

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

**NOTES** 

## 02/20 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Forum for coordinating among standing committees and addressing critical items.

Details	Date: 20 February 2024	<b>Time:</b> 1 – 2:30 pm	Location: Webex Link
Attendees	Participants: 49	Organizations: 34	Detailed list below meeting notes
Key	Areas of Concern or Risk	Opportunities for Improvement Underutilized Resources	Progress to Celebrate Trends in the Right Direction

#### I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

As meeting participants gathered, Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH) covered the meeting welcome and agenda review. Co-Chairs Christy Respress (Executive Director, Pathways to Housing) and Rachel Pierre (FSA Administrator, DHS), standing in for Laura Zeilinger (Director, DHS), introduced themselves and welcomed attendees.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul> <li>Meeting Agenda</li> <li>Intro &amp; Call for Announcements</li> <li>Adopting Notes &amp; Managing the Listserv and</li> <li>Notes on Welcome &amp; Agenda Review</li> </ul>	2-5

#### II. SYSTEMWIDE CHECK-IN

Two topics were covered: A) Tracking Shifts in the Landscape & Client Concerns and B) FY24 Budget Cuts & Fiscal Constraints.

#### A. TRACKING SHIFTS IN THE LANDSCAPE & CLIENT CONCERNS

Director Silla oriented Executive Committee members to new tools for tracking shifts in the landscape and key constituent concerns.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 9. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Positive feedback on the tool as a way to capture data and orient new members to the work of the ICH, as well as to understand representation and attendance across forums.
- Reminder to spell out and explain acronyms in the materials.

Question on ERAP Communications and case status.

Reference Materials			
PPT	<ul><li>Purpose &amp; Background</li><li>Key Discussion Questions</li></ul>	8-11	
HNDT	<ul> <li>January 2024 Meetings Digest</li> <li>Purpose</li> <li>Background/Context</li> <li>Overall Digest</li> <li>Meeting Specific Digest</li> </ul>		

#### B. FY24 BUDGET CUTS & FY25 FISCAL CONSTRAINTS

Director Silla provided background and context to the Mayor's proposed budget including cuts and fiscal constraints.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slides 14-16. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Recommendation to focus on the subsystems that need the most attention or specific programs such as ERAP for continued funding.
- Question on what is causing the downward pressure vs what costs are increasing.
- For advocacy it would be helpful to know more about what the cuts will look like.
- Questions on the process of responding to budget cuts and the Mayor's budget.
- Reflection that it looks like 1) mid-year cuts going into effect in April and 2) cuts for the next fiscal year.
- Which agencies are being asked to make cuts and are these cuts all internal such as staffing or external such as programs for constituents facing?
- How will cuts affect Non-Congregate Shelter Sites standing up? DHS response Aston is set to open in the summer and E Street in October.

Reference Materials			
PPT	<ul><li>Purpose &amp; Background</li><li>Key Discussion Questions</li></ul>	13-14	

#### III. DISCUSSION

Two topics were discussed: A) Governance Updates and B) Priorities and Projects for CY24 & CY 25.

#### A. GOVERNANCE UPDATES

ICH Director Silla provided updates on the status of ICH Full Council Nominations, including the number of Nominees with lived experience under Mayoral Review.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 21. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- The 2022 and 2023 nominations will be seated at the Full Council meeting.
- Councilmember White with the Committee on Housing will confirm the ICH nominations.

Reference Materials			
PPT	<ul><li>Purpose &amp; Background</li><li>2023 Nominations</li></ul>	18-20	

#### B. PRIORITIES/PROJECTS FOR CY24-25

ICH Director Silla introduced the proposed priorities and projects for the Executive Committee and associated Workgroups (Racial Equity and Inclusion WG and Consumer Engagement WG).

