Interagency Council on Homelessness

Emergency Response & Shelter Operations Committee

25 March 2026

Updated: 31 March 2026

Post Meeting Updates Highlighted in Blue

Convention for Recording ICH Committee & Full Council Meetings:

- Recording for purposes of complying with the Open Meeting Act requirements
- Available for anyone who requests a copy at ich.info@dc.gov.

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ICH Infrastructure & Purpose

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Governance and strategic planning board for the District's Continuum of Care for Homeless Services established to advance leadership in planning, policymaking, program development, provider monitoring, and budgeting (DC Code at § 4–752.01). The work is advanced by ICH Committees and Workgroups.

ER&SO COMMITTEE

Forum for seasonal planning & oversight of Front Door Services, Shelter Capacity, & Shelter Solutions Workgroups (WG).

Link to draft FY25 ICH Work Plan Available Online here.

Overview of the ERSO Infrastructure

ER&SO COMMITTEE

- Seasonal Planning, including the annual Winter Plan
- Performance Planning for relevant activities under HWDC2.0 Implementation and CoC Operations.
- Reviewing priorities and projects led by the associated workgroups.

FDS FRONT DOOR SERVICES WORKGROUP

- Improving service delivery at the Front Door (particularly outreach and day centers) for all populations
- Transforming the Front Door for Single and Young Adults
- Ending/preventing unsheltered homelessness, especially at encampments

SSWG SHELTER SOLUTIONS WORKGROUP

- Improving service delivery and operations for all populations in temporary housing
- Transforming temporary housing (shelter, bridge, and transitional housing) for Single and Young Adults
- Ending/preventing sheltered homelessness, including housing-focused case management

SC SHELTER CAPACITY WORKGROUP

- Supporting seasonal planning, including the Winter Plan
- Expanding shelter capacity at the front door for year-round access
- Performance planning, especially relative to improving utilization reports and reviews to support performance planning goals

Draft ERSO Priorities & Projects

Priority	Projects
Seasonal Planning	**Including the legislated mandate to develop and adopt a Winter Plan** by: • Reviewing implementation of Seasonal Plans (Winter and Heat), to identify key areas of concerns flagged by constituents (memorialized by a Mid-Season FY24 Hypo Season Review and a final FY24 Hypo Season Review), • Working with implementing agencies to identify options for addressing the key concerns, • Supporting the development of the appropriate Seasonal Plan that integrates the most effective and efficient options for addressing key concerns, including drafting and adopting the Winter Plan.
Data Driven Budget & Performance Planning	**Supporting the development and implementation of data driven budget and performance management framework specific to front door services and temporary housing as well as by ICH ERSO CMTE/WGs** by: • Reviewing a proposed outline for: ▪ A formal ICH Performance Plan for the Continuum of Care starting FY25 and beyond and ▪ Standard Workplans for advancing ICH priorities and projects, complete with deliverables, timelines and metrics, starting CY24 and beyond. • Updating the proposed/draft framework or idea by integrating the feedback and • Finalizing the proposed/draft framework for adoption
Reviewing WG priorities & projects	• Front Door Services, • Shelter Capacity, and • Shelter Solutions

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Draft ERSO CMTE Leadership Slate

