



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>Meeting Details</b>	<b>Date:</b> 14 December 2021	<b>Time:</b> 1:30 – 3:00 PM	<b>Location:</b> <a href="#">Webex</a>
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### Agenda & Notes

#### I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chairs Christy Respress (Pathways) and Laura Zeilinger (DHS):

- welcomed participants (meeting attendees listed in a separate table below),
- called the meeting to order and
- noted that, barring any objections from Committee members, the 11/09 meeting notes are approved.

As a reminder, meeting notes are circulated within a week of each meeting, and the ICH encourages Committee members to flag any questions or concerns upon receipt of meeting notes.

#### II. DISCUSSION

##### A. EXPANDING EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ICH Director Theresa Silla provided an overall framework for the discussion, emphasizing the need to facilitate immediate access to DOES and DSBLD programming as both agencies are leveraging recovery funding to expand their reach and impact. See attached PPT for details.

Deputy Director Alan Karnofsky (DOES) presented the work underway to address questions and concerns flagged by the ICH Executive Committee at the 11/09 meeting. In particular, he invited the Executive Committee to provide feedback on potential strategies for increasing client access to DOES programming. See attached PPT for details.

Recommendations from meeting participants:

- Focus on training Case Managers re opportunities available at DOES for homeless services clients as families and individuals served by Rapid Re-housing programs are not housed at a central location.
- Moving forward with outreach at homeless services specific locations (like shelters and day centers) and community centers that serve a larger community and are frequented by individuals experiencing homelessness, including the DC Center for LGBTQ+.
- Working with funders (e.g., DHS and TCP), including coordinating with DHS funded programs/providers by joining provider meetings and working with TCP to present/train CMs at shelters
- Ensuring that the training and relationship building with homeless services programs and the case managers is not a one-and-done affair. Recommendation to think through the following:
  - The right cadence for returning/retraining, and
  - Based on the anticipated/targeted outcomes.
- Ensuring that there is a way to gather feedback on program outcomes, successes, and challenges.
  - For example, some of the participants hired to work on the new 801 East facility did exceptionally well: they got trained and certified and moved out of the shelter due to employment.
  - Others were not as successful and faltered midway. We need to understand and think through the kinds of support/services that would have facilitated success for the individuals who could not retain employment.

Kate Mereand and Caroline Howe from DSBLD's Innovation & Equitable Development (Inno.ED) team provided an orientation to DSBLD, the Inno.ED initiative and resources available to support entrepreneurship. See attached PPT for details.

Available resources highlighted in the presentation/via the Chat function:

- Contact info for Inno.ED: [Inno.ED@dc.gov](mailto:Inno.ED@dc.gov)
- Team available to work one-on-one with clients: scheduling managed via [https://bit.ly/INNO\\_BOOKING](https://bit.ly/INNO_BOOKING)
- Team available to meet in-person with clients at MLK Library on Wednesdays.
- Interest in Aspire program: contact <https://bit.ly/AspireEmails>
- Basic Entrepreneurship Workbook available at <https://bit.ly/BUILDADREAM>

Comments/concerns/recommendations include:

- Recommendation to orient program managers and case managers across the homeless services continuum to DSBLD opportunities and resources by leveraging DHS provider meetings and TCP training for shelter managers.
- Flag to follow up and think through barriers and challenges to entrepreneurship, including:
  - Maintaining and managing inventory in a shelter setting
  - Licensing in a shelter or temporary housing setting, including the following kinds of nuances 1) no location to license the business out of, 2) licenses are attached to a commercial or residential location, so if someone moves, they must get a new license, 3) fear of taxation/need to better understand tiered tax structures, 4) fear of losing benefits before the business has stable revenue, etc.

## B. CREATING DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH HOME ARP FUNDS

Valerie Piper, an Executive Fellow with OP and DHCD, presented on a unique opportunity to leverage HOME ARP funds to create affordable housing dedicated to homeless services, specifically individuals that are not likely to match to PSH. Committee members interested in the opportunity are encouraged to join the ICH Housing Solutions Committee.

## III. DHS UPDATES

DHS provided key updates on:

- **801 East:** Director Laura Zeilinger announced that the new facility is nearing completion. Transitioning out of the old facility and into the new facility is anticipated in January 2022. She also announced that Community Connections was selected to operate as the prime service provider coordinating case management and day center programming. Community Connections is partnering with Metro Health to manage the health clinic and respite beds.
- **Expanding PSH Capacity:** FSA Administrator Rachel Pierre (DHS) announced that PSH contracts have been modified to support the immediate expansion of the program. Based on provider feedback, the modifications relate to staffing requirements for Case Managers and Case Manager Supervisors, contact requirements for housing navigation and housing stabilization services, and provisions for onboarding Case Manager Supervisors.
- **Leveraging Medicaid:** Dena Hasan (Director of Policy and Program Support, DHS) walked the Executive Committee through the timeline for launching the Medicaid Benefit for Housing Supports and Services (HSS). In response to questions about the types of services covered by the benefit and how providers should track developments, the PPT has been updated to re-cap ICH forums to track progress, service model, and proposed rates.

## IV. ICH GOVERNANCE AND GOVERNMENT UPDATES

ICH Director Theresa Silla flagged that there would be a vote on updates to the Winter Plan at the upcoming 12/22 Emergency Response and Shelter Operations (ERSO) Committee meeting. She also provided updates on the Call for Nominations and an extension of the deadline to Feb 08 to allow for robust Consumer Engagement.

## V. PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Nechama Masliansky (SOME) announced that SOME dedicated its new senior housing site, Karin House, yesterday. 40 efficiencies, in Ward 4.

Theresa Silla (ICH) announced that PFFC's annual vigil to honor individuals that died in DC without the dignity of a home is scheduled for the winter solstice (12/20 to 12/21).

## VI. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

See below for the next meeting date and time.

<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b> 11 January 2021	<b>Time:</b> 1:30 – 3:00 PM	<b>Location:</b> TBD
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### 12/14 Meeting Participants

<p>Theresa Silla (ICH)          Christy Respress (Pathways)          Michael Ferrell (DC CFH)          Jean-Louis Ikambana (Friendship Place)          June Crenshaw (Wanda Alston Foundation)          Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)          Barbara Bazron (DBH)          Sharlene Castle (Jaydot)          Valerie Piper (Executive Fellow at OP, DHCD)          Alan Karnofsky (DOES)          Andrea Scallon (Miriam's Kitchen)          Drew Hubbard (DHCD)          Elisabeth Young (TCP)          Emily Hovermale (HRA)          Catherine Crosland (Unity)          Shellon Fraser (CSH)          Dena Hasan (DHS)          Richard Bebout (DBH)          Kelly Andrae (GMCT)          Laura Zeilinger (DHS)          Seema Sandhu (DCCADV)          Kate Mereand (DSLBD)</p>	<p>Caroline Howe (DSLBD)          Koube Ngaje (DASH DC)          Joe Mettimano (Mission DC)          Rachel Pierre (DHC)          Ishan Heru (Community Connections)          Blaine Sum (DC Council, Chairman's Office)          Nechama Masliansky (SOME)          Belinda Fadlemol (HUD)          Kelly Sweeney McShane (COH)          Tamara Mooney (DHS)          Adam Rocab (Miriam's Kitchen)          Japer Bowles (LGBTQ+ Affairs)          Kenyatta T. Brunson (NSV)          Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA)          Barbara Wahl (Pathways)          Alan Karnofsky (DOES)</p>
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