



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 11 April 2023	Time: 1:30 – 3 pm	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH) welcomed attendees and walked through the housekeeping slides on:

- Recording committee meetings,
- Using the chat function for introductions and partner announcements/reminders,
- Adopting prior meeting notes and joining the meeting listserv.

FSA Administrator Rachel Pierre (DHS) indicated she was standing in for DHS Director Laura Zeilinger, co-chair of the ICH Executive Committee. Christy Respress was introduced when she joined the meeting.

II. ICH COMMENTS TO THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET

There were four (4) parts to this discussion.

A. LEGISLATED MANDATE & REQUEST FROM COUNCIL

Director Silla (ICH) provided an overview of the Comments to the Mayor's Proposed Budget, including:

- An introduction to the legislated mandate,
- The request from Council to expedite Comments and make them available for Council Mark-Up, and
- ICH efforts to accommodate the request.

See slides 7 – 10 for details.

B. DHS BUDGET PRESENTATION

Rachel Pierre (FSA Administrator, DHS) walked through the DHS presentation. See slides 11 – 28 for details.

Concerns/Recommendations/Feedback

- **112 Vacant Positions Eliminated**
 - **Q:** how does this impact homeless services? Which positions will be eliminated?
A: DHS is considering a strategy that minimizes impact on services.
- **FRSP Funding Related Questions**
 - **Q:** How many families will be impacted by the funding allocated to FRSP?
 - Meaning, can the FY23 and FY24 slots for the other programs adequately serve all families required to exit from FRSP in FY23 and FY24?
 - Request for a Flow Analysis to demonstrate the portion of families that have reached their time limit for FRSP that can be triaged to and accommodated by other programs like Career Map, DC

Flex, Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH), and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
A: An analysis is not immediately available but can be considered.

- **Capital Budget Related Questions**

- **801 East**

- **Q:** What are the capital line items related to 801 East?

- **A:** Related to continued operations and services.

- **Acquisition of Non-Congregate Shelter Facilities (NCS)**

- **Q:** where is the project plan for the acquisition of NCS?

- **A:** Federal HOME-ARP dollars, which would not be included in the capital budget, will be used to purchase one of the two non-congregate shelter facilities under consideration. Otherwise, DHS to follow up internally with the experts on the capital budget.

- **Renovations at Green Court and Replacement Funds for Harriet Tubman and Adam's Place**

- **Q:** Under the capital budget, do not see project plans for the redevelopment or renovations at Green Court or the replacement/redevelopment funds for Harriet Tubman and Adam's Place.

- **A:** Likely because those dollars are in the FY23 budget but not FY24 and beyond. DHS to follow up internally with the experts on the capital budget.

- **Q:** Will Harriet Tubman be replaced or redeveloped?

- **A:** Will depend on the demand for shelter once the NCS shelter sites are in place and the New York Avenue Shelter has been redeveloped.

C. DHCD BUDGET PRESENTATION

Director Colleen Green (DCHD) walked through the DHCD presentation. See slides 26 – 33 for details.

Concerns/Recommendations/Feedback

- **Accounting for National Economic Forecast and Federal Currency**

- **Q:** Concern about the impact of national economic forecasts and federal activities, particularly news that the Federal government may be issuing a new digital currency.

- **A:** The question is larger than the DCHD budget and cannot be addressed by the DCHD Director or staff.

- **Accessing Information on the Myriad of Housing Programs and Opportunities Highlighted**

- **Q:** Is there a single place to find a clear listing of all of these programs? There is some great information here but it can be hard to navigate and find them all.

- **A:** there are a number of resources including frontdoor.dc.gov and dchousingsearch.org

- **Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) Related Questions**

- **Deeply Affordable Housing Requirement**

- **Q:** What percentage of HPTF units meet the deeply affordable housing requirement?

- **A:** Forty-four (44) percent of units target families at or below 30 percent area median income.

- **Q:** What is the timeframe for reporting that 44 percent of HPTF units meet the deeply affordable housing requirement?

- **A:** Since 2017.

- **Scope of Investments**

- **Q:** How do we evaluate the HPTF investment over time and in any given year?
A: The District is a leader nationwide in affordable housing investments.
 - **Setting Income Limits/Standards**
 - **Q:** How are income limits set? How do they translate to specific situations?
A: Program rules address income limits. The proposed budget establishes how much funding is allocated to the program.

D. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR OTHER AGENCIES (AGENCIES NOT PRESENTING)

Director Silla asked if there were comments or concerns for other member agencies that should be cataloged in the ICH Comments to the Mayor's Proposed Budget.