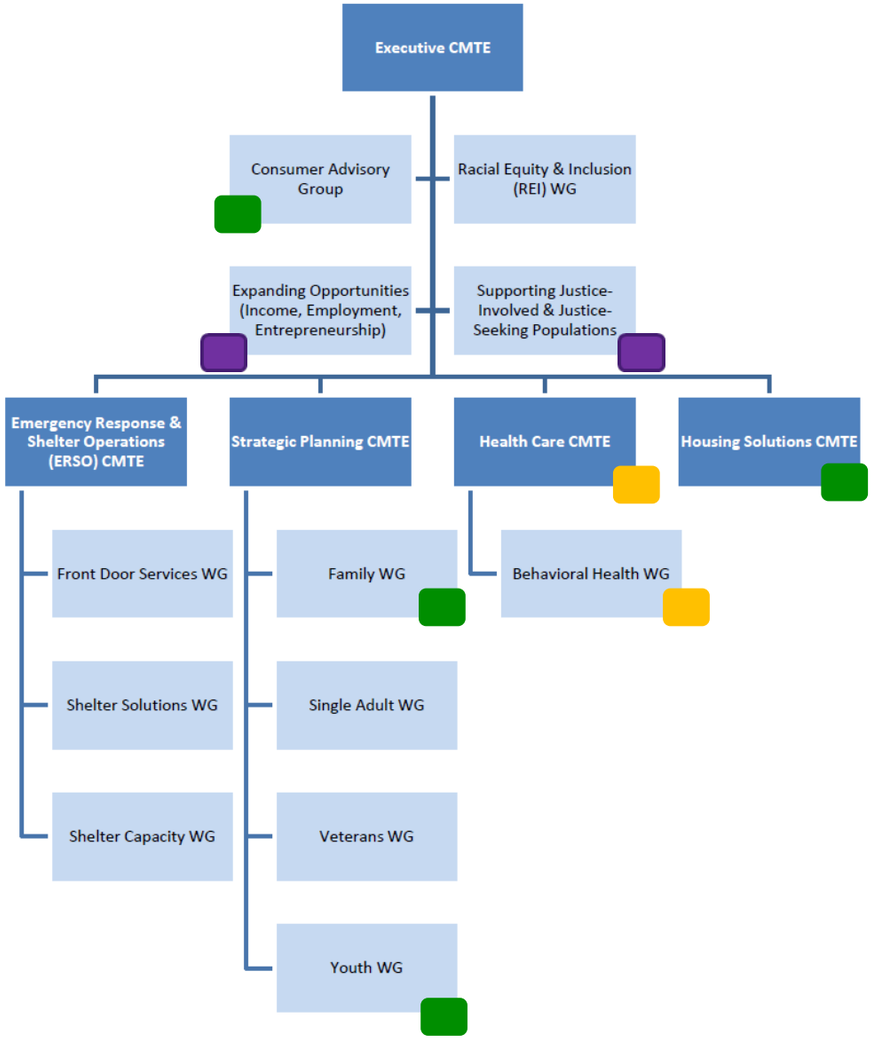
Category	Potential Reps & Justification	Current Nominees | * Indicates Full Council members
2 CoC Infrastructure	Lead Agency for Ending Homelessness	• ICH: Theresa Silla or designee
	CAHP and HMIS Lead Agency	• TCP: Candyce Coates
	DHS	• Anthony Newman (DHS) or designee – Co-Chair
3 District Agencies In addition to the agencies comprising the CoC Infrastructure	• Voting Slate in ICH Bylaws (Section 6.4, page 6): DBH, HSEMA, MPD, & DGS • Other agencies that should likely be engaged: DCPL	• DBH: Dr. Bazron or designee (Dr. Jean Moise) • HSEMA: Justin Brown or designee (David Rinonos or Donte Lucas) • MPD: Captain Dorrough or designee • DGS: Alan Karnofsky or designee
2 Lived Experience Reps	Current of prior experience of homelessness	• Reginald Black (SYC)* - Co-Chair • Umi Elemoso
2 Service Providers	Provider dedicated to homeless services	• Portia Robertson Migas or Russell McDowell (N St Village) • Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities)*
2 Advocacy	Including associations, healthcare providers, and philanthropy partners	• Kate Coventry (DCFPI)* - Co-Chair • Sierra Barnedo (SMYAL)
2 Business Sector		• Kalifia Thomas (Community of Hope) • Qaadir El-Amin (Right to Life)
Non-Voting	Committee on Human Services & Committee on Facilities OPRMI	• Sebastian Weinmann (Committee on Facilities) • Daniel Passon (Committee on Human Services) • OPRMI: Christa Phillips, or designee (Nicole Daley-Renard)

Green Highlights indicate Co-Chairs. Blue Highlights indicate updates since last shared. Yellow Highlights opportunities for updates based on open slots.

Overall, Infrastructure has 15 active forums!

The proposed FY25 Work Plan identifies 17 monthly forums and calls for the following:

- **Standardizing Operations**
  - Opened Family System Workgroup,
  - Renaming Youth Committee to Workgroup,
  - Consolidating Consumer Advisory Groups, and
  - Inviting Landlords to join the Housing Solutions Committee
- **Formalizing New/Pilot Forums**
  - Health Care Committee &
  - Behavioral Health Care Workgroup
- **Launching New Forums Identified**
  - Expanding Opportunities,
  - Supporting Justice
  - Including Recently Proposed (not included in Work Plan or Organizational Structure visualized here)
    - ✓ Expediting Lease Up (under Housing Solutions CMTE) and
    - ✓ Mortality Review (under the Healthcare Care CMTE)



Introductions

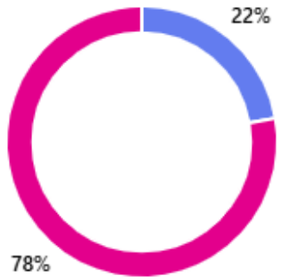
Form	Sign-In	Feedback
Link	forms.office.com/g/ucTvnrQWdX	forms.office.com/g/hgzZmg8ax4
QR Code		

- **Callers:**
  - Use *3 to raise your hands so we can see you
  - Use *6 to unmute for introductions & intentions

Attendance

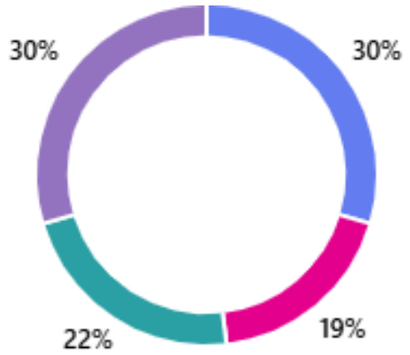
- Webex Attendance (48 participants, 6 ICH members) vs ICH Sign-in Form (27 Responses)
- Questions Asked on ICH Sign-in Form :
  - Is this your first ICH meeting?

