



Interagency Council on Homelessness

Executive Committee



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Convention for Recording ICH Committee & Full Council Meetings:

- ❖ Recording for purposes of complying with the Open Meeting Act requirements
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Meeting Agenda



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Roadmap for Housekeeping



- ❖ Intro & Call for Announcements
- ❖ Immediate Follow Ups
- ❖ Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv



Intro & Call for Announcements



❖ Intros:

- Chat intros for attendees: name, pronouns, org, title/role
- Quick round of hellos from Co-Chairs and ICH staff facilitating meeting

❖ Callers:

- Use *3 to raise your hands so we can see you
- Use *6 to unmute and introduce yourself
- Allows us to check that your audio works and that you can hear us!

❖ Call for Partner Announcements/Reminders:

- Please “chat” any significant partner announcements, especially those changes/updates that impact the system
- We will make time on the agenda, as appropriate, or include in the notes

Immediate Follow Ups



What to Expect ~ An Immediate Follow-Up Email

- ❖ Timing: Within one business day of the meeting
- ❖ Contents:
 - PPT Slides – includes live notes but without substantive QA/QC
 - Opportunities for Feedback – especially on outstanding agenda items
 - Reminders/Announcements – as appropriate and relevant

How to Respond ~ Review & Feedback

- ❖ Reply ich.info@dc.gov with feedback, recommendations, or concerns
- ❖ Reply to all to include forum co-chairs for awareness as your representatives.

How This Helps Us

- ❖ Understand if we are on the right track and responsive to constituent concerns
- ❖ Inform meeting agendas and follow-up work

Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv



❖ Adopting Formal Meeting Notes:

- Automatically adopted unless meeting attendees flag issues
- Generally, ICH team sends official meeting notes within a week
- Please review as soon as possible and flag any errors/issues
- If we don't hear back within a week, assuming good to adopt

❖ Managing the Listserv:

- Meeting materials are only distributed to listserv members
- If you are not on the listserv, you will not receive materials
- To join the listserv, email ich.info@dc.gov

Live Notes on Welcome & Agenda Review



Introductions:

- ❖ **ICH Lead:** Theresa Silla (Director, ICH)
- ❖ **Co-chairs:**
 - Christy Respress (CEO, Pathways to Housing)
 - Laura Zeilinger (Director, DHS)
- ❖ **Callers:** N/A

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Roadmap for Heat Season Check-In



- ❖ Alert Activations & District Response To-Date
- ❖ Concerns Received To-Date
 - Overview
 - Details (as needed)
- ❖ Request for feedback, focus on July Activations



Alert Activations & District Response



Heat Emergency Activations –

- ❖ June Heat Emergency:
 - 06/14 (Fri) – First Heat Activation
 - 06/17, 18, & 19 (Mon – Wed)
 - 06/26 (Wed)
- ❖ June Extended Heat Emergency:
 - 06/20, 21, 22, & 23 (Thurs – Sun)
- ❖ July Heat Emergency: 07/04 (Thurs)
- ❖ July Extended Heat Emergency:
 - 07/05- 07/11 (Fri – Thurs)

Holidays:

- ❖ 06/19 – Juneteenth &
- 07/04 – Independence Day

DC Gov Response –

Specific or critical to homeless service

- ❖ Additional outreach to unsheltered individuals
- ❖ Extended hours at the Downtown Day Service Center (DDSC)
 - from 06/18 Weds – 06/22 Sat, &
 - 07/04 Thurs – 07/05 Fri
- ❖ 6 WMATA cooling buses mobilized from
 - 12 pm – 12 am on 06/21 – 06/23 (Fri – Sun)
 - 10 am – 10 pm on 07/04 – 07/05 (Thurs – Fri)
 - 10 am to 7 pm on 07/06 (Sat)
 - 1 – 8 pm on 07/07 (Sun)
- ❖ 24/7 operations at overflow locations (Eve's Place & Emery)
 - 07/04 Thurs

Overview of Concerns Received To-Date



Outstanding

- ❖ **Additional attention/support to Downtown.** Flagging for HSEMA and DHS consideration.

In Progress

- ❖ **Timely notification/communication on operational shifts.** Templates drafted for JIC Review. Process for tailoring activation-specific collateral outstanding.
- ❖ **Inappropriate Activity on Cooling Buses.** Special attention requested. MPD patrols and DBH outreach teams supporting, as available and appropriate.

Resolved

- ❖ **Support with Cooling Kits.** Philanthropy to fund the cooling kits requested by DCPL.

Additional Attention/Support to Downtown



❖ Constituent Concerns:

- Request for cooling bus and distribution of water in the downtown area, particularly near the DDSC or MLK Library

❖ Background on DC Gov Response To-Date:

- Additional outreach during heat activations.
- Extended Downtown Day Center hours on weekday holidays (ex., Juneteenth and Independence Day) when other options are limited.

❖ Potential Next Steps:

- HSEMA/WMATA to evaluate if an additional cooling bus can be supported
- DHS to evaluate utilization of the current locations/cooling buses to determine if one of the buses can be re-located to a downtown location

Timely Notification/Communication



❖ Concerns:

- Materials that communicate forecast and mobilization of cooling buses/locations.
- Includes a request for a live line to respond to concerns regarding the alert activation or the DC Gov response (ex., buses not cooling adequately).

❖ Proposed Next Steps:

- Review and approve advance materials (templates for flyers highlighting operational shifts)
- Propose a process for tailoring templates into activation-specific materials as the weather forecast is evaluated.

Inappropriate Activity on Cooling Buses



❖ Concerns:

- Drug use on buses interfering with access to cooling buses.
- Request to mobilize additional staffing or monitoring of buses rather than demobilizing buses when illegal activities are registered.

