



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

ICH FULL COUNCIL

Meeting Details	Date: 27 June 2023	Time: 3 - 4:30 pm	Location: Shaw Library
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Meeting Notes

I. OPENING AND RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

The ICH Chair – Kevin Donahue (City Administrator, Executive Office of the Mayor) – welcomed Full Council Board members to the first in-person council meeting since the 2020 public health emergency. He called the meeting to order and began with a moment of silence, honoring the lives lost from the COVID-19 pandemic, including ICH member Waldon Adams, and setting the intention for the meeting.

Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH) presented Certificates of Recognition signed by Mayor Muriel Bowser to community representatives that supported Washingtonians experiencing homelessness during the pandemic. Please refer to slide 7 in the PPT for a list of recipients.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two (2) types of for the public comments portion of the agenda: 1) from the general public attending the meeting (administered as a Raffle) and 2) a report out on the Pre-Meeting feedback station on concerns.

A. RAFFLE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Administrator and Director Silla identified the eight individuals selected for public comment and invited them to the podium to share their feedback.

Note: The ICH instituted the raffle for public comment as a fair approach to provide comments and concerns to the Full Council, given the anticipated interest in the first public meeting. Eight (8) submitted tickets (with one duplicate) for the available slots, so seven (7) individuals who signed up for the raffle addressed the ICH Full Council.

Please see detailed notes from Public Comments on slides 13 and 14 of the PPT. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Poem on grief,
- Personal testimony,
- Concerns on encampments,
- Excitement around the Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS), and
- Universal Right to Housing and Racial Equity.

B. REPORT OUT FROM THE PRE-MEETING STATION ON CONCERNS

Director Silla invited Shaquin Grier (DHS), who co-facilitated the pre-meeting Consumer Questions and Concern stations, to share a summary of feedback received.

Please see the discussion questions and notes from the report out on slides 10 and 11. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Improving program experience with consumers who have lived experience of homelessness,
- Need for additional resources in shelter, including employment opportunities and housing supports, and
- Need to support staffing: training, pay, benefits.

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were two (2) discussion items on the agenda: 1) Planning for fiscal constraints and 2) new opportunities funded and/or launching in FY24.

B. PLANNING FOR FISCAL CONSTRAINTS

The City Administrator provided background and framing on the District's budget for FY24. He then invited Director Silla to facilitate discussion, Director Silla invited

- Krysta Aguilar (DHS) to report out on the pre-meeting station for Planning for Fiscal Constraints. Her report out highlighted accountability, partnership, and flexibility in administering resources. See slide 19 for details.
- Hammere Gebreyes (Interim Senior Vice President, DC Housing Authority) to discuss current efforts and additional planning for connecting clients to mainstream resources.

Please refer to slides 16-22 for notes from the discussion. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Framing on District Fiscal Constraints,
- Connecting Clients to Mainstream Resources,
- Emphasis on agency accountability and collaboration, and
- Partnership with DCHA.

C. B. NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUNDED IN FY24

The City Administrator introduced this topic and shared an overview on Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS). He then invited

- Rachel Pierre (Acting Executive Director, DHS) to highlight the new opportunities funded for FY24, with a focus on NCS and
- Reginald Black (ICH member, PFFC, CEWG) to report out from the pre-meeting feedback station for NCS.

Please see the information and notes from the discussion in slides 24 – 31 in the PPT. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Flag for specialty populations including behavioral health and medical respite,
- Call for consumer leadership in NCS program design,
- Recommendations to incorporate lessons learned from PEP-V,
- Questions on program criteria, appropriate ICH forums for continued planning, and
- Call for community support in advocacy to Council for purchase of Aston.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Administrator and Director Silla (ICH) opened the meeting for final comments. Please see slide 33 for details.

IV. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

The City Administrator thanked those in attendance and appreciated those providing testimony during the pre-meeting engagement and public comment section. He expressed his intention to continue to be a positive partner with the District's homeless services community and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting	Date: September 2023	Time: TBD	Location: TBD
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Participant List (67 Attendees, 37 Organizations)

Seated Full Council Members (2020 – 2023)

Kevin Donahue, OCA (Chair) Wayne Turnage, DMHHS Rachel Pierre, DHS Barbara Bazron, DBH Natalie Craver, CFSA Colleen Green, DHCD Hammere Gebreyes, DCHA Arlen Harrell, DOES Danielle Branson, OSSE Amanda Chesney, Catholic Charities Delano Hunter, DGS	Captain John Dorrrough, MPD Karen Cunningham, Everyone Home DC Catherine Crosland, Unity HealthCare Aaron White, ICH SHY YAB Qaadir El-Amin, ICH CEWG, PFFC Reginald Black, ICH CEWG, PFFC Christy Respress, Pathways to Housing Kelly Sweeney McShane, Community of Hope	Ishan Heru, Community Connections Kenyatta Brunson, N Street Village Chapman Todd, Jaydot Rico Harris, CCNV Kate Coventry, DCFPI Blaine Stum, Office of DC Council Chairman (CM Phil Mendelson) CM Robert C. White, Jr., DC Council Committee on Housing (Chair) Shellon Fraser, NHT
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General Attendees (including Pre-Meeting Attendees)

Cynthia Mewborn, NLCA James Shabazz, OVEC Robert Warren, PFFC Morgan Jones, PFFC Shiri Yadlin, CSH Richard Bebout, DBH Melanie Minges, MPD Jordan Kiszla, DHCF Luther Lacy, PFFC Chris Cole, PFFC Michele E. Rochon, PFFC Queenie Featherstone, PFFC	Rachelle Ellison, PFFC Amia Weller Noah Abraham, DHS Lynn Amano, Friendship Place Leigh Cordeiro, TCP Elizabeth Garrison, DHCF Umi Elemoso, PFFC Rebecca Kellett, Georgetown Ministry Center Arlen Harrell, DOES Fred Swan, TCP Abby Sypek, Everyone Home DC	Eleni Salyers, DHCF Ree Risinger, Pathways to Housing Florence Rosario, Pathways to Housing Jane Oh, DMHHS Jennifer Olney, GWCF Sarah Flinspach, TCP David Poms, DCPCA Mia Olsen, DBH Randy Raybon, DBH Melody Calkins, DBH Mariesa Robinson, DCCADV
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