Yes	6
No	21



  - How long have you been participating?

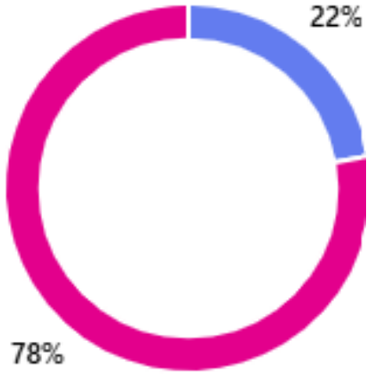
Less than 1 year	8
1 - 3 year	5
3-5 year	6
5 years or more	8



Attendance

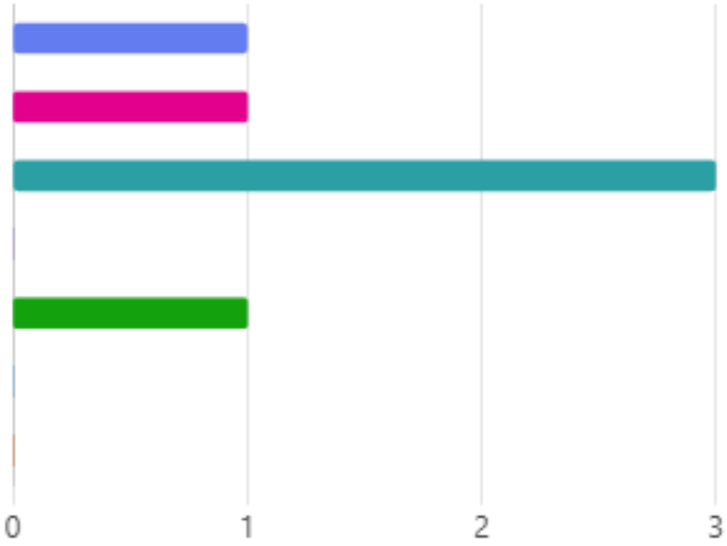
- Are you a leadership slate member?

Yes	6
No	21



- What category do you represent?

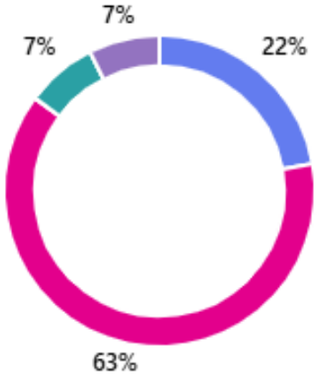
CoC Infrastructure	1
District Agency	1
Lived Experience Rep	3
Service Providers	0
Advocacy	1
Business Sector	0
Non-Voting	0



Attendance

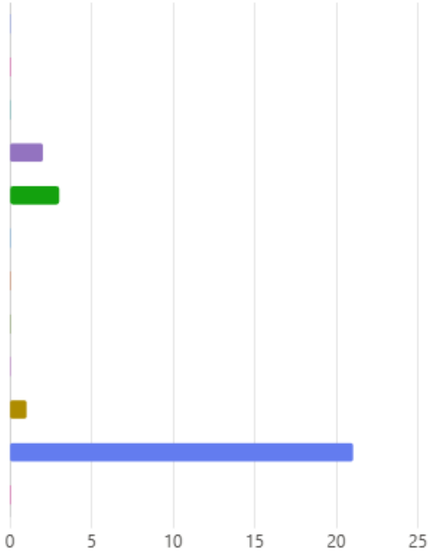
- Which subsystem best represents your work?

Families	6
Singles	17
Youth	2
Veterans	2



- Which subpopulation would you like to focus on?

Employed	0
Student / Learning	0
Disabled and/or mobility challenges	0
Men	2
Women	3
DV	0
Returning Citizens	0
LGBTQ+	0
Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	0
Seniors	1
All (Mix of all the subpopulations)	21
Other	0



Housekeeping

❖ Immediate Follow-Up:

- ➢ Timing: Within one to three business days of the meeting
- ➢ Contents:
  - ✓ Link to Recording and AI Summary & Action Items,
  - ✓ PDF of PPT Slides, including Discussion Highlights and Breakout Notes

❖ Formal Meeting Notes:

- ➢ Automatically adopting AI Summary & Action Items
- ➢ Unless concerns are flagged within a week of transmittal

❖ Distributing Materials & Contact for Concerns/Questions:

- ➢ Meeting materials are only distributed to listserv members.
- ➢ Email ich.info@dc.gov to join the listerv or with any other concerns/questions.