❖ Special Attention Requested:

- MPD – especially relative to Starburst Plaza
- DBH teams – SOR Outreach and CRT checks – as available and appropriate.

Support with Cooling Kits



- ❖ **Concern: Availability of cooling kits at DCPL**
 - DCPL provided warming kits funded by philanthropy during the winter.
 - Received well by constituents with modifications/updates to supplies.
 - Also, HSEMA and DOEE secured and distributed cooling kits last year.
- ❖ **Funding Secured:**
 - ICH requested philanthropic support from the Common Fund (06/21).
 - Bulk items for purchase to re-create kits distributed by HSEMA and DOEE, including cooling towels (\$570), cold packs (\$576), electrolyte mix (\$750), sunscreen packet (\$660), and water bottles (\$300) for a total of \$2,900 to create 1200 kits.
 - NCC Common Fund Board approved \$3,000 (07/05).

Request for Feedback



Area of Focus:

- ❖ 07/04 – Heat Emergency &
- ❖ 07/05 – 11 Extended Heat Emergency

Key Questions:

- ❖ What went well? What can we amplify or uplift?
- ❖ What did not? What can we do differently or better?

Live Notes on Heat Season Check-In



- ❖ **Ms. Umi (Concerned Citizen):** Appreciate cooling buses but the Columbia Heights one was at a hot spot at 14th and Columbia Rd. Should have been at Civic Plaza like they said it would be. Too much gunfire. People think we set them up to get killed. ICH puts out language tailored to people who are housed. Climate Change is real. What about rec centers? There is so much DC property that sits vacant. People are threatening to break windows to go inside. Everyone is tired and hot. Worried about there not being enough water.
- ❖ **RB (SYC):** Got several calls last night about the bus and the eventual removal of the bus. Concerned because we've had 95+ days for 5-6 days now. Another bus was removed in front of CCNV. Why are buses pulled when it's still hot?
 - **TS (ICH):** Fiscal constraints are limiting buses to holidays and weekends.
 - **LZ (DHS):** Cooling buses will be available from 10am - 7pm through Thursday at Starburst Plaza, Eastern Market and Minnesota at T St SE

Live Notes on Heat Season Check-In



- ❖ **RW (PFFC):** Can we hear from UPO I know that they actually visit people who are unhoused and provide water and transportation?
 - **LZ (DHS):** That is correct Robert - UPO, and outreach teams provide water. If there are areas that we are not reaching that we need to get to - please flag.
- ❖ **JC (Concerned Citizen):** Who is responsible for the cooling buses?
 - **TS (ICH):** WMATA, DHS, and ICH helps advise on locations
 - **JC (Concerned Citizen):** The more you collaborate the more harm you cause us.
- ❖ **RB (SYC):** Well I will say that we have constantly spoke specifically to the availability of services on Sundays and the lack of services, but I do support continuing the conversation
- ❖ **Umi (Concerned Citizen):** UPO and HSEMA should be on here.
- ❖ **NS (Street Sense Vendor):** There has to be a better way to express issues, 15-minute conversations with 28 people is not sufficient.
 - **TS (ICH):** We understand this is not enough time. We will dedicate 15 mins at each meeting for the heat emergency-related concerns, especially over the next week.

Live Notes on Heat Season Check-In



- ❖ **QF (PFFC):** At CCNV along w/MAW6 on this past Sunday, an 83 yr. old sr. in a wheelchair refused 2 get on the cooling bus that was rt there in front of CCNV. I begged him, 2 let me help him get on the bus. Also 15 [yes I counted them] Spanish men & 2 women sat on the curb side. They 2 did not get on the cooling bus. The cooling bus there was empty. I turned away & cried.
 - **Umi (Concerned Citizen):** Ms. Queenie do you have more information as to why people won't get on the bus?
 - **QF (PFFC):** They said they have been out here for 15 years and don't need the cooling bus they will go in CCNV.
- ❖ **LZ (DHS):** Here was the confusion. Heat emergency ended Sunday. As a result, there were no buses Monday. Yesterday, HSEMA extended the heat emergency and set buses back to the three locations noted. They are there now and will be there through Thursday 10am – 7pm.
- ❖ **Umi (Concerned Citizen):** I just ran around telling people here what you said. They asked how is usage judged? Columbia Heights cooling bus was used, but due to fear of being shot people did not stay on.

Live Notes on Heat Season Check-In



- ❖ **Umi (Concerned Citizen):** When you parked a hypo bus in Jan/Feb 2023 it was utilised to the max. Downtown continues to be ignored and 1313 is not open early nor late.
- ❖ **AS (Everyone Home DC):** I agree with Ms. Umi's question--if the buses aren't monitored, how do they tell usage?

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Roadmap for Supreme Court Ruling



- ❖ Overview of CEWG flags
 - For solidarity in advocacy/action
 - To prioritize access to year-round shelter for singles and
 - To advance housing as a human right concretely
- ❖ Background/Context:
 - Supreme Court Decision in City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson
 - District Reality
- ❖ Details of CEWG Request:
 - For each request noted above
 - Additional details regarding Concern, DC Context, & Key Activities Underway



Supreme Court Decision



- ❖ US Supreme Court issued decision on 06/28 in City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson
 - Supreme Court overturned the Ninth Circuit decision in Martin.

- ❖ Martin had held that enforcement of no camping laws when more people were experiencing homelessness than available shelter beds is a violation of the Eighth Amendment's cruel and unusual punishment clause because sleeping while involuntarily homeless is unavoidable.