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slides 28 and 41-44. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Importance of expanding employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, including income and partnering with the Workforce Investment Council to advance the work.
- Importance of regional coordination, including operationalizing agreements and coordination, addressing residency requirements, and mapping the system.
- Question on how payments under the DHS Peer Academy will affect SSI payments for participants, emphasizing the Importance of understanding benefit cliffs.
- Clarification on the scope of regional coordination through the Office of Migrant Services (OMS).
- Question about the ICH forums for coordination with the domestic violence system and resources.

**Next Step:** ICH invited members to send feedback on the proposed Priorities and Projects within a week, by email to ich.info@dc.gov.

Reference Materials			
PPT	<ul> <li>Roadmap for Discussion</li> <li>Purpose &amp; Background/Context</li> <li>Proposed Priorities for Executive Committee         <ul> <li>Coordination Across the ICH</li> <li>Additional Key Priorities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reviewing &amp; integrating Priorities by WGs         <ul> <li>Priorities for REI WG</li> <li>Reviewing System Operations</li> <li>Establishing an REI Assessment Tool</li> <li>Advancing Housing as a Right</li> <li>Proposed Priorities for CWEG</li> <li>Establishing a Consumer Advisory Group</li> <li>Mapping Client Experience &amp; Addressing Grievances</li> <li>Supporting Key Projects to Address Concerns</li> </ul> </li> <li>2024 Schedule for ICH Executive Committee</li> </ul>	23-40	

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Reference Materials			
PPT	<ul> <li>DC Council Performance Oversight Hearings Schedule</li> <li>DHS Central Unit repository</li> <li>DHS Industry Day</li> <li>DHS Peer Case Management Institute</li> <li>DSLBD: Aspire Incubator and Dream Grant Pitch Programs</li> <li>ICH Open Positions</li> <li>Mayor Bowser Budget Engagement Forums</li> <li>MWCOG Regional Fair Housing Plan</li> <li>OSSE New Funding for Advanced Technical Center</li> <li>TCP Open Positions</li> </ul>	45-58	

## V. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Theresa adjourned the meeting and reminded the group of the April meeting date.

Next Meeting	<b>Date:</b> 09 April 2024	<b>Time:</b> 1:30 – 3 pm	Location: Webex Link

Participant List				
Aaron White (YAB/CEWG) Adam Rocap (Miriam's Kitchen) Alfonso L Padron (CHASS) Andrea Scallon (Miriam's Kitchen) Annemarie (Street Sense) Arlen Herrell (DOES) Ayuda Advocacy Intern (Concerned Citizen) Becky (Concerned Citizen) Belinda Fadlelmola (HUD) Beth Johnson (PFFC/CEWG) Betty Gentle (SOME) Bianca Faccio (Sasha Bruce) Catherine Crosland (Unity) Chibundo Egwuatu (DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence) Chris Cole (PFFC) Christy Respress (Pathways) Daisean Foster (ICH)	Damion McDuffie (DHS) Dr. Gobourne (CSC) Eileen Rosa (ICH) Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana (Friendship Place) Jill Carmichael (ICH) Jordan Kiszla (DHCF) June Crenshaw (Wanda Alston Foundation) Kaira Smith (DC Council) Karen Cunningham (Everyone Home DC) Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House) Kelly Sweeney McShane (COH) Kirsten Hall (Catholic Charities) Kydadah Alexander (CSC) Lauren Markovich (TCP) Lynn Amano (Friendship Place) Marie Morilus-Black (MBI)	Ms. Umi (CEWG) Nikila Smith (Street Sense) Porsha Maroney (N Street Village) Queenie Featherstone (PFFC/CEWG) Rachel Pierre (DHS) Rachel Yakobashvili (Friendship Place) Rachelle Ellison (PFFC) Reginald Black (PFFC/CEWG/Ward 6 Mutual Aid) Robert Warren (PFFC) Sabrina Burrell (DHS) Shellon Fraser (NHT, Inc.) Shiri Yadlin (CSH) Synina Pugh (ICH) Theresa Silla (ICH) Tom Fredericksen (TCP) Tracy Cecil (Cecil Consulting Group)		