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Hypothermia Close Out Schedule

Site Name	Gender	Capacity	Closing Date
Salvation Army	Men	40	March 31st
Naylor Rd	Men	84	March 31st
Blair	Men	50	March 31st
801 East Day Center	Men	40	March 31st
Eve's Place Day Center	Women	60	March 31st
Emery Overflow	Men	60	April 7th
Harbor Lights	Women	120	April 14th
Federal City 1North	Men	164	April 14th

Clarifications

- For all sites closing March 31st, March 31st at 7:00 pm is the last night clients can stay at that shelter.
- The next day, they will leave at 7:00 am, and the site will close for the season.

- Similarly, for sites closing April 7th, April 7th at 7:00 pm is the last night clients can stay at that shelter.
- The next day, they will leave at 7:00 am, and the site will close for the season.

- Finally, for sites closing April 14th, April 14th is the last night clients can stay at that shelter. The next day, they will leave at 7:00 am, and the site will close for the season.

High Level Impact Analysis

Closing Dates	Capacity Men	Capacity Women	Total Capacity
March 31	214	60	274
April 7	60	0	60
April 14	164	120	284
Total	438	180	618

Gender	Current Capacity (as of 03/22/2026)	Closing Capacity	Remaining Capacity
Men	1175	438	737 (63%)
Women	524	180	344 (66%)
Total	1699	618	1081 (64%)

Discussion Notes

DHS Updates:

- Actively promoting bridge housing, working with folks connected to PSH to expedite housing, and facilitating connections to case management
- US Public Health Service is also back on the ground and supporting connections to services

Q& A:

- Q: Why is Naylor Road, Blair, and Eve's Place closing on the 31st? How are you selecting sites?
  - A: Hypothermia season ends 03/31. Keeping largest sites open in case of a weather event.
- Q: How are you determining connections to Bridge?
  - A: Connections are made based on eligibility. Prioritizing list of eligible clients.
- Q: What is the list of low-barrier shelters? Will they be open.
  - A: List available online at https://dhs.dc.gov/page/accessing-low-barrier-shelter. Challenge is that they are usually at capacity once the hypothermia sites close out.
- Q: What is the Salvation Army Location? Is that on New York Avenue?
  - A: That is the Harbor Light location. It only serves women at this moment.
- Q: Harbor Light is a large site. Is there any way that we can use that site during the summer months?
  - A: We don't own the building, so the lease will expire shortly, and we must leave by the 14th.

Heat Plan Review Process & Status

Thank you to our partners at HSEMA for their flexibility!

- Steps Completed:
  - HSEMA Request for Feedback: Feb 20, 2026 (Deadline)
  - ICH Review: March 16, 2026 (Submission)

- Next Steps:
  - HSEMA to Vetting ICH Feedback w/ Agency Partners
  - HSEMA to Update Heat Plan Based on Agency Feedback
  - HSEMA to Follow Up with ICH Team and ERSO CMTE

Challenges Identified (Heat Plan Review)

Seasonal & Cross-cutting Challenges

Seasonal

- Environmental – including heat, air quality, flash floods, and tornado or windstorms

Other

- Federal surge/presence, including America 250

Crosscutting

- Food – access, including quantity and quality of meals, and impact of ABWAD requirements
- Water – access to bathing, cooling (or misting), and drinking (or potable) water
- Comfort items – access to supplies for bathing and cooling, including swimsuits, for distribution to dedicated and critical resources
- Communications re closures, disruptions, or shifts in operations across cooling resources – updates are not available via AlertDC or 311
- ID vouchers and assistance – policy changes impact access to forms and free replacements
- Pets &/or undocumented service animals – lack of clarity and accommodations
- Storage – Lack of affordable options
- Staffing – Cuts to program and security staff across all interventions create challenges, especially for mobilizing cooling buses.

Challenges with Dedicated Resources

Temporary Housing (including LBS, Bridge, Transitional)

- Lack of year-round, 24/7 access for singles/youth – all LBS locations in Heat Plan are at capacity April onwards.
- Lack of lower bunk beds for aging & mobility concerns – not enough senior/frail beds set aside as specialty beds.

Hotline & Transportation

- Scheduled runs – missing overview of & link to details
- On-demand transport – missing known limitation to on-demand services during scheduled runs

Daytime Respite (mainly Day/Drop-In Centers)

- Safety/security – especially for aging or mobility challenges

Youth Specific Resources

- Inclusion of emergency shelter and temporary housing resources for young adults – youth-specific resources listed are limited to day/drop-in centers.

