



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

#### I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Director Silla recognized co-chairs Christy Respress (Pathways to Housing) and Laura Zeilinger (DHS Director) and reminded Committee members that the meeting would be recorded.

Director Silla also noted that, barring any objections from Committee members, the previous meeting's 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. FY23 WINTER PLAN

Director Silla provided an overview of the process and status of the FY23 Winter Plan. See PPT slides 6-14 for details.

##### Concerns/Recommendations/Feedback

- **Winter Planning Process:** Recommendation from shelter provider to engage and facilitate more communication with DPR and OCA surrounding identification and approval of recreation centers and/or sites for overflow shelters to avoid delay in planning for staffing and other operations. Provider noted that these offices are not currently named as partners in the plan, but that it would be important to engage them in the work of the ERSO Committee moving forward.
- **Distribution of Final Winter Plan:** Question on how the final approved Winter Plan is communicated and distributed to the community and partners. ICH responded to confirm that the plan will be distributed to all District agencies including DBH to share with their contracted providers. DHS Director Zeilinger also noted that DHS shares numerous public service announcements, and information campaigns throughout the hypothermia season. She also welcomed thoughts and feedback about how to be sure more partners have timely information throughout the season.
- **Services for Migrants**
  - **Access to Shelter:**
    - Question on if clients presenting to low barrier shelters will be asked questions related to migrant status and/or if they would be served.
      - DHS and shelter providers confirmed there are no operational changes to how LBS operates so sites are not asking questions related to migrant status and are not asking for identification. DHS noted that providers are expected to connect individuals to the Office of Migrant Services as appropriate and overall seeks to improve case management services in LBS to further connect clients.
    - Follow up on question from advocates related to statement in the Winter Plan for migrants to have timely access to shelter and services.

- DHS is working to finalize language with their legal team given that they cannot guarantee freedom from all cold weather injury for all individuals, but can ensure timely access to shelter and services including for migrants.
- **Communication and Messaging:** DHS Director Zeilinger shared that DHS is working on drafting service and resource materials for all system entry points to include information about the Office of Migrant Services, including language for UPO and outreach teams and welcomes recommendations from partners to ensure consistent messaging. ICH offered to set time in October ERSO meeting to brainstorm additional ideas
  - Recommendation from Community of Hope to engage with health centers and Family Success Centers as well, as we providers are starting to see people who are migrants present for those services.
  - Providers shared appreciation for messaging materials as it will support frontline staff engagement with clients.
- **Review of Local Legislation:** Consumers expressed concern on impact of services for migrants on indigenous Black or African American District residents.
  - DHS noted that they are welcoming feedback on how best to share information in a way that recognizes the humanity of all individuals.
  - Request from community to pinpoint the services offered to residents experiencing homelessness under the HSRA versus those provided by the newly established Office of Migrant Services
  - Consumers requested analysis of proposed legislation and impact on District residents experiencing chronic homelessness. ICH recommended Consumer Engagement Workgroup review the legislation and discuss as part of the WG meeting on 10/28 with DHS' support.
- **Shelter Capacity and Operations:**
  - Question on if current data on the expectation of 5-10% of migrants who choose to stay in the District is incorporated in consideration for shelter capacity.
  - Question on if overflow shelters will be 24/7 once activated and online. DHS noted that DPR and recreation centers serving as overflow sites will not be 24/7 since the sites have to be available for other events and purposes, however, DHS is working to plan for extreme weather and holidays to provide 24/7 services.
- **Shelter Conditions:**
  - Comment from consumer on continued concern for shelter conditions. In particular, the experience of shelter intake and entering through security. The consumer stated that it is "worse than staying outside" and security "frisked like at police station". Security goes through all personal belongings and that it is a deterrent and likely the reason many people opt to stay outside.
    - Shelter providers in the meeting acknowledged the concern and welcomed the feedback to continue making improvements through the ICH Shelter Conditions Workgroup. Other community providers noted that there are ways to make security protocols more trauma informed.
- **SOAR funding:** Question from provider on if SOAR funding still a valued part of outreach funding. ICH noted this is not directly relevant to the review and approval of the Winter Plan but will follow up.

Following the discussion, Director Silla introduced a motion to approve the Winter Plan. The Executive Committee reached consensus and approved the FY23 Winter Plan. As such, the voting slate of the Executive Committee was not activated.

