



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

ICH FULL COUNCIL

Meeting Details	Date: 17 October 2023	Time: 3 - 4:30 pm	Location: DOES HQ (4058 Minnesota Ave NE)
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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 and called the meeting to order. After acknowledging DOES for hosting the meeting, he requested that ICH members observe a moment of silence to set intentions for a productive meeting that accomplishes the intended goals and turned the meeting facilitation over to Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH).

Director Silla noted the recording convention for compliance with the Open Meeting Act, her thanks and gratitude to DOES for hosting, N Street Village for providing the light refreshments, and the ICH Committees and Workgroups (especially the Co-chairs and ICH Advisors) who supported with drafting and updating the Winter Plan for FY24. She also confirmed with the ICH team that a quorum was present. Please refer to slides 2 – 8 for the details.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Silla opened the floor for public comments, limited to ten individuals at two minutes per comment. Four members of the public

Please see detailed notes from Public Comments on slides 12 - 13 of the PPT. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Frustration about the Federal responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance
- Amount of ERAP funding immediately available
- Request to center Adam Zarincalaki, who died unsheltered in February 2023 despite being matched to a housing resource in July 2022.
- Request to center Leo Colter, who was also matched to a housing resource but died unsheltered.
- Note: these individuals will be honored at the annual vigil organized by People for Fairness Coalition (PFFC)

III. DISCUSSION ON ADOPTING A WINTER PLAN

This portion of the agenda was comprised of four parts: a) Background/Basics of the Plan, b) Understanding the Updates to the Winter Plan, c) Action (Consensus or Vote) to Adopt, and d) Future of Hypothermia Planning

A. BACKGROUND/BASICS OF THE PLAN

Director Silla reassured the ICH Full Council meeting that while the [ERSO Approved FY24 Winter Plan](#) is unique, the core commitment to protect individuals from inclement weather and prevent cold weather injury remains the same. See slides 15 – 16 for details.

B. UNDERSTANDING THE UPDATES TO THE WINTER PLAN

Director Silla explained that the timeline of ICH Committee and Workgroup actions relative to adopting and updating the Draft FY24 Winter Plan, including:

- 09/27 ERSO Committee meeting: The [Draft FY24 Winter Plan](#) was reviewed and approved by the ERSO Committee for formal adoption at the 10/17 ICH Full Council meeting. The ERSO Committee approved the Draft FY24 Winter Plan by consensus with the condition that the ICH Team integrate the feedback and concerns voiced during the discussion on adopting the Draft Winter Plan.
- 10/12 Shelter Solutions Workgroup meeting: to review the [ERSO Approved FY 24 Winter Plan](#) circulated to the ICH Full Council Members to provide the ICH community an opportunity to confirm that the updates adequately address all the feedback and concerns voiced at the 09/27 ICH ERSO Committee meeting.
- Additional Updates have been flagged for consideration by partners and the 10/12 Shelter Solutions Workgroup meeting. For transparency, proposed updates to the [ERSO Approved FY24 Winter Plan](#) are itemized in the slide deck in yellow highlights for the consideration of ICH Full Council members.

Director Silla facilitated a discussion on the updates to the Winter Plan with the support of

- City Administrator Donahue on the importance of minimizing reliance on rec centers given that they play a central role in preventing violence amongst youth and young adults;
- Acting Director Hunter (DGS) on the efforts underway to repair Federal City Shelter (CCNV) 1 North;
- Dr. Bennett (Acting Director, DC Health) on the latest DC Health guidance relative to Respiratory Illnesses, especially COVID;
- Dr. Bazron (Director, DBH) on the expansion of detoxification services in the District;
- Reginald Black (Co-Director, PFFC) on the importance of communications, especially when operations shift;
- Director Zeilinger (DHS) on the agency's demonstrated capabilities to forecast demand and (most importantly) successfully meet the demand for shelter annually.

For the details on the changes in the FY24 Winter Plan, please see slides 19 – 48.

Detailed notes from the discussion are captured on slides 49 – 59. Key concerns and clarifications discussed are summarized here for easy reference. Concerns and clarifications relevant to the immediate scope of adopting the Winter Plan are highlighted.