Challenges with Other Critical Resources

Cooling Buses

- Activation thresholds – ideal to standardize

DACL Senior Wellness Centers

- Eligibility of aging singles under 60.
- Documentation requirements for disabilities and mobility challenges

DCPL Main and Branch Libraries

- Heat-related PSAs – promising practice to standardize across other key resources
- Staff facilitate hotline/transport connections and provide cooling kits – Ideal to standardize across other key cooling resources

DPR Centers (Aquatic, Rec, & Community)

- Reception and support at locations experiencing closures

Other Critical Resources/Partners

- **District-Funded Temporary Housing Resources** – publicly available listing of District-funded temporary housing resources
- **Faith-Based and Mission-Driven Partners** – Recommendation to support faith-based and mission-driven partners fill in gaps.

Front Door Services Breakout Notes

Breakout Focus	Prioritizing Challenges	Prioritizing Coordination	Recommendations or Solutions
Women	• **Give priority to all items under crosscutting** • **Temporary housing so our clients have places to go** • **Transportation** must be prioritized to get our clients to temporary housing locations	• HSEMA • Outreach teams (issues with FD12 timeline, not always fast enough) • DBH • **OSSE**	• **School system** support for women with kids who are unhoused • **School coordinators** can help keep women with kids safe and assist with planning
Singles – Aging	• **Temporary housing available** • Safety of elderly during upcoming **America 250** is important, this out of sight out of mind mentality of admin brings on concerns of mistreatment of ppl during that time make sure we don't have a repeat of the federal surge • Lack of lower bunk beds for aging a barrier for this community	• **Faith-based community partners** • **UPO for transport maybe DACL if they have shuttles to pick up seniors to get them to safety.** • Shelters to prioritize lower bunks for seniors if we do need to ensure they have access to shelter. • **HSEMA, are there other ways we can make sure our seniors who don't have reliable phones/electronics are getting alerts about acute weather events?**	• We don't have PSH vouchers so looking into other resources, getting ppl on waiting lists • Create fully funded tax-based voucher system for ppl over 55 automatically qualifying, specifically lifelong district residents
Youth	• Hard to prioritize because so many of these are real legitimate challenges. • Perhaps things that are lower cost & the things that meet **basic needs (food, water)?** • **Concern about efficiency & utilization of cooling buses**	• Coordination with DPR seems like less of a priority vs the other partners • **DCPL PSA are important (and low cost) and PSAs also need to go out to community at large and other agencies**	• **Ensuring messaging on cooling buses is clear and consistent – heating bus messaging got a little confusing this winter**

Shelter Solutions Breakout Notes

Breakout Focus	Prioritizing Challenges	Prioritizing Coordination	Recommendations or Solutions
Families	• Address seasonal and **cross-cutting issues first because they cover basic needs (food, water)** • **Prioritize challenges tied to dedicated resources or critical safety needs** • Reduce barriers that keep families outside longer, such as pet-related documents	• Virginia Williams, DCHA, and DHS • MPD to prepare for increased summer safety concerns and crime trends • Community partners offering youth engagement and positive activity options	
Singles	• **Ensure seniors and unhoused residents are supported during America 250 events** • Improve **transportation access** to centers and key locations for safety and mobility • Prioritize daytime respite so individuals have safe spaces during the day	• **DACL** for senior and aging-focused supports • DPR for daytime respite and safe community spaces • **DCPL** for accessible public spaces and resource connections	
Youth	• Focus on maximizing and strengthening existing resources • Reduce preventable obstacles that increase time spent outside of the shelter • **Prioritize meeting basic needs (safety, stability)**	• Strengthen coordination with **DCPS,** DHS, and **charter schools** • Engage faith-based organizations as community partners • Improve the quality and oversight of existing services, including employment services	• Explore allowing food purchases as an eligible expense • Partner with DC Central Kitchen or **faith-based groups** to expand low barrier supports • Increase site-based program options and allow more flexible budget line items

ERSO Breakout

Confirming Time & Interest

- Need at minimum
  - 25 minutes for the breakout discussion
  - 10 mins for report out
  - Plus 30 mins for System Outage/Maintenance Reports

Qxns for Breakout Group Discussions

- How should we prioritize this list of challenges?
- Who should we prioritize coordinating with?
- Do you have any recommendations/solutions for priority challenges or partners?

- Link to shared document for capturing breakout group discussion notes

Subpopulation Interest for Breakout Rooms

- None. Co-chairs preferred a focused discussion on America 250.