- ❖ The Grants Pass decision today means jurisdictions are not restricted from enforcing their no-camping laws. The Court held that:
 - Sleeping outside, even when a person is homeless, is an action, not a status.
 - Enforcing ordinances against sleeping in public places does not criminalize homelessness, even when there are not as many shelter beds as persons experiencing homelessness.
 - Enforcing ordinances against sleeping in public places does not constitute cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment.

District Reality



- ❖ DC does have a ban on camping, but DC Gov does not enforce its ban on camping in public spaces
 - I.e., does not criminalize camping by homeless persons in public space.
- ❖ DC has a robust Continuum of Care of Homeless Services, with shelter capacity at 63% for family units, 99.5% for single men, and 97.6% for single women as of the 06/28 ICH CEWG Meeting.
- ❖ The implementation of the District's Encampment Protocol does not include prohibiting persons from camping on public space.
 - Where DC enforces prohibitions against camping on particular public spaces, these areas are quite limited, decisions are based on rational and reasonable factors, and, the persons asked to move are not subject to criminal penalties or criminalized in any way.

Solidarity in Planning



Concern

- ❖ Parity in mobilization to support key initiatives of interest

Context

- ❖ CEWEG actively participates in critical DC Gov and Council efforts:
 - Ex. Performance & Budget Oversight
 - Ex. ANC and Board of Zoning meetings regarding redevelopment initiatives

Key Activities Underway

- ❖ ICH Annual Work Plan centers:
 - Ending/preventing unsheltered homelessness, especially at encampments (FDS),
 - Transforming the Front Door for Single and Young Adults (FDS), and
 - Addressing disparities in outcomes between Single and Family Subsystems (REI)

Prioritizing Access to Year-Round Shelter



Concern

- ❖ Single adults are most vulnerable to any shifts in policy or practice related to potential enforcement of no-camping laws

Context

- ❖ DC has a robust Homeless Services Continuum of Care (CoC), but shelter capacity is at 63% for families, 99.5% for men and 97.6% for women this Heat Season

Key Activities Underway

- ❖ A Transitional Housing (TH) portfolio review to better understand the role of intervention and flow into/from the front door, including the distinction from Bridge Housing (Shelter Capacity).

Advancing Housing as a Human Right



Concern:

- ❖ Sufficient and sustainable supply of dedicated housing

Context:

- ❖ Family exits are at 69% and rely on RRH, which is short-term
- ❖ Single exits are at 11% and rely on PSH allocations from FY22, with RRH slots halved for the remainder of FY24 and FY25

Key Activities Underway:

- ❖ Aligning funding opportunities to reflect unmet needs and nuances of each system. Example. HUD CoC NOFO!

Live Notes on New/Emerging, Supreme Court



- ❖ **NS (SS):** Want equal opportunity. Not equal pay. I want to get what I'm worth. Feel like I should get a raise. Work for my money. If we are always talking about lived experience, we need to focus on employment.
- ❖ **RB (SYC):** Shelter Capacity at 99%, concerned that CCNV has a large encampment in front of it. This encampment has not been protooled. How many residents are we getting from OMS? Seeing a lot of migrants using shelters. Would like to see the encampment reports.
- ❖ **RW (PFFC):** Concerned about the migrant population at CCNV. HUD should be a part of the CoC in the district. Hope some of the money can be utilized to help with the disconnect between DCHA and HMIS.
 - **RB (SYC):** He was talking about also making sure the HUD Housing resources are more integrated into DC's response to our housing shortages

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Previously Flagged & Outstanding Concerns



❖ Track Constituent Concerns via June ICH Meeting Digest



Purpose: Summarizing feedback received and highlighting key takeaways.

Background/Context: Feedback is received in ICH forums or offline. Digest is limited, summarizing key topics and sentiments but lacking the details of constituent concerns or community updates. If we misunderstood or mischaracterized your feedback, please do not hesitate to let us know via email ich.info@dc.gov

❖ Track Upcoming Meetings via July ICH Meetings At-A-Glance



Purpose: Insight into upcoming meetings and proposed agenda topics.

Background/Context: Proposed agenda topics are likely to change. Please email ich.info@dc.gov to join the listserv and stay current.

Sample Constituent Concerns Tracker



ICH Forum	People	Orgs	Areas of Concern or Risk	Opportunities for Improvement	Progress/Trends to Celebrate	Announcements
02/06 Front Door Services Workgroup	76	37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protocol for unsheltered families, including migrants. Transportation for families & minors. Tension around investments in OMS vs investments in Single and Young Adult Subsystems Lack of prioritizing youth vs assumed into the adult system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification on OMS Services Guidance materials when encountering unsheltered or migrant families. Reporting and Reviewing UIRs 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DBH Peer Specialist Training DHS Peer Case Management Institute OSSE Funding for Advanced Technical Center DSLBD: Aspire Incubator Program & Dream Grant Pitch Program
02/08 Shelter Solutions Workgroup	21	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral Health Services at Shelters Food Access at Shelters Weekly Deep cleaning at Adams Place Shelter requires additional planning and communication/partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy for cleaning Shelters operating 24/7 WLCH seeks to provide resources and engagements at CCNV 		
02/28 Shelter Capacity Workgroup	18	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns around clients being turned away from VWFRC and unsure what services are being given or referred to. Concerns around low utilization of Youth Emergency Shelters: Shine and Safe Haven. Need to prioritize utilization of Transitional Housing for Single Adults given the upcoming closure of overflow shelters. Recommendation to create a transitional housing resource guide. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to improve Family reports by showing the number of applicants to VWFRC vs. how many were placed in shelters or assisted by HPP or other resources/supports. Request to improve Single Adult reports by adding a run chart showing turnaway trends overall and by month and the rate of transportation provided for turnaways. Request to improve Young Adult reports by leveraging the daily census tool to better understand the utilization of transitional housing programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community agreement on priorities and projects. 	Additional announcements made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICH Open Positions TCP Open Positions
02/28 Emergency Response and Shelter Operations Committee	48	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of beds that will be closing end of Hypothermia Season. Slow moving housing process and the number of clients matched to vouchers still in shelters. Creating backup safe havens during inclement weather. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for housing-focused case managers at shelters. Request to track weather-related hospital admissions. Request to consider weather events such as air quality and high winds in seasonal planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypothermia shelters working with transitional housing programs as options for clients as hypo sites close down. Appreciation for the mid-season review tool on hypothermia season. 	Additional announcements made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS Central Unit Repository



