



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>Meeting Details</b>	<b>Date:</b> 11 January 2022	<b>Time:</b> 1:30 – 3:00 PM	<b>Location:</b> <a href="#">Webex</a>
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### Meeting Notes

#### I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Christy Respress (Pathways) welcomed attendees (listed in the table below). Theresa Silla (ICH) started recording the meeting, reviewed the agenda, and made a call for any partner announcements/updates.

The following updates were flagged:

- Director of Strategic Planning Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) announced that DCHA has a new Director of Voucher Programs and introduced Latweeta Smyers.
- FSA Administrator Rachel Pierre (DHS) announced that Anna Fogel is now the Deputy for Permanent Housing, a new role at DHS/FSA.

Director Silla also noted that, barring any objections from Committee members, the 12/14 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. PROPOSED WINTER PLAN UPDATES

Theresa Silla (ICH) covered the proposed Winter Plan updates. See PPT slides for details.

Concerns/Recommendation/Feedback flagged:

- Question about whether the standard for alerts has changed. Director Silla clarified that the standard for alerts have not changed. See Winter Plan for the criteria related to hypothermia alerts.
- Question about the process/protocol for severe weather incidences when the Shelter Hotline is unable to navigate icy roads. FSA Administrator Rachel Pierre (DHS) clarified that Shelter Hotline calls are triaged to 911 for Ambulance and MPD support when the shelter hotline is unable to respond.
- Question about the need for upgrading Shelter Hotline vehicles so that they can navigate icy and snowy roads. Director Silla indicated that the January ERSO meeting will be dedicated to lessons learned from the Severe Weather conditions encountered end of December and into January. Additionally, she indicated that HSEMA is interested and partnering with ICH and DHS to develop an Operational Play Book for Inclement Weather, which will be an important supplement to the Winter Plan.
- Clarification from FSA Administrator Rachel Pierre (DHS) that Girard and Valley Place came online as Bridge Housing and should not be included in the Winter Plan. Instead, Blair is the facility in use to ensure adequate LBS capacity.
- Clarification from Director Laura Zeilinger (DHS) that individuals matched to housing via CAHP can and should be offered intake at PEPV. Recommendation from Director Zeilinger to follow up, off-line on intake for medically vulnerable individuals or individuals that are likely to match to housing.

## B. SINGLE ADULT SYSTEM (SAS) DASHBOARDS TRACKING SLOTS, TIMELINES, AND TURNOVER

Theresa Silla (ICH) shared the SAS Dashboards for tracking slots, timelines, and turnover. See PPT for details.

### Feedback re Dashboard Tracking Slots:

- Request for directions/explanations on how to read the tables, with an emphasis on describing the relationship between rows and columns and how they should add up.
- Recommendation to adopt milestones and benchmarks. Some examples suggested:
  - Benchmark for assignments: what number of resources should be assigned by when?
  - Benchmark for amount of time for getting applications to DCHA for assigned vouchers.
  - Recommendation that community should target 80% of resources out the door by the end of the FY22.
- Benchmark for long stayers successfully matched and housed

### Feedback re Dashboard Tracking Timelines:

- Concern re timeframes that it takes PSH providers to meet documentation requirements for DCHA application and push to adopt of self-certification regulations as emergency regulations
- Impact of DCHA documentation requirements on site-based, Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) financed Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) developments
- DCHA assurances that challenges with specific applications and/or projects can and should be escalated
- DCHA clarification that the
  - proposed regulatory framework and changes are intended to ensure that some level of validation/verification is built into the process so that speeding up the process on the front-end does not result in clients that are deemed ineligible, after they housed.
  - Public Comment period ends next week and with Board authorization and Council approval expected shortly thereafter, the new DCHA regulations re self-certification will be in play by February.
- To submit comments regarding the proposed DCHA regulations, email: [publicationcomments@dchousing.org](mailto:publicationcomments@dchousing.org).
- Concern about the length of time it takes to successfully lease up, post DCHA application approval process. Feedback from providers re impact of COVID on the lease-up process and ability of providers to show available units to clients.