Discussion Notes

Focus on America 250:

- Significant concerns about America250
- Considerations around the 4th of July Celebrations

Themes & Topic Areas Related to America 250:

- Request to plan for the necessary provisions based on last year's experiences:
  - Mutual Aid stepped in to pay for motel/hotel locations
  - Special Operations Calendar that anticipates events
- Challenges Identified:
  - Didn't stop planning, but had to shift to address other emergencies (like the historic snowcrete)
  - America 250 events not determined ahead of time, so DHS is running trains while building tracks
  - We are not getting as much lead time as we would with July 4th
- Review of Timeline & Special Events
  - Available information shared by DHS. Start off in May - Formula race in August
  - Heavily concentrated in the National Mall and White House area
  - Great American State Fair goes from the 3rd to the 14th Street NW

America 250 Special Events

- 5/17: National Faith-based gathering on National Mall (250K)
- 5/25: Memorial Day Parade from *7th* to Constitution
  - Starts earlier this year at 10AM
- 6/14: UFC fight at the White House (85,000 attendees)
  - Presidents Birthday
  - Weigh in at Lincoln Memorial
  - https://www.espn.com/mma/story/_/id/48196436/dana-white-ufc-issue-85000-free-tickets-white-house-ca…
- 6/11 – 7/19: FIFA Fan Fest
  - Not a game – A public watching party on National Mall
- 6/25 – 7/10: Great American State Fair (3*rd* to 14st NW)
  - https://www.whitehouse.gov/freedom250/
- 7/4 – 7/5: Celebration on the National Mall **(NSSE this year)**
  - A Capitol Fourth
  - Salute to America Fireworks
  - Largest fireworks display
- 8/21 – 8/23, Formula One will occur in DC
  - https://www.indycar.com/news/2026/01/01-30-freedom250gp
  - https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/01/celebrating-american-greatness-with-america…
  - Capital Hill and National Mall area

Discussion Notes

Other Topics/Themes Flagged

- Public Health Service Respondents
  - Cohort 3 has been deployed.
  - Focused on supporting 100s of connections to CSAs based on end-of-day synopsis available to DHS from DBH, based on a daily internal tick/tock
  - They have divided the City into quadrants, and they have dedicated teams to work specific catchment areas
  - Q: Is there positive feedback? Are clients receiving them well?
    - ✓ A: As they make repeat encounters, people are warming up to them. Also, partnered with existing outreach providers. DBH and DHS provide a 3-day training, including system orientation and role-play.
- Pharmacy and Healthcare Alliance
  - Q: What is the follow-up on the Pharmacy on K Street? What are the options for people whose Medicaid coverage is expiring due to the Healthcare Alliance?
    - ✓ A: ICH will amplify the DBH FAQ specific to the Pharmacy on K Street to the ICH Behavioral Health WG when it becomes available. ICH can follow up with DHCF on questions about the Alliance.

Discussion Notes

Other Topics/Themes Continued

- Reserving Beds for Aging & Secret Shoppers Monitoring Compliance
  - Testimony: Praise for UPO for working hard to get an elderly woman who was lying in bed at a bus shelter and refusing to go into the shelter because she needs a lower bunk bed.
  - A: We do have an opportunity to refer this client to Bridge Housing and ensure she is on the list. We also have Harbor Lights available for a few weeks. The secret shopper idea is interesting, but we will need to evaluate if it is possible.
- Transportation:
  - Concerns:
    - ✓ Transportation schedule for the summer was difficult to obtain. Please update and provide ASAP!
    - ✓ Clients were allowed to stay in key areas during special events, but UPO vans were not able to provide services. Can UPO get special clearances during special events? If not, can limitations be communicated in advance?
  - A: UPO working on post-hypothermia schedule. For special events, DHS/UPO receives a map once the event details, including security parameters, are set, and will then evaluate what is possible.

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DGS Report Out on System Outages

December 25 Data Parameters

Metric	Value
Total requests	60
Date range	12/1/2025 – 12/31/2025
Completed/Closed	34 (56.7%)
Still open	26 (43.3%)
Priority – High	46
Priority – Emergency	14
Typical age of open items	40 days (median)
Oldest open item	55 days
Top open issue	Pest Control (14)
Other open drivers	Heating (4), Hot Water (4)
Highest total volume ward	Ward 8 (15)
Highest open wards	Wards 1, 5, 6 (5 open each)

December 25 Data Summary

In December 2025, DHS received 60 corrective repair requests and has completed 34 to date (56.7%), with 26 remaining open. There are currently no open emergencies.

The remaining backlog is taking longer to resolve due to a concentration of work that requires additional coordination. The largest driver is pest control (14 open requests), which often involves vendor scheduling, access coordination, and follow-up visits to confirm successful treatment. Additional contributors include heating (4 open requests) and hot water (4 open requests), both of which can require specialized support, multiple steps, or parts procurement. On a positive note, the current open work orders are concentrated in a few categories, making this a strong opportunity for a focused push to close them out as the team works with our client agencies.

DGS Report Out on System Outages

December 25 Data Parameters

Service Area	Problem type	Active Status	Record Count
DHS	Elevator / Escalator	Completed	18
	Subtotal		18
	PEST CONTROL	Completed	3
		Open	14
	Subtotal		17
	Heating	Completed	4
		Open	4
	Subtotal		8
	Hot Water	Completed	5
		Open	2
	Subtotal		7
	Fire Sprinkler	Completed	2
		Open	1
	Subtotal		3
	Pump	Completed	1
		Open	1
	Subtotal		2
	Pipe	Completed	2
	Subtotal		2
	Pipe (Plumbing Services)	Open	1
	Subtotal		1
	FIRE ALARM	Open	1
	Subtotal		1
Subtotal			59
Total			59

December 25 Data Summary

The table below reflects DHS' top problem types, Elevator/Escalator (18) and Pest Control (17), with the current statuses for items that are still being worked on.