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Roadmap for HUD CoC NOFO



- ❖ Overview of Opportunity
- ❖ Decision-Making Process
- ❖ Executive Committee Responsibilities
 - Establishing a local strategic vision
 - ✓ Focusing priorities on unmet needs
 - ✓ Improving system performance
 - Assembling a Ranking Committee
 - Updating Exec CMTE Voting Slate (as needed)



Overview & Exec CMTE Responsibilities



- ❖ HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition issued annually by mid-July and due by mid-Sept.
- ❖ Projects funded by HUD CoC NOFO:
 - Existing: Renewal (as is, including TH) or Reallocation (for TH-RRH, RRH, or PSH)
 - CoC Bonus: New or Expansion (for RRH, TH-RRH, PSH, Coordinated Entry or HMIS)
 - DV Bonus: New or Expansion (for RRH, TH-RRH, Coordinated Entry),
- ❖ ICH responsibilities as governance board and strategic planning body:
 - Setting the community's strategic vision,
 - Providing oversight to ensure the Consolidated Application is aligned, and
 - Assembling the Ranking Committee
- ❖ ICH Full Council meets 09/10, so Exec CMTE must meet responsibilities.

Decision-Making Process



1. Initial Proposal & Feedback

2. Additional Discussions (as needed)

3. Updated Proposal & Final Decision

Decision Making Process...



1. Initial Proposal & Feedback

- Today @ 07/09 Executive CMTE
- Establishing a local strategic vision
 - Focusing priorities on unmet needs
 - Improving system performance by
 - Updating ranking criteria/categories
 - Investing in CAHP and CoC Planning
- Establishing a Ranking CMTE
- Updating Executive CMTE Voting Slate (as needed)

Decision Making Process...



2. Additional Discussions (as needed)

- This month, across the ICH Infrastructure
- 7/10 Health Care CMTE – Review planning proposals w/ Complex Medical lens
- 7/16 Youth CMTE – Confirm unmet need and fill co-chair role, if appropriate
- 7/17 REI WG – Confirm unmet need & review planning proposals with REI lens
- 7/17 Behavioral Health WG – Review planning proposals with BH lens
- 7/18 Veterans NOW – Confirm unmet need
- 7/24 Shelter Capacity WG – Focus Winter Plan
- 7/30 Strategic Planning CMTE – Focus Annual Update OR last review
- 7/31 ERSO CMTE – Focus Winter Plan

3. Updated Proposal & Final Decision

- Next month @ 08/13 Executive CMTE
- Ideally, decision by consensus
- If no consensus, activate voting slate

Establishing a Local Strategic Vision



Opportunity to set a local strategic vision and reflect the nuances of the District's Continuum within the framework of HUD priorities.

For reference, 2023 HUD priorities included:

1. Ending Homelessness for All Persons
2. Use a Housing First Approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
4. Improving System Performance
5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
6. Race Equity
7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ Individuals
8. Including People with Lived Experience in Planning
9. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

Ending Homelessness for All Persons



❖ Overall:

- We sustained many cuts, and we need more housing!
- Significant and persistent disparity in progress between Family and Single Adult systems.

❖ Nuances:

- Success for Families and Veterans relies on short-term rental assistance (FRSP for families and SSVF for Veterans), masking a significant need for longer-term assistance.
- Single and young adults need more housing resources to improve outcomes, especially short-term resources.

Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness



❖ Overall:

- Low Barrier Shelters are currently at 99.7 & 98.4% occupied
- Cooling/warming buses a more prominent feature of protecting clients from inclement weather

❖ Nuances:

- Weekly Occupancy Report shows significant availability of specialized and transitional housing beds.
- Best utilized beds amongst specialized and transitional housing beds are Bridge and Youth Extended TH.

Focusing Priorities on Unmet Needs



In priority order to reflect disparities in housing outcomes:

- ❖ Single and Young Adults
 - RRH
 - TH-RRH (to support better utilization and flow from TH)
 - PSH
- ❖ Families and Veterans
 - Priority: PSH
 - Not a priority: RRH & TH-RRH
- ❖ Assumptions:
 - Notwithstanding upcoming exits, FRSP levels sufficient for FY25
 - Temporary housing resources are sufficient for serving families (ex. Short-Term Family Housing inventory is at 63% occupancy)

Improving System Performance



Updating ranking criteria/categories to address:

- ❖ **Constituent concerns:**
 - Client experience – documented by grievances/feedback,
 - Client inclusion – involvement on board, developing programs
 - Facility/housing conditions, including outages
 - Leveraging Unusual/Critical Incident Reports
- ❖ **Ranking committee concerns:**
 - Service strategy, especially when the same team is supporting multiple project applications
 - Mechanisms for managing/supervising/monitoring services

Improving System Performance Continued



Investing in CAHP, HMIS & CoC Planning:

- ❖ Dedicated CAHP Administrator supported by a network of liaisons across providers focusing on the following cross-cutting experiences/challenges:
 - Complex medical and behavioral health
 - Justice involved, including returning citizens and
 - Justice-seeking, including DV
- ❖ Point-in-Time (PIT) Plus Census, modeled after the Homeless Youth Count, but to include all populations
- ❖ Promoting client-centered planning by investing in a comprehensive lived experience advisory board with full- or part-time positions for advisors, fellows, and interns.