## B. HUD COC NOFOS

Tom Fredericksen of TCP reviewed the status of the HUD CoC and Eileen Rosa of ICH covered the status of the HUD Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness. Note that TCP expects HUD will make announcements on final awards in the next 3-6 months.

See PPT slides 16 and 17 for details.

### Concerns/Recommendations/Feedback

- **Supplemental NOFO – Leveraging Housing Resources:** Note from DHS Director Zeilinger to use the plan portion of the application to the Supplemental NOFO to demonstrate how the District has maximized the allocation of federal EHV and local LRSP vouchers in efforts to end chronic homelessness and that the increase in permanent housing supply has revealed gaps in the services continuum.
- **Inequity and Barriers to Funding Opportunities:** One provider shared they were not able to submit a project application under either HUD NOFO as it was difficult to identify the 25% match funding or cash requirement. They noted this was the main reason they did not apply. Other community providers agreed and shared that it is also a big barrier for culturally specific agencies who are looking to expand into the housing and homeless services system. That is, larger organizations may have better access to both cash flow and a legacy of fundraising to support new applications that smaller or new organizations do not.
  - The ICH acknowledged this issue and will flag for REI WG systems operations review.

## III. UPDATES

### A. ICH BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND STAFFING UPDATES

Director Silla introduced new ICH team members: Jorge Membreno, Special Advisor for Youth and Families, and Daisean Foster, Graphic Designer. Director Silla also highlighted that another Special Advisor for Shelter Operations and a Communications Director will be joining the ICH Team before November.

Director Silla announced that MOTA has completed its review and selection of the next round of ICH Full Council Board members. ICH staff expect that MOTA will submit appointment legislation in the near future. Please see the PPT slides for additional details on both updates.

## IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) announced that DCHA has a new Senior Vice President for the HCVP program, Medina Johnson Jennings, who will likely join ICH meetings as a DCHA representative in the future.

## V. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

Director Silla noted that the next ICH Executive Committee meeting will be January 10, 2023 to allow for the ICH to fully onboard new staff.

Next Meeting	Date: 10 January 2023	Time: 1:30 – 3 PM	Location: <a href="#">Webex</a>
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**Participant List (51 attendees)**

Theresa Silla (ICH)  
Eileen Rosa (ICH)  
Laura Zeilinger (DHS)  
Christy Respress (Pathways)  
Aaron White (DBH, YAB)  
Adam Rocap (Miriam's Kitchen)  
Alan Karnofsky (DOES)  
Alfonso A Padron (NYAHSI)  
Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities)  
Ami Angell (h3 Project)  
Andrea Scallon (Miriam's Kitchen)  
Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense)  
Belinda Fadlelmola (HUD)  
Betty Gentle (SOME)  
Catherine Crosland (Unity Health Care)  
Chandra Dawson (Friendship Place)  
CMONEY D. GREATEST (PFFC)  
Drew Hubbard (DHCD)  
Daisean Foster (ICH)  
Danilo Pelletiere (DHCD)  
Dr Mayaalla MuQaddim Abdullah Al Saud (PFFC)  
Hammere Gabreyes (DCHA)  
Ishan Heru (Community Conn.)  
jean moise (DBH)  
Jean-Louis Ikambana (Friendship Place)  
Jean-Michel Giraud (Friendship Place)

Jennifer Olney (GWCF)  
Joe Mettimano (Central Union Mission)  
Jorge Membreño (ICH)  
June Crenshaw (Wanda Alston)  
Karen Cunningham (Everyone Home DC)  
Kate Coventry (DCFPI)  
Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House)  
Kelly Andreae (GMC)  
Kelly Sweeney McShane (COH)  
Koube Ngaaaje (DCCADV)  
Leah Reese (Jaydot)  
Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)  
Micaela Deming (DCCADV)  
Michael Cook (HSEMA)  
Michael Ferrell (DCCFH)  
Nadia Malik (Miriam's Kitchen)  
Quin Grier (DHS)  
Rachel Pierre (DHS)  
Reginald Black (PFFC, CEWG)  
Robert Warren (PFFC, CEWG)  
Sari Frankel (DBH)  
Tom Fredericksen (TCP)  
Tony Goodman (HSEMA)  
Wes Heppler (WLCH)  
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