The table provides a narrative of where demand is concentrated, with the record counts divided between both open and completed work orders.

Discussion Highlights

Overall Feedback

- It's very helpful to see what is being requested!

Follow-Up Concerns/Questions Identified

- Locations
  - Identifying locations would also be super helpful –
  - Especially the locations with the greatest number of issues.
    - ✓ Example: Curious about what is in Ward 8.
    - ✓ Expected Ward 5 due to the location of low barrier shelters.
    - ✓ Flag that majority of the ERSO meeting attendees were associated with the Single Adult System.

- Pest Issues – Interest in further exploring:
  - Which pests are the greatest challenges? What is the approach to addressing them?
  - Partnership opportunities?
  - For example: can the City Administrator request that pest control companies donate services?

- Elevator – follow-up requested on approach
  - For example: Does DGS go out proactively to check on shelter elevators?

Shelter Redevelopment & Budget Oversight

- Fielding questions about shelter redevelopment, including
  - Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV)
  - Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter &
  - New York Avenue Men's Shelter

- FY27 Budget will determine what is possible
  - Mayor's Proposed Budget – Schedule Release 04/01
  - Relevant DC Council Oversight Hearings –
    - ✓ 04/20 DGS Oversight by CMTE on Facilities
    - ✓ 04/10 DHS Public Witness Testimony to CMTE on Human Services
    - ✓ 04/30 DHS Oversight by CMTE on Human Services

Discussion Highlights

Flags from co-Chair Kate Coventry (DCFPI)

- Budget has yet to be transmitted to the OCFO.
  - OCFO gets 10 days from transmittal before the budget is released, so release is not likely on 04/02 as originally projected.
- Opportunities for diving deep into DHS's budget
  - DHS-specific presentation organized by DCFPI & Fair Budget Coalition, originally scheduled for 04/07 at 2 pm
  - Will be rescheduled once the budget is released.
- Other insights
  - Greencourt is not likely to be redeveloped for homeless services.
  - Too many challenges due to the location, not just budgetary issues.

Meeting Agenda

I. **Opening (10 mins)**
   a) Orientation to Agenda, Infrastructure, & Representatives
   b) Sign-In Form & Housekeeping
II. **Seasonal Planning (70 mins)**
   a) Updates: Hypothermia Close Out Schedule (10 mins)
   b) Heat Plan Status & Challenges Identified (10 mins)
   c) Feedback from ERSO Workgroups (15 mins)
   d) Opportunity for ERSO Breakout & Debrief (25 + 10 = 35 mins)
III. **Shelter Conditions & Redevelopment (30 mins)**
   a) System Outages & Maintenance (focus)
   b) Shelter Redevelopment & Budget Oversight
IV. **Closing (10 mins)**
   a) Announcements & Reminders
   b) Feedback Form & Adjournment

ANC Resolution on Aston Capacity

- ANC 2A has shared a second resolution on the Aston Capacity with the ICH

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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October 22, 2025

TO: Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Council Member of the District of Columbia,
Chair of the Committee on Judiciary & Public Safety
Suite 106
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC, 20004

RE: ANC 2A Aston Capacity Response to Councilmember Pinto

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With four of five commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission, after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Dicapo, adopted the following resolution by (4-0-0):

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "the Commission") passed the *Department of Human Services (DHS) Budget Oversight Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026* on June 18, 2025;

WHEREAS, ANC 2A received a response[1] f from Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto to the above-referenced resolution on October 9, 2025;

WHEREAS, The Aston is currently capped indefinitely at a total of 100 residents pursuant to an agreement[2] signed on July 6, 2023, by Councilmember Brooke Pinto and representatives of Mayor Muriel Bowser's administration;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that The Aston has the space and capacity to house up to 190 residents[3];

WHEREAS, Councilmember Pinto stated in her correspondence, "*There are concerns about the feasibility of increasing the existing capacity with the current budget while maintaining the high quality of services for residents*";

WHEREAS, Commissioner Youngstone responded the same day, respectfully requesting that the Councilmember "*identify some concrete targets The Aston could work towards in order to secure her support for expansion, so that the cap becomes dependent on performance instead of remaining as an arbitrary ceiling*";

[1] PintoResponseJuneResolution.pdf
[2] https://lims.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/53342/Other/PR25-0296-PR25-0296_and_CA_25-254_Disapproval_Resolution_Withdrawal_Memo.pdf
[3] https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2024/11/25/dc-homeless-shelter-aston-families/

