

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

HOUSING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting DetailsDate: 15 May 2023Time: 2 – 3:30 PMLocation: Webex

Meeting Notes

I. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH), welcomed the group and covered all housekeeping items, including a reminder that the meeting is being recorded according to the Open Meeting Act.

Director Silla reviewed the agenda and invited co-chair Shellon Fraser (NHT, Inc.) and Director Colleen Green (Executive Director, DHCD) to introduce themselves.

II. SYSTEM CHECK-IN

There were 3 system check-in topics identified.

DCHA UPDATES

Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) shared key updates regarding:

- Launch of the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) Customer Portal
- Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and Moving to Work (MTW) Plans
- Rent Reasonableness and
- In-person HQS Inspections

Please see notes on slides 7 - 9 for more details, including Q & A. Q&A Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Expanding the Client Portal
- Registering to use the Client Portal
- Reaching out to Unsheltered/Unhoused Clients on the DCHA waitlists and

DCHD UPDATES

Due to limited time, DHCD will present more comprehensive updates at the next meeting.

ICH & OTHER UPDATES

Director Green spoke about her interest in serving as co-chair representing government partners. Please see slide 13 for notes on her background and expertise in this area.

III. DISCUSSION

There were two topics of discussion: Landlord Engagement initiatives and ICH Legislated Mandates (including FY23/24

Priorities).

A. LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Anna Fogel (DHS) introduced the two landlord engagement initiatives highlighted in this discussion: Central Unit Repository (CUR) and Landlord Partnership Fund (LPF).

Landlord Partnership Fund Updates

Due to time constraints, Iris Osuji (CNHED), presented updates on the Landlord Partnership Fund (LPF) first, including:

- Purpose of the Fund
- Program Eligibility and Reimbursements
- Landlord Engagement
- Proposed Expansion
- Current Spend Rate

Please see slides 23 – 31 for more details, including Q & A. Q&A Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Requirements for participation in LPF,
- Tracking trends/claims by program,
- Adding existing landlords to the LPF, and
- Availability of LPF to cover PSH damages and arrears.

Central Unit Repository Updates

Tynisha Allen (DHS) presented updates on the Central Unit Repository (CUR), including:

- Current Process and Issues Identified
- Status of the CUR

Please refer to slides 16 – 22 for more details, including notes from the community discussion. Community discussion is summarized here for easy reference:

- Contact for access to the CUR
- Opportunities for linking to other portals to minimize duplication of data entry for landlords, and
- Opportunity to open CUR for case management and clients in non-DHS funded programs,

B. ICH LEGISLATED MANDATES & FY23/24 PRIORITIES

Due to limited time, Theresa Silla quickly highlighted the slides on:

- Powers & duties of the ICH
- Annual Update Components
- Proposed Process & Timeline
- Existing Data Review Planned for June Meetings
- Housing Solutions Committee Scope of Work

Please see slides 33 – 42. Immediate reactions were captured on slide 42 including questions about:

- Working on the updates as part of committee time/work
- Integrating policies on universally affordable units
- Tracking the level of effort required to update the strategic plan annually.

IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

There were no additional announcements or updates.

V. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

Director Silla and co-chairs adjourned the meeting with a reminder that the next meeting is scheduled for June 12^{th,} rescheduled from 06/19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Next Meeting Date: 12 June 2023 Time: 2 – 3:30 PM Location: WebEx

Participant List (61 Participants, 32 Organizations)

Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)

Adam Maier (Pathways to Housing)

Ann Chauvin (Woodley House)

Anna Fogel (DHS)

Anna Gray (DHS)

Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense)

Bridgette Ashton (DHCD)

Bruce Finland (MED Developers)

Caitlin Cocilova (DC Council)

Camryn Bullock (Friendship Place)

Chapman Todd (Jaydot)

Charlene Flaherty (COH)

Christy Respress (Pathways to Housing)

Clarence Stewart (TCP)

Colleen Green (DHCD)

Daisean Foster (ICH)

Dallas Williams (DHS)

Danilo Pelletiere (DHCD)

Debra Kilpatrick-Byrd (DBID)

Dr Mayaalla MuQaddim Abdullah Al Saud

(PFFC, CEWG)

Ed Villard (Private Landlord)

Eileen Rosa (ICH)

Gregory Crawford (Access

Housing)

Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA)

Holly (Blue Light Advisors)

Iris Osuji (CNHED)

Ishan Heru (Community

Connections)

Jakia Carroll (PFFC, CEWG)

Jarrod Brenned (SOME)

Joe Knackstedt (DHCD)

Jorge Membreño (ICH)

Joshua Drumming (Legal Clinic)

Kate Coventry (DCFPI)

Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House)

KJ Robinson (Mary Elizabeth)

Leila Finucane (Victory Housing)

Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)

Ms. Naomi (PFFC, CEWG)

Nechama Masliansky (SOME)

Nikila Smith (PFFC, CEWG)

Pamela Agava (CSH)

Qaadir El-Amin (PFFC, CEWG)

Queenie Featherstone (PFFC,

CEWG)

Rachel Pierre (DHS)

Rachelle Ellison (PFFC, CEWG)

Reggie Black (PFFC, CEWG)

Robert Warren (PFFC, CEWG)

Sara Cartmill (COH)

Sean Cuddihy (DC Council)

Shellon Fraser (NHT, Inc.)

Synina Pugh (ICH)

T.Jones (Echelon Community

Services)

Theresa Silla (ICH)

Tracy Cecil (Cecil Consulting)

Tynisha Allen (DHS)

Valerie Piper (DHCD)

Victoria Melendez (LISC)

2022****81 (Concerned Citizen)

7034****52 (Concerned Citizen)

7037****82 (Concerned Citizen)