



***Interagency Council on Homelessness***  
***Housing Solutions Committee***



***12 June, 2023***



### **Convention for Recording ICH Committee Meetings:**

- ❖ Recording for purposes of complying with the open meeting act requirements
- ❖ Available for anyone who requests a copy at [ich.info@dc.gov](mailto:ich.info@dc.gov).

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# Intro & Call for Announcements



## ❖ **Intros:**

- Chat intros for attendees: name, pronouns, org, title/role
- Quick round of hellos from Co-Chairs and ICH staff with formal roles leading or supporting meeting

## ❖ **Call for Partner Announcements/Reminders:**

- Please “chat” any significant partner announcements, especially those changes/updates that impact the system
- We will make time on the agenda, as appropriate, or include in the notes

# Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv



## ❖ Adopting Prior Meeting Notes:

- Automatically adopted unless meeting attendees flag issues
- Generally, ICH team sends out meeting notes within a week
- Please review as soon as possible and flag any errors/issues
- If we don't hear back within a week, assuming good to adopt

## ❖ Managing the Listserv:

- Meeting materials are only distributed to listserv members
- If you are not on the listserv, you will not receive materials
- To join the listserv, email [ich.info@dc.gov](mailto:ich.info@dc.gov)

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- ❖ Rent Reasonableness Process Updates
  - Effective July 1 for new lease-ups moving forward
  - Historically, set payment standards based on Fair Market Rents
  - HUD provided additional feedback and DCHA is partnering with [affordablehousing.com](https://affordablehousing.com) (vendor) to support with unit specific rent reasonableness review
- ❖ Executive Director stepping down this summer
  - Board is recruiting for a new Director



# Q&A re DCHA Updates



## Significant Concerns Larger than Rent Reasonableness:

- ❖ Q: Something is missing here. Questions that are not being answered. It feels like the problems are not being solved.
- ❖ Q: it's hard to answer questions about different agencies. Also, not sure how these answers address our priorities and change how government works. Things that are happening across the board are based on power and authority. Feeling targeted.

## Questions specific to Rent Reasonableness:

- ❖ Q: is this going to be an expensive process? Will this make the process longer?
- ❖ A: Rent Reasonableness test will be quick. Affordablehousing.com already has significant data on market rents.
- ❖ Q: there was much conversation this year about re-adjusting rents in high HCVP submarkets. Can you comment on that?
- ❖ A: This FAQ may help answer some questions related to RR - [https://www.dchousing.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Public-Facing\\_Rent-Reasonableness-Payment-Standards\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.dchousing.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Public-Facing_Rent-Reasonableness-Payment-Standards_FINAL.pdf)
- ❖ Q: When does this apply to existing leases and units?
- ❖ A: Landlords can request an adjustment.
- ❖ Q: what if the landlord is trying to raise the rent from month to month?
- ❖ A: Landlord still has to contact DCHA and get approval.
- ❖ Q: opportunities for negotiating rents?
- ❖ A: Yes, we can go back to the landlord to confirm all the data associated with the rent.
- ❖ Q: What rent standard will be used?
- ❖ A: It will be in the mix. Tune in for more updates. Particularly next week.

## Other Questions:

- ❖ Discussion on the timeline and process for HQS Inspections. Including a reminder that initial inspections were converted to in-person in April, and renewals will also be in-person.
- ❖ Q: Issues with the scheduling of inspections flagged. The client was not contacted; only the building was notified.
- ❖ Q: What is the delay in assignment and processing clients? Client-specific concerns that we'll address and follow up on offline.
- ❖ Q: Hearing on the 29<sup>th</sup>? It's focused on the LRSP vouchers, not the public housing authority waitlist.