Establishing a Ranking Committee



- ❖ Time-intensive, decision-making/service opportunity.
- ❖ Goals: a simple approach that is inclusive and balanced

Inclusive

- ❖ Represents the diversity of constituents/stakeholders around the table, including
 - DC Gov agency representatives (Ex. ICH and DBH),
 - Service Providers (Ex. MK and EHDC)
 - Advocates (Ex. DCFPI, DV, and WLCH)
 - Lived experience constituents (Male, Female, & Youth; CEWG & SHY YAB)

Balanced

- ❖ Leverages expertise and experience from prior years of ranking
- ❖ Allows for developing a pipeline of new leaders

Proposal for Establishing a Ranking CMTE



- ❖ Solicit for ranking committee members amongst
 - Prior year ranking committee members
 - Non-conflicted ICH Full Council members, CEWG, & SHY YAB
 - Neighboring CoCs if DC Gov and Service Providers are conflicted – last resort!

- ❖ Special attention to maximize the participation of constituents with lived experience

Current Executive CMTE Voting Slate



13 Leaders:

- ❖ 5 DC Gov
- ❖ 2 Service Providers
- ❖ 1 Business Sector
- ❖ 1 Advocacy
- ❖ 4 Constituents with Lived Experience
- ❖ 1 Collaborative Applicant

Executive Committee Voting Slate from *2021*, updated for transitions		
Co-Chairs:	Community	Christy Respress, Pathways
	Government	Laura Zeilinger, DHS
Government Seats	DHS	To be designated by Department Directors
	DBH	
	DHCD	
	DCHA	
	DOES	
Standing Committees Co-Chairs*: *If not already represented by Gov Seats above	ERSO	Reginald Black, PFFC Anthony Newman, DHS (already represented)
	Strategic Planning	Kelly McShane, Community of Hope Lindsay Curtin, DHS (already represented)
	Housing Solutions	Shellon Fraser, NHT Colleen Green, DHCD
	Youth	Vacant Community Seat Sheila Clark, DHS (already represented)
Community Seats*: 2 Service Providers + 2 Private Sector Partners + 4 Constituents w/ Lived Experience *If not already represented by community co-chairs	1 Advocate	Kate Coventry, DC Fiscal Policy Institute
	2 Service Providers	Fulfilled by Co-Chairs
	1 Business/Philanthropic	Fulfilled by Co-Chairs
	4 Constituents w/ Lived Experience	1 seat filled by Co-Chairs Robert Warren
Collaborative Applicant	Consumer Engagement WG	Qadir El-Amin Aaron White
	TCP	To be designated by the Director

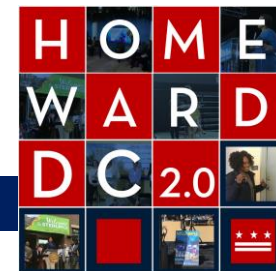


Why Current is not so Current



- ❖ Outdated, from 2021:
 - Minimally updated for transitions/turnovers
 - However, we just confirmed 2022 nominees and seated 2023 nominees even while we are awaiting Mayoral approval
 - Opportunity to quickly “refresh”
- ❖ Recommend limited “refresh” as ICH is looking to update the infrastructure of CMTEs & WGs
 - Prioritizing Health Care CMTE
 - Standardizing Youth CMTE so it is a WG reporting to Strategic Planning
 - Establishing Leadership Slate for all WGs and CMTEs

Refresh Opportunities & Recommendations



- ❖ **Recommended:** Updating CEWG reps to include new and active ICH Full Council members:
 - Current: Robert Warren, Qaadir El Amin & Aaron White
 - Potential/New:
 - ✓ Daniel Rico, Rico Haris – joined CEWG upon appointment in March
 - ✓ Nikila Smith, Rachelle Ellison – consistent and exemplary participation for more than a year
 - Opportunity to quickly and immediately address concerns about the representation of women with lived experience in ICH decision-making bodies and processes.
- ❖ **Not Recommended:** Updating vacant Youth Community Seat & Advocacy Seat
 - Recommend focus on
 - ✓ Adopting ICH Work Plan with updated infrastructure FY25
 - ✓ Standardizing operations across the ICH and
 - ✓ Establishing leadership slates for all CMTEs and WGs
- ❖ **Basis for Recommendation** – Representation of women with lived experience has been a significant issue for the ICH over an extended period. Since joining, Ms. Nikila and Ms. Rachelle have participated at CEWG and across the ICH for over a year.

Live Notes on HUD CoC NOFO



- ❖ **CR (Pathways):** What specific types of transitional have vacancies?
 - **ER (ICH):** TH for Men, Women and Young Adults are all between 61-65% utilization. Medical and Bridge TH are much higher utilized.
- ❖ **RB (SYC):** How many programs are considered TH and do not fit the TH definition in HSRA? maybe we could repurpose those programs. Where is DOES DOC and DOH? we need them to think about resources we can also align within the nofo
- ❖ **CE (DCCADV):** The PIT count this year says DV is a leading cause/experience for unhoused folks. We need DV services/responses throughout our homelessness system as survivors are everywhere in it. Our concern is that most survivors are in non-DV-specific housing. With the austere housing funding this budget, we project the DV housing will have less turnover as more survivors will have nowhere to go after DV-specific housing (there is not very much of it and most of it is very short term). DV services/responses throughout the homelessness services system will be essential.