- General/Informational Questions:
 - Question whether plan will activate prior to November 1 if the weather conditions call for the activation of an inclement weather alert.
 - ICH clarification that as described in the plan, additional services provided under a hypothermia alert may begin before Nov 1 or extend beyond March 31 if the criterion for calling an alert is met.
 - Question about the potential of a surge given the influx of migrants and how the District is addressing that issue?
 - DHS clarification that migrant families are accommodated through OMS and temporary lodgings for families. Individuals are served through low barrier shelters, however, do not collect information related to migrant status in HMIS so currently only have estimates on use of the system and are working to understand the situation.
 - Question about contingency plans if there is more than a 50% surge in entries for families.
 - ICH Clarification: The model in the Winter Plan is conservative and does not account for how the District ramps up on exits when entries surge.
 - DHS clarification: Since we have had year-round access to shelter since 2016 for families, we have not seen the same kind of seasonal spikes in placements. Our length of stay is low and

exceeding our benchmarks. DHS has other apt-style shelters with space, so not in any way concerned that we are reaching the limit in capacity. We will monitor this in the year ahead, but feel confident that we are prepared to serve families in the existing capacity.

- Concerns, questions, or requests integrated as concerns the appropriate ICH CMTE will track:
 - Request to include CCNV 2 South in the scope of work for repairs at CCNV 1 North.
 - DGS confirmation that 2 South is not a part of the scope of the work but that the agency can work to determine whether they can accommodate concerns flagged by Mr. Harris.
 - Concern about respite for women and options for isolation and quarantine for individuals testing positive for COVID-19.
 - DHS confirmation that respite for women is currently available at Skyline (PEP-V program), with more coming online soon at the Aston once that program opens.
 - ICH confirmation that the Winter Plan makes provisions for addressing ongoing concerns related to COVID-19 at the Proposed ICH Health Care Committee and workgroup meetings.
 - Request for clarification around the holiday schedule.
 - ICH flag that due to the focus on cold weather injury prevention; holiday schedule has not previously been articulated in the Winter Plan.
 - DHS confirmation to look into additional resources.

- Concerns, questions, or requests for edits integrated as the approach or guidance for implementation activities:
 - Edit requests related to section 5 Services Coordination
 - Request to include update on DBH resources available including announcement that stabilization/sobering center should be coming online shortly.
 - ICH to confirm the appropriate triage and coordination parameters to include in the plan via the Proposed Behavioral Health x Homeless Services Workgroup.
 - Question about utilization data of warming buses
 - ICH clarification that available data is reviewed monthly at the ERSO Committee meetings as part of hypothermia check-ins.
 - Edits to Available Shelter Capacity Tables
 - Estimated capacity updates: Naylor Road and population served: 134 beds with a 70/30 split.
 - Provider clarification: Catholic Charities provides services at Blair and Everyone Home DC only has 4 apartment style shelter units, not 5.
 - Density updates: Bakhita expands by 5 beds.
 - Question about whether overflow sites open during the season will remain open or are they alert night?
 - DHS confirmation that once overflow sites open, they are open for the season unless there is a significant issue such as maintenance, building issue, etc.
 - Question about edits related to MPD Transportation.
 - MPD ok to reinstate that language with a flag about the nuances of the issue.
 - ICH request to better understand transportation resources for individuals in crisis at the Proposed ICH Health Care Committee which is supported by a Proposed Behavioral Health x Homeless Services Workgroup.

- Concerns, questions, or requests for edits identified outside the context of the Full Council meeting portion, directly to ICH Staff.
 - Flag on ICH Policy for Copy Line Edits Provided Outside of the ICH Full Council Meeting
 - Thank you to our partners for ensuring the accuracy of the District's Winter Plan by providing your feedback and recommendations! We are grateful for your attention and support.