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WHEREAS, Deputy Mayor Wayne Turnage stated during a June 9, 2025 oversight hearing[4] that the District needs to find ways to make more beds available;

WHEREAS, recent federal decisions have placed significant economic pressure on the District's FY2026 budget cycle, creating a shortfall amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars[5];

WHEREAS, in September 2025, *The Way Home Campaign* sent a letter[6] to Mayor Muriel Bowser and Councilmember Pinto urging expansion of bridge housing, specifically The Aston;

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2025, *The Way Home Campaign* launched a citywide sign-on letter again calling for the expansion of The Aston;

WHEREAS, in her October 21, 2025 response to ANC 2A, Councilmember Pinto further stated, "*The success of this model is in part built on the consensus of the community, government partners, and those running the facility on the number of people served at a site*";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 2A respectfully requests a clear and transparent response from Councilmember Pinto to Commissioner Youngstone's question identifying specific goals and targets that the Department of Human Services (DHS) should meet in order to lift the current cap;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A does not support an indefinite cap on the number of residents at The Aston;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A requests a briefing from Deputy Mayor Wayne Turnage and DHS Director Rachel Pierre regarding The Aston's first year of operations;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ANC 2A recommends that the capacity at The Aston be gradually increased toward a new cap of 190 residents, progressing through intermediate targets of 150 and 190, as was done in the previous increments of 50 and 100, to ensure continued high-quality service for all residents.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Sean Youngstone (2A09@anc.dc.gov) and are the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

[4] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7fYR4i1ab0
[5] https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/dc-weighs-layoffs-and-other-cuts-as-house-leaves-capital-city-in-budget-limbo/3896812/
[6] The Way Home Campaign Sign On Letter to Expand Bridge Housing

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March ICH Meetings At-A-Glance

The goal is to convene all active ICH forums to do the following:

- *Confirm the Strategic Priorities*
- *Tailor the Implementation Priorities so it reflects the specific needs of the subpopulations served by each CMTE/WG!*
- *At-A-Glance with meeting agendas and logistics is available online!*

CALENDAR VIEW

MARCH 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
02	03 FDS Front Door Services Workgroup	04 Healthcare Committee	05 SASWG Single Adult System Workgroup	06
09	10 Executive Committee	11 FSWG Family System Workgroup	12 SSWG Shelter Solutions Workgroup	13
16 Housing Solutions Committee	17 Youth Committee	18 REI Racial Equity & Inclusion Workgroup; BH Behavioral Health Workgroup	19 VN Veterans Now Workgroup	20
23 ICH Interagency Council on Homelessness	24 CEWG Consumer Engagement Workgroup	25 SC Shelter Capacity Workgroup; ER&SO Committee	26 Expanding Opportunities WG	27
30	31	01	02	03

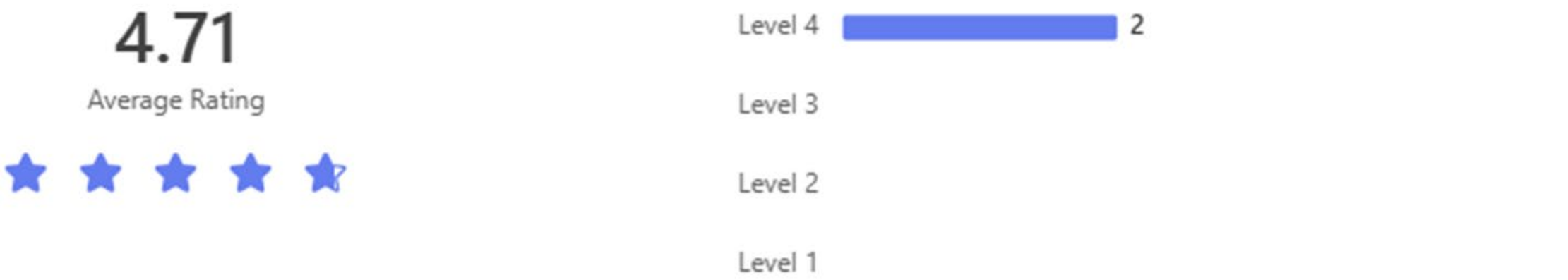
Don't Forget: Sign In & Provide Feedback!

Form	Sign-In	Feedback
Link	forms.office.com/g/ucTvnrQWdX	forms.office.com/g/hgzZmg8ax4
QR Code		

Feedback

ICH Team Feedback Form (7 responses)

- What was the best thing about this meeting?
  - Getting the schedule of what shelters are closing on the 31st and which are remaining open.
  - Everything
  - The organization and order of the meeting
  - Co-chairs and UPO representative answered my questions

- Do you have any suggestions for us to improve future meetings?
  - Not letting the same individuals dominate the meeting
  - City Admin Donohue needs to attend.

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