



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 09 August 2022	Time: 1:30 – 3 PM	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

ICH Staff, Eileen Rosa, welcomed participants (listed in the table below) as they logged into the Webex. Eileen Rosa also started recording the meeting and shared her screen showing the meeting's agenda and PowerPoint slides. Co-chairs Christy Respress (Pathways) and Laura Zeilinger (Director of DHS) introduced themselves, called the meeting to order, and began with an agenda review.

Eileen Rosa also noted that, barring any objections from Committee members, the 7/19 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. HUD SUPPLEMENTAL AND COC NOFO

Jose Lucio and Tom Fredericksen of TCP presented the framing, timelines, and community feedback received to date on both the HUD CoC NOFO and HUD Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness. TCP highlighted the ICH Consumer Engagement and SHY Youth Advisory Board for their contributions and feedback.

See PPT slides for details.

Concerns/Recommendations/Feedback

- **NOFO Application Match Requirement:** Question if there is a funding match requirement for the HUD Supplemental NOFO. TCP confirmed there is a 25% match requirement for the Supplemental NOFO.
- **Street Outreach Recommendations:** Question on how street outreach and service providers not currently contracted by DHS or HUD can access this funding. Meeting attendees highlighted that there have been a few key organizations working to distribute PPE during the pandemic and engaging with encampments that may benefit from this opportunity. TCP responded to confirm that the funds can be used to bring on new providers and street outreach programs and they can attend the NOFO info sessions scheduled for 8/12 and 8/18. If people are interested in attending, they can email tfredericksen@community-partnership.org and jlucio@community-partnership.org to register.
- **Consumer Response to the NOFO and People with Lived Experience:** Question if the ICH Consumer Engagement Work Group (CEWG) can support or collaborate with a provider on submitting an application. TCP stated that if CEWG had a list of objectives, ICH and TCP could include that for consideration in the expansion of planning dollars. Additionally, ICH highlighted opportunities and recommendations for providers to partner with and prioritize consumer involvement and peer engagement in their program design. ICH and

CEWG will work together on outlining the process for centering consumer experience in NOFO Ranking and in applications.

B. HUD NOFO PRIORITY PROJECT FRAMEWORK REVIEW AND VOTE

TCP and ICH reviewed the proposed priority project framework for the HUD Supplemental NOFO and facilitated discussion. See PPT slides for details.

Concerns/Recommendations/Feedback

- **Using HUD Leasing Dollars Outside of the District:** Concern flagged by DHS Director, Laura Zeilinger, on the importance of messaging and implementation for HUD-funded RRH programs as it relates to the use of funds outside of the District, highlighting that we do not want to be pushing people out, rather honoring client choice. Director Zeilinger also reminded the group that not all providers have jurisdiction to work outside of the District, so it is important to consider their ability to connect to other resources, etc. TCP confirmed that licensing and proper business protocol is followed for agencies who receive HUD funding and plan to support service connection outside of the District and shared agreement that where someone lives must be driven by client choice. Consumer attendees concurred stating that though the client may have choice within the program, the larger issue is affordability and that they may be forced out by price.
- **Honoring Life and Burials:** Question on how this NOFO relates to use of HMIS and increasing transparency on people who pass away, both housed and unhoused, including partnerships for proper burials and supports. TCP indicated that though the NOFOs cannot specifically earmark these funds for this, DHS does have a burial assistance service: <https://dhs.dc.gov/service/burial-assistance>. DHS noted that the role of finding and connecting with family members of the deceased is within the role of outreach and case managers.
- **Response for Migrants:** Question if funds under the two NOFOs can be used to address issue of migrants. TCP responded noting that the NOFOs should be addressing unhoused. ICH also confirmed that part of the response to migrant issue will play out in the CAHP prioritization for available housing programs. That is, established chronic homelessness in the District and other factors will play into program targeting and eligibility so it is not likely that migrants newly arriving in the District would surpass current consumers in priority for limited housing resources.
- **Move on Strategy from PSH:** Question if these NOFOs and the Community plan required under the HUD Supplemental NOFO are a good opportunity to create a clearer CoC vision on coordinated move on strategies for individuals and families who no longer need the level of case management under PSH. ICH recommended noting this for follow-up and response through the ICH Strategic Planning Committee.
- **RRH:** Agreement from Committee members that RRH with a focus on workforce development and the flexibility of placing clients who are interested and choose to be housed outside the District is a priority.

The Executive Committee reached consensus and approved the proposed priority project framework for the Supplemental HUD NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness noted on Slide 17 in the PPT.