- We will evaluate whether these are technical amendments and updates we can incorporate to the Winter Plan (e.g., edits to confirm how things work) or rather feedback that we should forward to CMTE for discussion (e.g., feedback to consider as committees debrief on the planning process and pivot to seasonal check-ins to gather feedback on implementation).
 - ICH Full Council and CMTE Members, as you review the proposed copy edits, if you have any strong preferences, priorities feedback or recommendation, do not hesitate to let us know.
- Detailed notes on feedback is available on slide 65. Summary of concerns for easy reference provided here.
 - Noting line edit for “HER Resiliency” in Young Adult Section of the Winter Plan.
 - Clarifying whether OSSE is no longer provides warming buses.
 - Noting line edit that shelters are no longer required to report positive COVID cases (since May). That may have been a holdover from last year.
 - If concerns about theft in the shelter, encourage people to take pictures of belongings if they have a phone or staff to take pictures to send to client email. Have heard challenges when clients report to security, a way to show them proof from before.
 - Can include a tearaway sheet (1-2 pages) regarding hypo season shelters, transportation, etc. in the center of the 11/08 issue of Street Sense.
 - Need information by 11/01 from ICH/DHS in order to include in the issue.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Due to time constraints in the meeting, there were no additional public comments.

V. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

The City Administrator thanked the Full Council and all attendees noting that the next meeting will likely be scheduled for January 2024.

Next Meeting	Date: January 2024	Time: TBD	Location: TBD
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Participant List (82 Attendees, 39 Organizations)

Seated Full Council Members (2023 - 2024)

Kevin Donahue, OCA (Chair) Ciana Creighton, DMHHS Theresa Silla, ICH Laura Zeilinger, DHS Barbara Bazron, DBH Natalie Craver, CFSA Ayana Bennett, DOH Dorian Jenkins, DCHA Jacqueline Williams, DOC Alan Karnofsky, DOES	Nicole Lee-Mwandha, OSSE Danny McCoy, HSEMA Delano Hunter, DGS Captain John Dorrough, MPD Adam Rocard, Miriam’s Kitchen Karen Cunningham, Everyone Home DC Kate Coventry, DCFPI Catherine Crosland, Unity HealthCare Qadir El-Amin, ICH CEWG, PFFC	Reginald Black, ICH CEWG, PFFC Christy Respress, Pathways to Housing Jean-Michel Giraud, Friendship Place Amanda Chesney, Catholic Charities Kelly Sweeney McShane, Community of Hope Fred Swan, TCP Neah Evering, DC Council (CM Robert C. White, Jr.)
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General Attendees (including Pre-Meeting Attendees)

Michael A. Lee	Anil T. Mangla, DOH	Nell Curtin, DCPL
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Rachelle Ellison, PFFC Annemarie Cuccia, Street Sense Kimberly Coleman, DOH Osei Headley, DGS Noah Abraham, DHS Rachel Pierre, DHS Kia Williams, DHS Madeleine Solan, DHS Jerod Lee, DHS Kevin Valentine, DHS	Mariana Marcos, DOH Leon A. Samuels, Jr., DHS Adam Gerstenfeld, DHS Umi Elemoso, PFFC Robert Warren, PFFC Jarroda Kelsaw, Rahlowtistry Kelly Andreae, Georgetown Ministry Center Rebecca Kellett, Georgetown Ministry Center	Rico Harris, CCNV Nicole M. Brooks, N Street Village Leora Ibraheem, N Street Village Reginald Ray, N Street Village Joshua Drumming, Legal Clinic Anna Gray, DHS Naomi Carthens, PFFC Jean Badalamenti, DCPL Jakia Carroll, PFFC
Virtual Meeting Attendees (via Microsoft Teams)		
Lynn Amano, Friendship Place William Kuennen, DHS Charles Hopkins Wes Heppler, Legal Clinic Adam Maier, Pathways to Housing Kelvin Robinson, Mary Elizabeth Asad Bandealy, DOH Sharlene Castle, Jaydot	Melanie Minges, MPD Clarissa Lue, Legal Clinic Nerissa Lemon, EOM Jamar Briscoe Jennifer Joyce, DHCF Jacqueline Watson, DOH Gary Hines, Thrive DC Blair Copeland, Catholic Charities	Nichole Flowers, DHS Tracy Cecil, Cecil Consulting Robin Diggs, DOH Melissa Bondi, Enterprise Community Candyce Coates, TCP Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana, Friendship Place
ICH Staff		
Theresa Silla, ICH Daisean Foster, ICH	Eileen Rosa, ICH Jill Carmichael, ICH	Synina Pugh, ICH