## C. ANNUAL CALENDAR & MEETING CADENCE

Theresa Silla (ICH) proposed an annual calendar and meeting cadence for ICH Standing Committees. See PPT and handouts for details. Question re cadence of Shelter Capacity and Medicaid Workgroup meetings flagged. Clarification that these workgroups continue to meet monthly.

## III. UPDATES

### A. 2022 POINT IN TIME (PIT)

Please see attached slides for the 2022 PIT. Note that Elisabeth Young (TCP) was on hand to discuss the 2022 PIT but did not present due to time limitations. Additional information is also available online at [www.DCPIT.org](http://www.DCPIT.org).

## IV. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

Per the proposed annual calendar, unless flagged as necessary by Committee and Workgroup meetings, the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 12, 2022.

Please flag concerns or questions re proposed annual calendar and the Executive Committee meeting cadence to Director Silla ([Theresa.silla@dc.gov](mailto:Theresa.silla@dc.gov) or [ICH.info@dc.gov](mailto:ICH.info@dc.gov)).

## Decisions & Action Items

Consensus to adopt the proposed Winter Plan updates with the following additions and activities:

- **COVID Concerns:** update to direct readers to the Districtwide response (available online at [Coronavirus.dc.gov](https://www.coronavirus.dc.gov)) and to the shelter specific operations captured on the DHS website (at [dhs.dc.gov/page/responsetocovid19](https://dhs.dc.gov/page/responsetocovid19)), which includes updates on vaccination rates and mass testing activities/outcomes. DHS to cover COVID related updates at the upcoming ERSO meetings.
- **Update to Low Barrier Shelters Listed:** FSA Administrator Rachel Pierre (DHS) clarified that Girard and Valley Place serve as Bridge Housing and that Blair is the facility in use to ensure adequate LBS capacity.
- **PEPV Intake:** Director Zeilinger to convene stakeholders on how to best leverage PEPV for individuals that are medically vulnerable or likely to match to housing that may not be captured in the current intake process for PEPV.

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## Participant List

Jean-Louis Ikambana (Friendship Place)	Alan Karnofsky (DOES)
Robert Warren (PFFC)	Jennifer Olney (PTEH)
Michael Ferrell (Coalition for Housing)	Koube Ngaaje (DASH-DC)
Jean-Michelle Giraud (Friendship Place)	Elisabeth Young (TCP)
Blaine Sum DC Council, Chairman's Office	Kelly Andreae (Georgetown Ministeries)
Belinda Fadlilmola (HUD)	Laura Zeilinger (DHS)
Sheila White (Consumer Engagement WG)	Leah Reese (Jaydot)
Wes Heppler (Legal Clinic)	Adam Rocap (Miriam's Kitchen)
Andrea Scallon (Miriam's Kitchen)	Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities)
Catherine Crosland (Unity)	Michael Coleman (Consumer Engagement WG)
Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA)	Joe Mettimano (Union Mission)
Theresa Silla (ICH)	Japer Bowles (Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs)
Karen Cunningham (Everyone Home DC)	White, Aaron (DBH)
Marie Morilus Black (MBI)	Gail Kohn (Age Friendly, DMHHS)
Dena Hasan (DHS)	Peggy Jefferson (AOBA)
Anna Fogel (DHS)	Kenyatta T. Brunson (NSV)
Barbara Bazron (DBH)	Qaadir El-Amin (Consumer Engagement WG)
Drew Hubbard (DHCD)	Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)
June Crenshaw (Wanda Alston Foundation)	Meghan Monahan (Children's National)
Kate Coventry (DCFPI)	Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)
Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House)	Jennifer Joyce (DHCF)
Rachel Pierre (DHS)	Latweeta Smyers (DCHA)
Ishan Heru (Community Connections)	Ciana Creighton (DMHHS)
Seema Sandhu (DCCADV)	Jill Carmichael (National Community Church)
Christy Respress (Pathways)	Andrew Debraggio (DOES)
Kelly Sweeney McShane (Community of Hope)	