



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

HOUSING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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| Meeting Details | Date: 21 August 2023 | Time: 2 – 3:30 pm | Location: Webex |
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Meeting Notes

I. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH) welcomed the group and covered Committee housekeeping items captured on slides 2 - 5, including:

- Recording conventions,
- Meeting agenda, and
- Housekeeping items related to adopting meeting notes and managing the listserv.

Theresa also invited co-chair Shellon Fraser (Director of Lending, National Housing Trust) to introduce herself and recognized Danilo Pelletiere (Preservation Officer, Department of Housing and Community Development), who was standing in for the government co-chair of the Housing Solutions Committee, Colleen Green (Director, DHCD).

II. PARTNER & SYSTEM-WIDE UPDATES

The focus of the meeting was partner and system-wide updates from the DC Housing Authority (DCHA), Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Department of Human Services (DHS) and the ICH.

A. DCHA

Hammere Gebreyes (Interim Senior Vice President of the Housing Choice Voucher Program, DCHA) shared critical DCHA updates on Federal Voucher Opportunities and Rent Reasonableness.

Please see slides 8 – 13 for the DCHA updates and detailed notes on the discussion, including comments, concerns, and questions. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Federal Voucher Opportunities:
 - Importance of updating information for Federal Voucher Opportunities
 - Status of the waitlist
 - Tenant share of rent for DCHA voucher holders
- Rent Reasonableness:
 - Estimated timeframe for appealing rent-reasonable determinations
 - Validity of 48 hours as the benchmark for determining rent reasonableness
 - Concern that landlords are working to skew the dataset upwards.
- Other:
 - Concern about the size of units available

B. DHCD

Drew Hubbard and Joe Knackstedt from DHCD covered updates related to the Consolidated RFP and some of the Constituent Concerns Flagged related to studio apartments financed in the PSH Pipeline.

Please see slides 14 – 21 for updates and detailed notes on the discussion, including comments, concerns, and questions. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Studio Apartments:
 - Successful referrals to unit-based opportunities
 - Leveraging tenant-based vouchers to preserve studios as part of the strategy for PSP Pipeline leveraging the Consolidated RFP
 - Lack of comparables for rent-reasonable analysis of studio apartments
- Consolidated RFP
 - Timeline for responses.
 - Shift in the landscape related to priorities, funding available, and regulations that impact the cost of housing production/preservation.
 - Focus on resident/tenant services.
 - Concerns on understanding PSH units that can be expected from this round of the Consolidated RFP.

C. DHS

Anna Fogel (Deputy Administrator for Permanent Housing for the Family Services Administration, DHS) shared her screen and walked through key data points related to the utilization of unit based PSH in the DHCD and DHS Pipelines. Please see slides 23 – 26 for the data sets shared during the meeting.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 18. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Request for historical data to better understand trends across recent years.
- Request to facilitate move-on from PSH-specific resources to mainstream affordable housing resources so that PSH resources can be reserved for individuals who need the wrap-around services offered via PSH.
- Importance of seeing the same data points for the CoC pipeline that is managed by TCP, in addition to the data points for the DCHD and DHS pipeline presented.
- Need to understand turnover across unit-based resources better.

D. ICH

Due to limited time, Theresa Silla (ICH) provided a quick overview of ICH Updates, focusing on the Annual Update and Proposed Priorities for the Housing Solutions Committee. Please see slides 33 – 35 for details.

In particular, she flagged that this will be the focus of the September Housing Solutions Committee meeting.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Due to limited time, Theresa reminded participants to review this section upon distribution of the slide deck which includes information about the following announcements/reminders:

- ICH: Full Council Call for Nominations
- HCS: RELiEF Program
- HUD: FY 2023 PRO Housing NOFO and
- NBM: Housing Affordable Summit

IV. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Theresa and Shellon thanked the group for participating and adjourned with a note about the next meeting date.

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| Next Meeting | Date: 18 September 2023 | Time: 2 – 3:30 pm | Location: Webex |
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Participant List (62 Participants, 37 Organizations)

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| <p>2026****86 (Ms. Umi, CEWG) 3053****42 (Concerned Citizen) 7034****52 (Concerned Citizen) Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC) Adam Maier (Pathways to Housing DC) Alex Cross (DHCD) Ann Chauvin (Woodley House) Anna Fogel (DHS) Anna Gray (DHS) Bridgette Ashton (DHCD) Brit Ruffin (Legal Clinic) Bruce Finland (MED Developers) Camryn Bullock (Friendship Place) Chapman Todd (Jaydot) Charisse Lue (Legal Clinic) Chloe Cohen (OCA) Clarence Stewart (TCP) Daisean Foster (ICH) Danilo Pelletiere (DHCD) Debra Kilpatrick Byrd (DBID) Dr Mayaalla MuQaddim Abdullah Al Saud (PFFC/CEWG) Ed Villard (Private Landlord)</p> | <p>Eileen Rosa (ICH) Fred Swan (TCP) Ginger Cabrera (Woodley House) Gregory Crawford (Access Housing) Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) Holly Denniston-Chase (Blue Light Advisors) Ishan Heru (Community Connections) Jenna Cevasco (DCHA) Jesse Rabinowitz (Miriam's Kitchen) Jill Carmichael (ICH) Joe Knackstedt (DHCD) Joshua Drumming (Legal Clinic) Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Kaylin Rubin (Community Solutions) Lara Pukatch (Miriam's Kitchen) Lesley M. Edmond (she/her) Max Finland (Concerned Citizen) Monique Banks (Echelon) Ms. Naomi (PFFC/CEWG)</p> | <p>Nechama Masliansky (SOME) Neishia Kornegay (Woodley House) Qadir El Amin (PFFC/CEWG) Rachelle Ellison (PFFC/CEWG) Reggie Black (PFFC/CEWG) Robert Warren (PFFC/CEWG) S. Banks (N Street Village) Sangita Joshi (N Street Village) Sara Cartmill (COH) Sarra Mohamed (WC Smith) Sean Cuddihy (DC Council) Shellon Fraser (NHT Inc.) Shiri Yadlin (CSH) Shirley Johnson (Central Union Mission) Synina Pugh (ICH) Theresa Silla (ICH) Tjuan Stevenson-Woods (Housing Up) Tracey Jones (Echelon) Tracy Cecil (Cecil Consulting) Victoria Melendez (LISC)</p> |
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