Concerns/Recommendation/Feedback

- **DC Health Budget for Home Health Aides**
 - **Q:** Who provides Home Health Aides? Concern they are not adequately funded to provide services, particularly for individuals experiencing homelessness. Interest in understanding whether there are sufficient Home Health Aides to support people in homeless services who need higher levels of service.
- **OLGBTQA Budget for LRSP Allocation Targeting LGBTQ+**
 - **Q:** Is there tenant-based LRSP set aside for the LGBTQ+ population? The Youth Subsystem has taken advantage of some tenant-based LRSP set aside targeting the LGBTQ+ population.
A: No LRSP set aside for LGBTQ+ in the FY24 budget.
- **DGS Budget for Public Restrooms and Shelter Facilities**
 - **Installation of Public Restrooms**
Q: How far did DGS get with installing public restrooms? Recognize that there is no funding for this initiative in FY24. Curious about how far the workgroup group and the agency got in implementation.
 - **Maintenance of Shelter Facilities/Properties**
Q: what is budgeted for DHS facilities and/or CCNV
 - **Point of contact for Interagency Council on Homelessness**
Q: who is the designated point of contact to the ICH for DGS?
- **MPD Budget for Hiring Bonuses**
 - Maintaining hiring and retention bonuses is critical for addressing case management shortfalls in homeless services. Recommendation for a similar budget line item for homeless services.
- **DPR Budget for Farragut Square**
 - **Q:** When will revitalization work for Farragut Square (17th & Eye) start? Residents from McPherson Square have moved there.
- **Overall Communication Budget**
 - Concern that there is a disconnect between services and constituents needing services. Specifically, outreach to people that do not have smartphones and are not online.
- **DBH Budget for Housing Case Management Services**
 - **Q:** There is \$1.7M allocated to support housing case management services. Do we know anything about program design?

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

None identified.

IV. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

Director Silla (ICH) flagged the date and time for the next meeting before adjourning the meeting.

Next Meeting

Date: 09 May 2023

Time: 1:30 – 3 pm

Location: [Webex](#)

Participant List (59 attendees, 37 organizations)

2022****12 (Concerned Citizen)	Christy Respress (Pathways DC)	Jill Carmichael (National Community Church)
2023****91 (Concerned Citizen)	Jessie Henry (Pathways DC)	June Crenshaw (Wanda Alston Foundation)
Alfonso A. Padron (Concerned Citizen)	Colleen Green (DHCD)	Kally Canfield (Community Solutions)
Aaron White (SHY YAB, CEWG)	Alex Cross (DHCD)	Kate Coventry (DCFPI)
Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)	Daisean Foster (ICH)	Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House)
Karen Cunningham (Everyone Home DC)	Donna Harris (ICH)	Kelly Andreae (GMC)
Adam Rocap (Miriam's Kitchen)	Eileen Rosa (ICH)	Koube Ngaaje (DASH DC)
Andrea Scallon (Miriam's Kitchen)	Synina Pugh (ICH)	Marie Morilus Black (MBI)
Alexander Marte (Gilbane Co)	Theresa Silla (ICH)	Mariesa Robinson (DCCADV)
Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities)	Dr Mayaalla (PFFC, CEWG)	Michael Ferrell (DC Coalition for the Homeless)
Andrea Barnola (LAYC)	Nikila Smith (PFFC, CEWG)	Pamela Agave (CSH)
Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense Media)	Robert Warren (PFFC, CEWG)	Shiri Yadlin (CSH)
Ashlee Robinson (DC Doors)	Rachelle Ellison (PFFC, CEWG)	Rachel Pierre (DHS)
Belinda Fadlemola (DC HUD FO)	Reginald Black (PFFC, CEWG)	Sabrina Burrell (DHS)
Blaine Stum (DC Council)	Queenie Featherstone (PFFC, CEWG)	Toya Fisher (DHS)
Caitlin Cocilova (DC Council)	Ishan Heru (Community Connections)	Samantha Nolet (TCP)
Kaira Smith (DC Council)	Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana (Friendship Place)	Sarah Flinspach (TCP)
Catherine Crosland (Unity Healthcare)	Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)	Wes Heppler (Legal Clinic)
Chandra Dawson (Friendship Place)	Jennifer Joyce (DHCF)	Nechama Masliansky (SOME)
Charlene Flaherty (Community of Hope)	Jennifer Olney (Community Foundation)	