



12/10 FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Issued: 18 December 2024

Purpose	Quarterly convening of ICH Full Council, chaired by the City Administrator, to review and advance key priorities under Homeward DC 2.0.		
Details	Date: 10 December 2024	Time: 3 – 4:30 pm	Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library (901 G St NW)
Attendees	Participants: 74	Organizations: 40	Detailed list below meeting notes
Key	■ Areas of Concern or Risk	■ Opportunities for Improvement	■ Progress/Trends to Celebrate

I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

ICH Director, Theresa Silla, opened the meeting by sharing appreciation for participation in the pre-meeting and reviewed the agenda. Assistant City Administrator, Chris Rodriguez, welcomed the group with reflections and a moment of silence to set the intention for the meeting. Director Silla then reviewed housekeeping items, acknowledgments for meeting support and welcomed Full Council Members including DC Government and Community Representatives before opening the floor for Public Comments.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording Conventions ICH Purpose Meeting Agenda Welcome – Opening Remarks Recognition Welcome DC Gov Representatives Welcome Community Representatives Welcome Continued 	2 – 10

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director Silla opened the Public Comments section of the meeting with guidance on time limits to accommodate comments from multiple people.

Comments and feedback is captured on slides 13 – 17. Feedback areas are summarized here for reference:

- ■ Concern that shelter grievance procedures do not detail the expected timeframe for response and resolution.
- ■ Concern that personally filed grievances have not been responded to in a timely manner.
- ■ Question about the legal requirements for response time and addressing grievances.
- ■ Request to better understand different resources and housing programs and how to enroll.
- ■ Need for additional employment supports, beyond DOES’ help with education.
- ■ Appreciation for Director Zeilinger and all of her work over the years.
- ■ Suggestion to use ICH Bylaws definition to center the approach to improve budget planning and policymaking, including potential for public voucher program.
- ■ Emphasis on the need for equity in the budget process and through reparations.
- ■ Flag that youth providers have not yet been paid for FY25 contracts, impacting payroll and services.
- ■ Concern that programming and services are inadequate to promote stability and funding is used for programs that aren’t working.
- ■ Concern that public and private partnerships are not accountable and are causing harm.
- ■ Consumer request for a public hearing.
- ■ Clarification on how and which ICH forums the grievance process concerns will be addressed.
- ■ DHS recommendation to propose an approach for community review through ICH forums.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Agenda • Public Comments Guidelines • Live Notes on Public Comments 	11 – 17

III. SYSTEM CHECK-IN

The System Check-In focused on Significant Updates, Landscape Shifts and Constituent Concerns, including reflections on the pre-meeting discussion from Full Council members.

Comments and questions are captured on slides 21 – 31. Topic areas are summarized below for reference.

- ■ Concern that there is not universal income for singles.
- ■ Concern that there is a need for jobs that adequately pay people with lived experience.
- ■ Emphasis on challenges related to the benefits cliff and income limits impacting voucher and medical insurance eligibility.
- ■ Concern that the benefit cliff is related to systemic racism and keeping people in poverty.
- ■ Concern about the lack of resources and difficulty telling people that there are is nothing available.
- ■ Call for an increase in ERAP and vouchers and the need to advocate for resources in the budget.
- ■ Reflection that services need to improve so people do not remain homeless for extended periods.
- ■ DHS approach to budget planning focused on meeting the need without sacrificing quality.
- ■ Concerns about vulnerability of people experiencing homelessness in terms of safety and crime.

- Confirmation that the Mayor’s Office of Racial Equity is woven into the budget process.
- DHS and DGS follow up to confirm the date for the E Street Non-Congregate Shelter opening.
- Request for data and reporting on grievances, including length of time to review and process.
- Flag that DHS Homeless Services Monitoring Unit (HSMU) produces an annual report to Council.
- Request to not rephrase what people with lived experience state.
- Call for unity despite differences and to be in community together to advance the work.
- Concern about backlash that has occurred due to speaking at ICH meetings.
- Individual working multiple jobs, but not making nearly as much as others at the table.
- Concern about the stigma that occurs from being homeless.
- CCNV appreciation for volunteer staff with lived experience.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant Updates & Landscape Shifts • Status of Progress Report & Work Plan • Additional Constituent Concerns • Live Notes on System Check-In 	19 – 31

IV. GOVERNANCE

Director Silla transitioned the discussion to Governance to discuss Annual Responsibilities & Timelines, Status of the Council, 2024 Nominations and Forums & Work Plan. No objections were cited, and consensus was made to proceed with Full Council and Leadership Slate Nominations.