# Q&A re DCHA Updates Continued



- ❖ **Q:** Can DCHA provide a reference document that outlines the different voucher resources?
  - ❖ **A:** Yes, that would be a good resource.
  - ❖ **A:** Clarification that LRSP Vouchers include
    - PSH and TAH
    - Other agencies have other housing-related LRSP-funded programs
    - Also, DCHA has a waitlist for:
      - ✓ Mod-rehab
      - ✓ Public Housing and
      - ✓ Housing Voucher Choice Program
  - ❖ **Q:** feels like we're not connecting the dots on the housing resources available. It's very jumbled up and confusing!
  - ❖ **A:** We recognize this is confusing. If CM has questions, feel free
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- ❖ Obtained \$100M for HPTF
- ❖ Concerned about
  - Budget Support Act allows \$6M to go to other uses.
    - ✓ In particular, Council has not funded the Heirs program and is proposing to use HPTF funding for that program
  - Greener Government Buildings Act
    - ✓ Funded in this budget
    - ✓ Impacts (in odd ways) costs for affordable housing

# HPTF Updates



- ❖ DHCD can send the PSH reports for distribution, with a focus on closing from November 2022 through the end of May 2023:
  - 11 projects
  - 800 units in total
  - \$177M in overall financing resources
  
- ❖ Between now and the end of the Fiscal Year, expecting to close another
  - 10 projects
  - 1000 units total

- ❖ 3 projects from the last RFP where DHCD negotiated an increase in the units at/below 30%
  - PSH committed to at application is what we go to closing on
  - **Also, not all the 30% units are PSH; some are affordable**
  - Important lessons learned to highlight: required more resources, different considerations given fiscal constraints
  
- ❖ 2 different reports:
  - All HPTF-funded projects
  - PSH report is specific to projects funded with PSH-dedicated resources.

- ❖ Client concerns about PSH Case Management
- ❖ Q: Concerned that (location?) of PSH units are inequitable?
  - What is our return on our finances/funding? Is it adequate?
  - Do we get enough PSH out of the inclusionary zoning and lottery process for PSH units?
- ❖ Q: are 50% of the HPTF funds going towards deeply affordable housing (targeting 30% AMI or below)?
- ❖ A: Best information currently available is in the PSH report so we can review the data, including the units that are targeting 30% AMI but do not need the supports associated with PSH.

# ICH Updates: Full Council & Pre-Meeting



## **Purpose:** Orient WG to

- ❖ Logistics & formalities of the Full Council
- ❖ Proposed agenda items for the 06/27 meeting

## **Background/Context:**

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> ICH Full Council meeting since Public Health Emergency declared in 2020.
- ❖ Full Council is different from CMTE/WG meetings.
- ❖ Formalities associated with the Full Council Meetings!

# Logistics of 06/27 Meetings



- ❖ Date: Tues, 06/27
- ❖ Time:
  - 1 – 2:30 pm Pre-Meeting with City Administrator
  - 3 – 4:30 pm Full Council Meeting
- ❖ Location:
  - Shaw Library (1630 7<sup>th</sup> St NW);
  - Public meeting rooms downstairs
- ❖ Overflow in Case of Significant Interest (if necessary)
  - Set up is in adjoining spaces to facilitate overflow
  - Pre-Meeting to serve as overflow for public audience section of Full Council &
  - Vice-versa (meaning, the public audience section for Full Council meeting can also serve as overflow seating for Pre-Meeting if needed)



# Format of 06/27 Meetings



## Pre-meeting

- ❖ Normally: one large group discussion
- ❖ Proposed for 06/27: 4-5 discussion stations

## Full Council Meeting

- ❖ Normally:
  - Formal meeting limited to current members
  - Limited time for public comments from non-members (10 mins)
- ❖ Seating for 06/27 meeting:
  - Members who served during COVID, as well as
  - New 2022 members that MOTA is working to appoint

# Agenda Topics for Full Council



**Opening & Recognition of Long Time Members (15 mins)**

**Public Comments (10 mins, 2 mins per person = 5 public comments total)**

**Planning for Fiscal Constraints (20 mins)**

- ❖ Fully leveraging available resources
- ❖ Exploring options for cost-sharing in partnership with DHCF

