






03/18 HOUSING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Issued: April 1, 2024

Forum	Planning forum for increasing housing stock dedicated to homeless services.		
Details	Date: March 18, 2024	Time: 2 pm- 3:30 pm	Location: Webex Link
Attendees	Participants: 53	Organizations: 26	Detailed list below meeting notes
Key	 Areas of Concern or Risk	 Opportunities for Improvement	 Progress/Trends to Celebrate

I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

Theresa Silla (ICH Executive Director) opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Dir. Silla invited co-chairs Director Collen Green (DCHD), Valarie Piper of DHCD representing Director Green, and Shellon Fraser (NHT) to introduce themselves and welcome attendees.

Director Silla led an icebreaker on strategic planning for subpopulations in the homeless system. Members of the workgroup participated in a poll to provide feedback.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting AgendaIcebreaker on Strategic Planning for SubpopulationsIntro & Call for AnnouncementsAdopting Notes & Managing the Listserv andNotes on Welcome & Agenda Review	3-10

II. SYSTEMWIDE CHECK-IN

Topics covered under the Systemwide Check-in included Constituent Concerns and Agency Partner Updates from DHCD, DCHA, and DHS.

A. CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Director Silla reviewed the updated tracker of constituent concerns from across ICH forums, highlighting concerns that are most relevant to the Housing Solutions Committee.

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slide 14. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Positive feedback on the new tracker reflecting constituent concerns.
- ■ Reminder to explain acronyms and avoid jargon where possible and flag to provide orientation materials to support participation and informed decision making.
- ■ Question on efforts to preserve existing public housing, especially given concerns of inadequate and poor conditions of current units with a flag about Green Initiative.
- ■ Concerns about food access and feedback that not adequately addressed in Shelter Solutions WG.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New/Emerging Concerns or Updates • Tracking Constituents Concerns 	12-13

B. AGENCY PARTNER UPDATES: DHCD, DCHA, AND DHS

Valerie Piper (DHCD) provided updates on several areas for DHCD. Notes were taken live in meeting, however DHCD shared official presentation slides after the meeting. See slides 16 – 22.

DCHA updates included new Housing Choice Voucher Program Director and program updates. See slide 23.

DHS announced the transition of Anna Fogel as of 03/22 and identified Joe Lippi as the DHS representative at Housing Solutions Committee meetings. See slide 24.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCHD Updates- Roadmap • Consolidated RFP- 2023 Awards • Consolidated RFP- Promising Practices • Consolidated RFP- Next Steps • Other Opportunities • DCHD Move 	16 - 24

III. DISCUSSION

Two topics were discussed during the discussion section of the meeting: A) Study on Housing Insecurity in DC by Urban Institute and B) Advancing Priorities and Projects.

A. STUDY ON HOUSING INSECURITY IN DC

Tom Fredericksen (TCP) introduced the report providing framing around the impetus for the study. Claudia Solari, Lynden Bond and Alavi Rashid from the Urban Institute presented the report on [Housing Insecurity in the District of Columbia](#).

Comments, concerns, and questions from the discussion are captured on slides 50-51. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Question and feedback on the definition of housing insecurity, including, rent burden and couch surfing.
- Reference to the DCFPI report issued in 2022 on [DC’s Tools to create and preserve affordable housing](#).
- ■ Importance of affordable housing preservation in addition to development.
- Discussion on next steps with feedback that the study confirmed gaps that were already known and the root causes need to be addressed.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Insecurity in the District of Columbia • Share of People • Agenda • Defining Housing Insecurity • Measuring Housing Insecurity in DC • Housing Insecurity Overall and by Group 	27-49

B. ADVANCING PRIORITIES & PROJECTS

Due to limited remaining meeting time, Director Silla briefly covered proposed deliverables and metrics for the Housing Solutions Committee’s annual priorities and projects.

Next Steps: Request for feedback via email to ich.info@dc.gov

Reference Materials- Advancing Priorities and Projects		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose & Background/Context • Work Plan Components & Expectations • *Reminder* Proposed Priorities • Coordination with DCHA • Maximizing Units Filled via CAHP • Expanding Capacity for Consolidated RFP • Opportunities for Expanding Affordable & Fair Housing 	53-59

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Reference Materials		
PPT	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Central Unit Repository • ICH Budget Engagement Sessions 	61-63

VI. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT:

Director Silla adjourned the meeting and reminded the group of the Budget Engagement Sessions in April and the next Housing Solutions meeting in June.

Next Meeting	Date: June 17, 2024	Time: 2 pm – 3:30 pm	Location: Webex Link
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Participant List		
Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)	Fred Swan (TCP)	Reginald Black (Serve Your City)
Adam Maier (Pathways)	Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA)	Robert Warren (PFFC)
Alavi Rashid (Urban Institute)	Iris Osuji (CNHED)	Sherita Banks (N St Village)
Anna Fogel (DHS)	Jakia Carroll (PFFC)	Samantha LeBlanc (TCP)
Anna Gray (DHS)	Jill Carmichael (ICH)	Sarra Mohamed (WC Smith)
Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense)	Joe Knackstedt (DHCD)	Sasha Ginzberg (Community Solns)
Ashlei Schulz (WLCH)	Joe Lippi (DHS)	Sharlene Castle (Jaydot)
Bridgette Ashton (DHS)	Kate Coventry (DCFPI)	Shellon Fraser (NHT, Inc.)
Camryn Bullock (Friendship Place)	Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House)	Shiri Yadlin (CSH)
Clu Cohen (DHS)	Lauren Markovich (TCP)	Theresa Silla (ICH)
Chris Cole (CEWG)	Leila Finucane (Victory Housing)	Tom Fredericksen (TCP)
Clarence Stewart (TCP)	Lynden Bond (Urban Institute)	Tracy Cecil (Cecil Consult)
Claudia Solari (Urban Institute)	Lynn Amano (Friendship Place)	Valerie Piper (DHCD)
Cydnea Shearlds (COH)	Ms. Naomi (PFFC)	Victoria Melendez (LISC)
Dana White (Miriam’s Kitchen)	Nikkie Smith (Street Sense Vendor)	Colleen Green (DHCD)
Ed Villard (Private Landlord)	Pamela Agava (CSH)	Queenie Featherstone (PFFC)
Eileen Rosa (ICH)	Qaadir El Amin (PFFC)	Ms. Umi (CEWG)
Elisabeth Young (TCP)	Rachelle Ellison (PFFC)	