COMMITTEE

<b>Meeting Details</b>	<b>Date:</b> January 3, 2024	<b>Time:</b> 1 – 2:30 PM	<b>Location:</b> <a href="#">Webex</a>
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### Meeting Notes

#### I. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

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 2.

While members gathered, Synina covered slides 3 – 8 including:

- Icebreaker
- Meeting Agenda
- Intro & Call for Announcements and
- Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv

Co-chairs Tony Newman (Deputy FSA Administrator – Individuals, DHS) and Reginald Black (Co-Director, PFFC) introduced themselves and welcomed attendees.

#### II. SYSTEMWIDE CHECK-IN

Synina introduced the purpose of the check-in and invited constituents to share concerns and updates that are top of mind. See slides 10 - 12 for details.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 13 - 19. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Flag for potential impact for UPON on demand transportation services due to shift in DCPL hours.
- Report on increased population of unsheltered clients sleeping outside of DCPL sites and particularly MLK library. Request to focus on safety checks by outreach teams and UPO.
- Concern that clients are being discharged from MPD or court system without the appropriate clothing or belongings in inclement weather.
- Follow-up discussion on UPO challenges in locating accessible beds for ADA clients during the late evening hours.
- Follow-up on hypothermia announcements and clarification on UPO pick-up times.

#### III. UPDATES

This section of the meeting included updates from 1) Hypothermia, 2) PEP-V and 3) DBH Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) Team.

## A. HYPOTHERMIA UPDATES

Tony Newman (DHS) covered hypothermia season updates. Please see slides 19-22 for details of his presentation.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 23 – 24. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Clarification on certain hypothermia sites that are temporary offline to accommodate individuals transferred from PEP-V and the increased inflow of single adult migrant women.
- Clarification on operation hours of Eve's Place (7pm-7am).
- Question on repurposing homeless services sites and reallocating it to migrant services.
- Discussion on shelter capacity and the ability to adjust to accommodate shifting needs.

## B. PEP-V UPDATES

Tony Newman (DHS) shared updates on PEP-V sites. Please see slides 26 for the details of the presentation.

There were no questions or comments specific to the PEP-V Update.

## C. DBH INTENSIVE CARE COORDINATION TEAM UPDATES

Annette Lee (DBH) covered DBH-Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) Hypothermia report with the committee. Please see slide 30 for her presentation.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 31. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference.

- Concern about appropriate detox services for individuals outside.
- Flag for improving approach to engage consumers with SUD at the Downtown Day Center.
- Question on coordination and referrals to the ACT team.

## IV. DISCUSSION ON BUDGET AND FISCAL CONSTRAINTS

Synina framed the discussion by covering the purpose and background on Fiscal Constraints. Tony Newman (DHS) provided further context and details on DHS' approach and request for community feedback. See slide 34 for details.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 35. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- What projects are DHS considering having service impact as they analyze budget cuts?
- Is DHS conducting a system inventory to better assist individuals in determining service available during the day, nights, and weekends?
- Can DHS provide information on what is fueling the fiscal constraints?
- Is there an opportunity for non-government partners to assist with funding assistance?

Due to limited remaining meeting time the group was unable to fully discuss the options for consideration. ICH invited Committee members to send additional feedback by email to [ich.info@dc.gov](mailto:ich.info@dc.gov) by 01/10 to compile and send to DHS.

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Due to limited time, Synina reminded participants to review this section upon distribution of the slide deck, which includes information about the following announcements/reminders:

- ERAP Portal -Closed until April 1, 2024
- Rent Reasonableness for FRSP & Career Map

- HCS: Veteran Flex Funds
- HMIS Visibility Updates
- TCP and Urban Institute Study on Housing Insecurity in DC
- Volunteer Registration for 2024 Point-in-Time Count.

## VI. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Synina and Co-chairs Reggie Black (PFFC) and Tony Newman (DHS) thanked the group for their participation and feedback. Synina adjourned the meeting with a reminder that next meeting is scheduled for 01/31.

<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b> 31 January 2024	<b>Time:</b> 1 – 2:30 PM	<b>Location:</b> <a href="#">Webex</a>
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### Participant List (65 Participants, 32 Organizations)

Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)	Eileen Rosa (ICH)	Neah Eving (DC Council)
Aisha Greene (Sasha Bruce)	Ilana Marmon (VA)	Nicole Daley Renard (DHS)
Aldo Hurtado (LAYC)	Jakia Carroll (PFFC/CEWG)	Nikila Smith (CEWG)
Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities)	Jean Badalamenti (DCPL)	Nikki Price (DHS)
Anna Gray (DHS)	Jennifer Joyce (DHCF)	Novella Brown-White (UPO)
Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense)	Jill Carmichael (ICH)	Rachelle Ellison (PFFC/CEWG)
Annette Lee (DBH)	Joshua Drumming (Legal Clinic)	Ray Walker (Community Connections)
Anthony Newman (DHS)	Juan Cespedes (Catholic Charities)	Rebecca Kellett (GMC)
Antwan Washington (UPO)	Kalifia Thomas (COH)	Reginald Black (PFFC/CEWG)
Belinda Fadlemola (HUD)	Kani Shorter (DPR)	Rico Harris (CCNV)
Blair Copeland (Catholic Charities)	Kelly Andreae (GMC)	Robert Warren (PFFC/CEWG)
Bonnie McIntyre (DHS)	Kevin Bauer (Covenant House)	Russell McDowell (N Street Village)
Brandon Gaymon (DHS)	Krysta Aguilar (DHS)	Samantha LeBlanc (TCP)
Bryan Diaz (DCPS)	LaJuan Brooks (Legal Clinic)	Sari Frankel (DBH)
Candyce J. Coates (TCP)	Lauren Markovich (TCP)	Synina Pugh (ICH)
Catherine Crosland (Unity Health Care)	Lindsay Curtin (DHS)	Ted Joseph (DHS)
Chibundo Egwuatu (DCCADV)	Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)	Theresa Silla (ICH)
Cpt. Jon Dorrough (MPD)	Marissa Oden (Friendship Place)	Timothy Durant (DCPS)
Curtis Timmons (Everyone Home DC)	Marquita Smith (DHS)	Tyrell McQueen (TCP)
Cybele Yadiberet (Healthy Babies)	Mary Bridget (Catholic Charities)	Umi Oelemoso (CEWG)
Daisean Foster (ICH)	Michael Ferrell (DCCFH)	William Kuennen (DHS)
Dr Mayaalla MuQaddim Abdullah Al Saud (CEWG)	Ms. Naomi (PFFC/CEWG)	