**New Opportunities Funded in FY24 (30 mins)**

- ❖ Non-Congregate Shelter
- ❖ Site-Based Case Management

**Annual Update (15 mins)**

- ❖ Supporting efforts to meet the legislated mandate
- ❖ Leveraging Agency Performance Plans for future updates

# Potential Themes for Pre- Meeting Stations



Info/Feedback Stations Proposed (space permitting)

Priority Topics Recommended to Match the Full Council Agenda

1. **Client-Specific Concerns/Suggestions**
2. Non-Congregate Shelter
3. Site-Based Case Management
4. Healthcare Committee
5. Annual Update (**open to re-considering the focus of this station**)

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Other Potential Topics

1. Navigating/Triaging Clients to the Right Intervention (Project Reconnect's Navigation Tool)

# Feedback



- ❖ **Q:** Can the public submit questions in writing in advance?
- ❖ **A:** [ich.info@dc.gov](mailto:ich.info@dc.gov) and ICH staff can roll up all the questions at the top of the public comment.
  
- ❖ **Q:** Pre-meeting usually focused on one topic, specifically for Consumer Engagement. Want to defer to Qaddir and Reggie on this question.
  - Concern about having a meaningful engagement with the City Administrator
  - Concern about CEWG engagement in establishing the pre-meeting agenda
- ❖ **A:** these are proposed and covered in every CMTE/WG meeting in advance so that CEWG has time to evaluate and respond
  
- ❖ **Q:** need clarity on consumer seats? Can we get a list of who is in the Consumer representative seats?
- ❖ **A:** current members are listed on the ICH website [here](#)
  
- ❖ **Q:** Why is the public comment period limited to 10 mins?
- ❖ **A:** It has always been limited to 10 mins going back to 2015. We are proposing a limit of 2 mins per public comment to allow as many people to participate as possible.

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# 05/15 Feedback on Annual Updates



## Comments, Concerns, Questions, & Answers (as Available)

- ❖ **Q:** Will we do this together?
- ❖ **A:** We will be sharing draft documents and taking feedback/comments from our member's feedback. We need tools to help us work on the Annual Update together in real time!
  
- ❖ **Q:** Can we integrate a public policy requirement that requires some units to be universally affordable?
- ❖ **A:** We can add this to the list of updates we recommend!
  
- ❖ **Q:** Do we have to do this every year? Can we catalog how much time and effort this takes?
- ❖ **A:** Yes, unless HSRA is revised and updated, we do have to do this annually. Hopefully, it will move faster once we go through it this year!

# Proposed Process & Timeline



Components & Steps	June	July	August	Sept
Community Input	Embedded in all steps			
Existing data review	Trends in Annual KPIs to define subpopulation service needs and changes in the landscape.	Review existing Resource Inventory (Capacity & Utilization) Reports.		
Reviewing efforts of ICH members to implement HWDC2.0	Establishing a template for gathering member efforts with a focus on <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Key accomplishments (including performance indicators and milestones).</li><li>Changes in the landscape</li></ol>	Collecting updates from members  Synthesizing trends in Annual KPIs and changes in the landscape to inform Annual Updates.	Reviewing updates or efforts in Committee and Workgroup Meetings  Reconciling member efforts with trends and changes in the landscape.	Finalizing Update of HWDC Goals, Strategies, & Activities
Additional data review	TBD. Depending on need & scope. Want to be transparent that we do not have enough time to review additional data.			
Integrating ICH CMTE/WG Discussions into Draft Annual Update	Early June: establish templates for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Changes in the Landscape</li><li>Resource Inventory (Capacity &amp; Utilization Reports)</li><li>Service Needs Amongst Subpopulations</li></ul> Draft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Changes in the Landscape</li><li>Service Needs Amongst Subpopulations</li></ul>	Review the first draft of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Changes in the Landscape</li><li>Service Needs Amongst Subpopulations</li></ul> Draft: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Member Efforts</li><li>Updating HWDC2.0 Goals, Strategies, &amp; Activities</li><li>Resource Inventory</li></ul>	Review First Draft of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Member Efforts</li><li>Resource Inventory</li><li>Updating HWDC2.0 Goals, Strategies, &amp; Activities</li></ul> Update Draft of <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Changes in the Landscape</li><li>Service Needs Amongst Subpopulations</li></ul>	Finalize Drafts & Review for Adoption