Live Notes on HUD CoC NOFO



- ❖ **RB (SYC):** Do we know what is the bonus opportunity this year?
 - **ER(ICH):** Not yet, the NOFO has not been released yet.
- ❖ **CE (DCCADV):** What kind of DV services can we get out homeless services. This is a priority for them this year.
- ❖ **JC (Concerned Citizen):** Economic and employment. System keeps us crippled. Your vision for complex medical and behavioral health issues. You have diversity but not diversity in mentality. PIT isn't adequate. You have a lot of data.
- ❖ **RB (SYC):** Can we do inflow data again as well as employment analysis in the Pit Plus?
- ❖ **MD (DCCADV):** Just want to note that "justice-seeking" is not an umbrella term that encompassing domestic violence. If that is the intent for that item, it should be reworded to reflect that domestic violence is a separate term which may or may not have any relationship to the criminal or civil legal system
 - **TS (ICH):** thank you for bringing this to our attention and making sure we are using appropriate language.

Live Notes on HUD CoC NOFO



- ❖ **CE (DCCADV):** Re: the liaison system for addressing DV in unhoused survivors, I am not sure if a liaison system is sufficient. I will say so in the feedback sessions and chat with DCCADV leadership on their thoughts - thank you for this presentation!
 - **ER (ICH):** It is two-fold: Coordinated Entry process/staff focused on supporting connection to DV resources and system of liaisons to streamline coordination between DV and non-DV systems/services. Will note this question and additional clarification/follow up
- ❖ **JC (Concerned Citizen):** The diversity 8s not there, the people you choose are supported by partnerships not for diversity. same mindset of people. Denying us adequate advocates not going along with modern Methods of Enslavement. There is no one standing for those of us forced under in white-hatred and you deny us people that will stand for all. Those you choose are in this to gain status and financial stability. You make those of us that know and understand against democracy. Methods of discrimination through partnerships. methods of more barriers on poor.
 - **TS (ICH):** Ms. Jakia I hear you if there is not diversity at the table then they will not promote diversity.

Meeting Agenda



- I. Welcome & Agenda Review (5 mins)
- II. System Check-In (30 mins)
- III. **Discussion Items (50 mins)**
 - a) HUD CoC NOFO – Focusing Priorities & Ranking Projects (35 mins)
 - b) **ICH Work Plan – Establishing FY25 Priorities & Projects (15 mins)**
- IV. Announcements & Reminders (as needed)
- V. Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)

Roadmap



Focusing Priorities/Projects & Adopting Work Plan

- ❖ ICH Work Underway:
 - Standardizing Operations for Existing Forums
 - Formalizing New/Pilot Forums
 - Launching New Forums Identified as Critical
- ❖ Timelines