Comments and questions are captured on slides 39 - 42. Topic areas are summarized below for easy reference.

- Clarification on connection between Leadership Slates and Full Council membership.
- Call to define the goal and the action to for collective impact from government agencies.
- Request for a workgroup focused on addiction.
- Recommendation to revisit the names of Workgroups and Committees to promote clarity.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Responsibilities & Timelines • Status of 2022 & 2023 Nominations • 2024 Full Council Nominations: Proposed Timeline • Expiring or Vacant Community Seats • Leadership Slates Overview • Leadership for FY25 Work Plan • Live Notes on Governance • Action (Consensus or Vote) to Adopt • Live Notes on Governance • Roll Call & Vote 	32 – 47

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCP: DC Point in Time – Save the Date 01/29 Recognizing DHS Director Zeilinger PFFC: Advocacy Day, 12th Annual Memorial and Vigil 	45 – 47

VI. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Director Silla adjourned the meeting, thanking the public audience and ICH Full Council for their time and commitment and reminding them of the next meeting date.

Next Meeting	Date: 11 March 2025	Time: 3 – 4:30 pm	Location: TBD
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Participant List (74 Participants, 40 Organizations)		
Seated Full Council Members (26 Participants, 26 Organizations)		
Chris Rodriguez (ACA, Chair) Ciana Creighton (DMHHS) Theresa Silla (ICH) Laura Zeilinger (DHS) Jean Moise (DBH) Lionell Gaines (DHCD) Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) Tasheen Stallings (OSSE) Donte Lucas (HSEMA) Alan Karnofsky (DGS)	Capt. Jon Dorrrough (MPD) Rachelle Ellison (PFFC) Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Tobie Smith (Street Health DC) Rico Harris (CCNV) Qaadir El-Amin (PFFC) Reginald Black (SYC) Christy Respress (Pathways to Housing) Adam Rocap (Miriam’s Kitchen)	Lynn Amano (Friendship Place) Roxanne Murray (Echelon) Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities) Kelly Sweeney McShane (COH) Angela Jones Hackley (CHW) Fred Swan (TCP) Robert C. White, Jr. (Chair, Council Committee on Housing)
General Attendees (45 Participants, 18 Organizations)		
Note: Organization is listed where known to ICH or indicated on the meeting’s written sign-in sheet.		
Cydnea Sheards (COH) Edward Wycliff (District Bridges) Matthew Woods (Precinct Captain, Ward 2) Tim Gadwell-Hall (Pathways) Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense Media) Jakia Carroll (Advocate) Sydney DeSantis	Kate Conquest (DC Council) Lindsay Curtin (DHS) Abigail Slanski Wayne Hall Joseph DeBard Iverbah Jackson Kwanza Billy Charleen Smith (SWBID) Jerome McRae (SWBID)	Jamiylah Muqtadir (Advocate) Shauna Gray (Advocate) Cassandra Caudell (Community Connections) Liz Jaramillo (SMYAL) Jennifer Olney (Community Foundation) Portia Robertson Migas (N St) Astos Shaw

Sara Warnquist (Pathways) Joe Lippi (DHS) Janice Ferebee Rachel White (DC Action) Frederick Walker (Street Sense Media) Robert Warren (PFFC) T.K. Hancock	Umi (Advocate) Gladys Banks Queenie Featherstone (PFFC) Andrew Anderson (PFFC) Rebecca Killett (GMC) Taylor Bush (GMC) Olu Sanjoby Naomi Carthers (PFFC)	Rachel Pierre (DHS) Charles Thornton (OHR) Wycinia Ricks Sharlene Castle (Jaydot) Carolina Bomeny (Street Sense Media) CK Hopkins Michael Coleman
ICH Staff		
Eileen Rosa	Jill Carmichael	Kally Canfield