# Key Discussion Questions



- ❖ Any feedback on establishing a template for gathering member efforts with a focus on
  - Key accomplishments (including performance indicators and milestones).
  - Changes in the landscape
  
- ❖ What data can Housing Solutions Committee review in July to assess:
  - Progress on HWDC 2.0 goals, strategies, and activities?
  - Changes in the landscape?

# Housing Solns Committee: Scope of Work



## Roles & Responsibilities (last updated 2021)

- ❖ Monitoring & reviewing DC homeless housing resources
- ❖ Monitoring transition to hybrid DHS/DCHA and DHCD/DCHA model, focusing on the
  - lease-up process and procedures and
  - housing provider engagement strategies.
- ❖ Supporting efforts to build developer capacity.

# Housing Solns Committee: Scope of Work



## Projects & Priorities (last updated 2021)

- ❖ Report/track dedicated housing resources to homeless services, including:
  - Protocol for reporting/tracking new site based PSH units
  - Dashboard for reporting/tracking new and turnover voucher resources
- ❖ Capacity building to emphasize production of site-based PSH, including PSH Plus:
  - Promoting production of site-based PSH and socializing newly adopted vision for PSH Plus
  - Supporting CSH and PTEH establish a pre-development fund to seed site-based PSH, including PSH Plus
  - Mapping challenges in the site-based development process and offering recommendations to address identified challenges
- ❖ Supporting landlord and property management engagement efforts underway, including:
  - Developing a Centralized Unit Repository (CUR) and Centralized Housing Navigation (CHN)
  - Improving coordination between property management and on site PSH service providers
- ❖ Combat NIMBY Challenges
  - Work with OP to identify potential changes to existing laws and procedures that allow residents to block of substantially slow the development of affordable and supportive housing projects in their neighborhoods that otherwise comply with threshold requirements

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# Medicaid Renewals



## ❖ Medicaid Renewal Coming Soon!

- Led by DHCF
- Beneficiaries must update contact data to re-enroll. Visit [districtdirect.dc.gov](https://districtdirect.dc.gov)
- Starting on Saturday, April 1, 2023, Medicaid beneficiaries will have to renew their health coverage within the next 14 months -by before June 30, 2024
- CoC stakeholders are asked to be advised, help advertise

## ❖ How You Can Help:

- Visit [DHCF Medicaid Renewal Information Webpage](#)
- View the DHCF Communications Toolkit to help message
- Join biweekly DHCF meetings – Email [Medicaid.renewal@dc.gov](mailto:Medicaid.renewal@dc.gov).
- Questions? Email [Medicaid.restart@dc.gov](mailto:Medicaid.restart@dc.gov).

**Did you know** all DC residents with Medicaid, Alliance, or the Immigrant Children's Program must start renewing their coverage again?

**Don't miss out** on important information. If you haven't already, take time today to update your address, phone number, and/or email address at [districtdirect.dc.gov](https://districtdirect.dc.gov) so that DHCF knows where to send your Medicaid renewal letter.

If you need help, please call the Public Benefits Call Center at **202-727-5355**.

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# Seasonal/Shelter Updates Across the System



- ❖ Emery House is officially open as of 05/19!
- ❖ Pat Handy Legacy is now closed.
  - Provider (Catholic Charities) is moving all equipment and materials out.
  - Most clients moved to Emery.
- ❖ Blair will close in Sept 2023 for renovation.
  - DHS is focused on housing clients and finding alternatives (including transitional shelters)