III. UPDATES

A. DHS – MONKEYPOX (MPX) RESPONSE AND PROTOCOLS

Madeleine Solan (DHS) covered this update. Please see the PPT slides for details.

DHS highlighted that their focus is on prevention: working with DOH to hold shelter town hall meetings and to train COVID-19 peer educators. DHS will schedule vaccine clinics noting that, due to the limited availability, DC Health is implementing a prioritization for vaccine distribution. DHS clarified that for clients who do not have vital documents, providers can issue a letter showing DC residency as documentation to access the vaccine. DHS will distribute more information as available.

There were no additional questions or comments from meeting attendees.

B. DBH – SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE 988

Dr. Richard Bebout (DBH) reviewed this topic. Please see the PPT slides for details.

Dr. Bebout highlighted both the status of the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline as well as a brief overview of long-term plans for call routing and response coordination including features such as text messaging.

Concerns/Recommendation/Feedback

- **Shared Congratulations and Thanks to DBH!** Meeting attendees expressed their excitement and gratitude for DBH for their attention and work on launching this easier to remember number. DBH similarly shared that this lifeline is one step in the process of normalizing care for mental health and destigmatizing behavioral health services.
- **Incorporation with homeless services:** Recommendation to incorporate the lifeline number and information in hypothermia and hyperthermia seasonal plans and resources.
- **988 Lifeline Operations** including
 - **Call Routing Process:** Clarification that calls to 988 are routed to local call centers based on area code. DBH indicated that there is work on the federal level to expand this since it presents a significant barrier for people who may be calling from and physically located in the District but have a phone number with a different area code. DBH also clarified that call takers have significant resources at their fingertips, so in the event, a call is routed to a non-local call center, response staff would be able to re-route the call and connect accordingly. Calls are not traceable, or geo mapped.
 - **General Use and Referral:** Question if is appropriate for passersby to call 988 if they are observing someone with erratic behavior and are concerned. DBH responded by sharing that this lifeline is part of a larger health care response and raising the literacy level of mental health services for the whole community. DBH is working with District agencies to roll out advanced training for police officers and other response teams. DBH also noted that this provides an alternative to 911 and that people can call on behalf of themselves or on behalf of a family or other people, though cautioned against being overly reactive in non-threatening situations.
 - **Language access:** Question on language access and translation services through the lifeline. DBH confirmed that the 988 line and DBH access helpline have language access, but DBH is working to significantly upgrade that, by this time next year including the upgrade to support chat and text functions.
 - **Connection with DV Services:** Question if there has been collaboration with domestic violence providers about resources if victims-survivors of DV call 988 for help. DBH confirmed that some of the resource call takers are equipped to triage calls if disclosed by the caller. Also, the lifeline allows for more anonymity and access for clients.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no additional community announcements or updates.

V. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

ICH Staff, Eileen Rosa, closed out the meeting and reminded meeting attendees that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 13, 2022. Please flag concerns or questions regarding the cadence of Executive Committee meetings to Director Silla (Theresa.silla@dc.gov or ICH.info@dc.gov).

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Participant List (43 attendees)	
Eileen Rosa (ICH) Laura Zeilinger (DHS) Christy Respress (Pathways to Housing) Belinda Fadlelmola (HUD) Leah Reese (Jaydot) Alan Karnofsky (DOES) Jean-Louis Ikambana (Friendship Place) June Crenshaw (Wanda Alston House) Karen Cunningham (Everyone Home DC) Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Madeleine Solan (DHS) Richard Bebout (DBH) Seema (DCCADV) Kavin Coates (CEWG) Jennifer Joyce (DHCF) Nadia Malik (Miriam's Kitchen) Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense) Ishan Heru (Community Connections) Michael Coleman (CEWG, PFFC) Kelly Andreae (GMC) Kenyatta T. Brunson (NSV) Elisabeth Young (TCP)	Kelly Sweeney McShane (COH) Lynn Amano (Friendship Place) Silvana Straw (GWCF) Reginald Black (CEWG, PFFC) Dena Hasan (DHS) Michael Ferrell (CFTH) Timothy Nelson (Miriam's Kitchen) Shellon Fraser (CSH) Ami Angell (The h3 Project) Marie Morilus Black (MBI) Andre Pelegrini (Pathways to Housing) Joe Mettimano (Central Union Mission) Qaadir El-Amin (CEWG, PFFC) Jose Lucio (TCP) Robert Warren (CEWG, PFFC) Tom Fredericksen (TCP) Drew Hubbard (DHCD) Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House) Koube Ngaaje (DASH DC) 2029****64 Jenna Cevasco (DCHA)