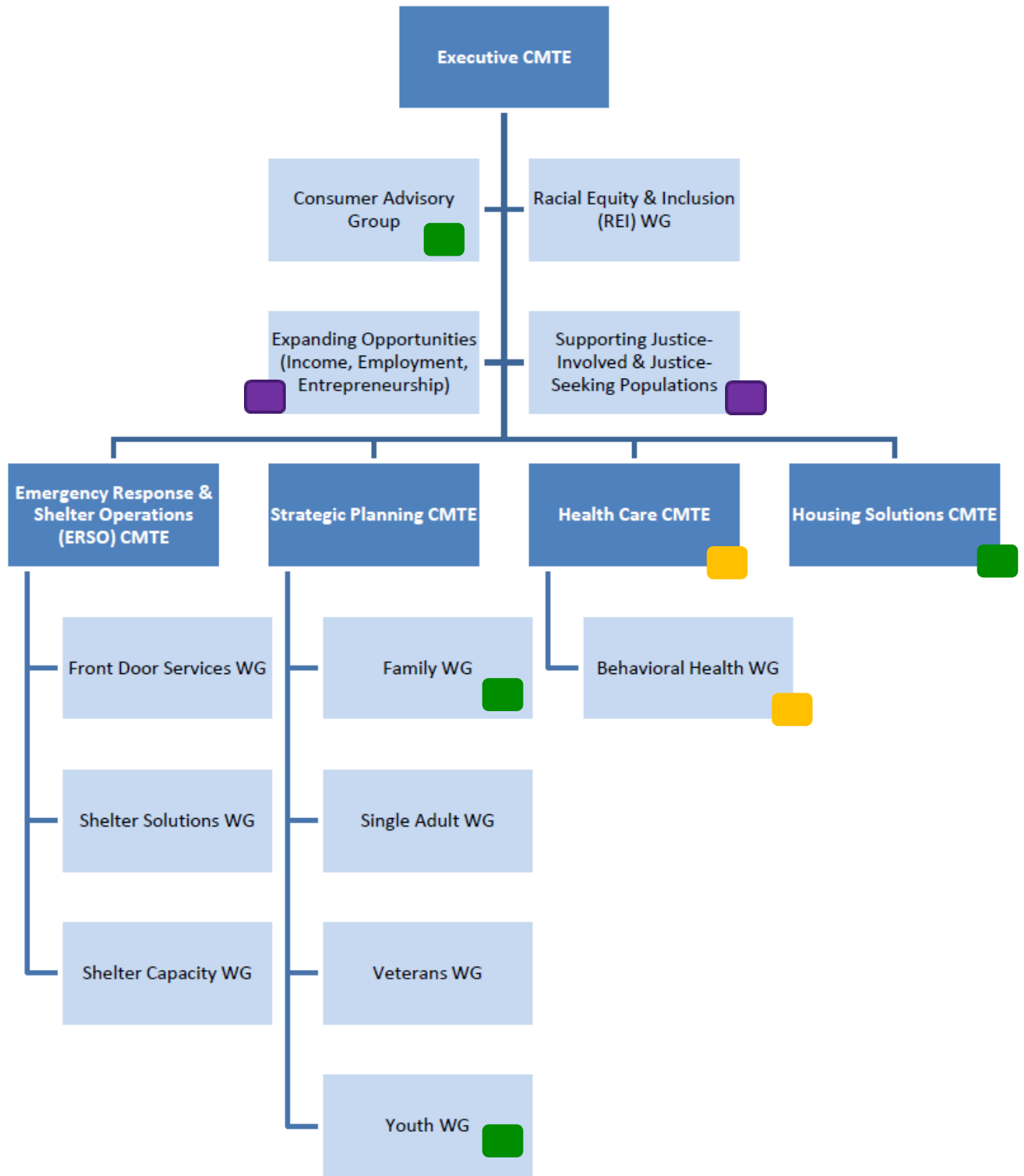


Work Underway

- ❖ **Standardizing Operations** ■
 - Opened Family System Workgroup,
 - Renaming Youth Committee to Workgroup,
 - Consolidating Consumer Advisory Groups, and
 - Inviting Landlords to join the Housing Solutions Committee

- ❖ **Formalizing New/Pilot Forums** ■
 - Health Care Committee &
 - Behavioral Health Care Workgroup

- ❖ **Launching New Forums Identified** ■
 - Expanding Opportunities,
 - Supporting Justice-Involved & Seeking Populations



Work Underway – Understanding Final FY25 Budget



Task	Status & Approach	Relevant ICH Forum	Timing
Understanding the DC Council Budget Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency updates on enhancements Community discussion on implications 	All ICH Forums <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting with 06/17 ICH Housing Solutions Committee Meeting 	Jul
Evaluating Implications and Focusing Priorities & Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating Draft Annual Work Plan <p> Flag: Draft Annual Work Plan accounts for Mayor’s Proposed Budget. Work in July is to account for DC Council Enhancements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Executive CMTE Review and Approval 	Aug
Adopting an FY25 ICH Annual Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalizing Annual Work Plan to account for feedback from Executive CMTE Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For ICH Full Council Review and Adoption <p> Flag: ICH Winter Plan is also due for Sept. Priority is Winter Plan.</p>	Sep

Ambitious Timeline



Work Plan Development	Draft/Proposal	Review & Feedback	Update	Adoption
FY25 Work Plan – Priorities & Projects Component	June	July	Aug	Sept
FY23 Progress Update	July	Aug & Sep	Oct	Dec
FY25 Work Plan – Performance Management Component	Aug	Sep & Oct	Nov	Dec

From Planning to Implementation	Draft/Proposal	Review & Feedback	Update	Launch
Launch Forums – as close to start of FY25 as possible, as part of reviewing and approving Draft ICH Work Plan	June	July	Aug	Sept
Establish Model for Leadership & Leadership Slate – as close to start of FY25 as possible, staggered to account for feedback on Draft ICH Work Plan	July	Aug & Sept	Oct	Nov
Update Bylaws – to reflect leadership slate related changes and new forums launched	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec



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- IV. **Announcements & Reminders (as needed)**
 - a) DHCF: Medical Care Advisory Committee ***NEW***
 - b) DHS & OSSE: DC SUN Bucks
 - c) DOEE: Notice of Funding Availability ***NEW***
 - d) LLDC: Summit Registration ***NEW***
 - e) MOLGBTQA: VPART Grant ***NEW***
 - f) NCH: Lived Experience Training Academy
 - g) OP: Racial Equity Action Plan ***NEW***
 - h) TCP: Open Positions Announcement

v. Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)

DHCF: Medical Care Advisory Committee *NEW*



The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is currently accepting applications for five (5) members of the Medical Care Advisory Committee:

- ❖ Three (3) health provider members
- ❖ Two (2) beneficiaries or beneficiary advocate members who may represent the following interests:
 - Medicaid beneficiary; Individuals legally responsible for a Medicaid beneficiary; Family members of Medicaid beneficiaries;
 - Non-governmental social service agencies; and/or Beneficiary advocacy group.

If you are interested, please fill out and submit your [application](#) by the end of the day on **Friday, July 19th**. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to DaShawn Groves, Special Projects Officer, dashawn.groves@dc.gov

Background: MCAC is a forum for key participants and stakeholders in the Medicaid program, including consumers, advocates, providers, and government officials to review the program's operations and offer advice for improvements directly to the DHCF. Issues may include access to care, quality of care, and service delivery for managed care and fee-for-service programs. DHCF provides updates on the progress of program operation and policy changes to state plan amendments, waivers, or rules/regulations. The meetings are an opportunity to provide comments and suggestions.

DHS & OSSE: DC SUN Bucks



The District is offering DC Sun Bucks this summer to eligible students!

Overview: DC SUN Bucks is the new benefits program replacing the summer pandemic program, Summer EBT. SUN Bucks provides food access support for students over the summer months. This program will help close the summer hunger gap when students do not have access to nutritious school meals. Eligible students will receive a one-time \$120 EBT benefit to purchase food when school is out.

SUN Bucks will benefit all DC students, Pre-K and up, who live in a household with an annual income less than or equal to 185% of the federal poverty level and attend a school participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program. For example, students in a household of three people earning at or below \$45,991 annually (\$3,833 monthly) would be eligible for SUN Bucks. Students in a household of four people earning at or below \$55,500 annually (\$4,625 monthly) would also be eligible. Some students will get these benefits automatically and do not need to apply—students receiving SNAP or TANF are preapproved. Families who are not preapproved for SUN Bucks will need to submit a short, [online application](#).

The District will distribute almost \$10 million in benefits from USDA to an estimated 80,000 students, and Mayor Muriel Bowser has already committed the necessary \$1.6 million for local administrative costs.

The benefits will be provided on a new Electronic Benefit Transaction (EBT) card and can be used to buy food at any authorized SNAP retailer, like grocery stores and farmers markets. Benefits will be available to use for four months after they are issued.

Learn More: Residents can review eligibility guidelines and apply for the program at sunbucks.dc.gov.

DOEE: Notice of Funding Availability ***NEW***



Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Round 2

DOEE seeks eligible entities to advance the District's climate and clean transportation goals through the development, installation and operation of community charging facilities and multi-modal transportation hubs supporting a variety of clean transportation options, including electric vehicles, bikes, e-bikes, scooters, transit, walking, shared rides, personal electric vehicles, and more.

DOEE will apply to the US Department of Transportation for between **\$500,000 and \$15,000,000**. Applicants should provide a proposed budget of between **\$100,000 and \$2,500,000** and describe how they will contribute to the required 20 percent total project cost match for the grant.

The deadline for application submissions is **July 29, 2024**

Visit <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1732171> for more information

LLDC Summit Registration ***NEW***



LIVE LONG DDC

[Click here to Register](#)

Register for the LLDC July Summit

We invite you to join us, in-person, at DBH Training Institute on July 31, 2024 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. We will use the time to 1) revisit the factors that are shaping this crisis, 2) explore opportunities to amplify impact, 3) refresh and build new community connections, and 4) recognize and support our LLDC frontline community. Your presence at this event is essential as we highly value the insights and contributions you bring.



MOLGBTQA: VPART Grant *NEW*



The **FY24 Violence Prevention & Response Team (VPART) grant**, aimed at reducing violence and harm against members of the LGBTQIA+ community in Washington, DC. Managed by the Mayor’s Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs (MOLGBTQA), this grant initiative seeks to empower community-based organizations (CBOs) to collaborate effectively in providing comprehensive support services.

Grant Purpose and Funding Areas:

Victim Response Services: Offering case management, legal services, and trauma-informed mental health services tailored to LGBTQIA+ individuals affected by violence or opioid misuse.

Violence Prevention Outreach: Providing cultural humility training, community education, and harm reduction interventions to mitigate violence within the community.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include CBOs with a Federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and a District of Columbia DLCP license.

Important Dates:

Application and RFA Release Date: **Monday, July 19, 2024**

Application Deadline: **Monday, August 5, 2024, at 5:00 PM EST**

Pre-Bidder’s Conference: **Thursday, July 18, 2024, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm EST** at the Frank D.

Reeves Municipal Building, RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/LGBTQVPARTPREBID25>

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Grants and Partnership
Specialist

Phone: 202-812-6335 (text/call)

Email: george.garcia1@dc.gov
or grantslgbtq@dc.gov

Don't miss this opportunity to make a meaningful impact within the LGBTQIA+ community in Washington, DC.



Lived Experience Training Academy (LETA)



Empower Change with LETA: Professional Development by and for Those Who've Experienced Homelessness

- ❖ **Overview:** The Lived Experience Training Academy (LETA) is a virtual (fully online) and inclusive professional development program initiated by the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH). Created by people who have experienced homelessness, LETA is designed to address your specific needs. The program offers 12 to 16 hours of professional development that will have you certified and so much more!
- ❖ **Learn More:** <https://nationalhomeless.org/leta/>



Donald Whitehead
LETA Co-Visionary

Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless & Co-Founder of Racial Equity Partners



Dr. Rajni Shankar-Brown
LETA Co-Visionary & Co-Lead

President of the National Coalition for the Homeless Board & Stetson University Professor and the Endowed Chair of Social Justice Education

OP: Racial Equity Action Plan *NEW*



OP releases its first-ever Racial Equity Action Plan

The DC Office of Planning's Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) outlines activities that our agency will take to reduce racial inequities and improve life for all Washingtonians. OP's REAP is supported by Mayor Bowser's Office of Racial Equity and is aligned with the [Districtwide Racial Equity Action Plan](#). We appreciate the feedback of more than 100 community stakeholders who participated in surveys, focus groups and an open house event. The REAP will guide OP's work from 2024 to 2026 and will be refined periodically to reflect progress and feedback.



[Click here to View OP's Racial Equity Action Plan.](#)

TCP: Open Positions Announcement

- The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness is hiring a new Vets CAHP (Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement for Veterans) Coordinator!
- Overview:
 - CAHP Coordinators are integral members of the Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement (CAHP) system and are responsible for supporting the implementation of the community's CAHP system in accordance with federal guidelines established by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Coordinated Entry (CE) and local priorities. This includes the facilitation of community housing match and case conferencing meetings, outreach to housing providers to maintain real-time vacancy reporting and continuous data monitoring for quality improvement and performance measurement.
- To learn more please check out: [Employment Opportunities - The Community Partnership \(community-partnership.org\)](https://www.community-partnership.org)
- Please send application materials (resume, cover letter, 3 references) and questions to Sarah Flinspach at sflinspach@community-partnership.org

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 - a) Next Exec Meeting: 08/13 from 1:30 – 3 PM ***Update to Proposed Schedule***
 - b) [July At-A-Glance](#) for Proposed Agenda & schedule of all other ICH Forums

