

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

Housing Solutions Committee Meeting Summary

Date: Monday, March 23, 2020

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Call

Agenda:

1. D.C. Government Agency Updates
2. Discussion of the Housing Solutions Committee's 2020 Work Plan Items from the approved Homeward 2.0 Plan

Meeting Summary:

1. DC Government Agency Updates

DHCD

- Focused on COVID-19 response
- Awaiting block grant funding for disaster relief
- Establishing a tenant based rental assisted program in April
 - Will evaluate to see how small landlords / affordable housing developments are weathering COVID-19 situation and move forward from there
- Small business grants will be distributing information tomorrow

DHS

- Focused on COVID-19 response
- Most staff teleworking; no direct client contact
- All shelters up and running, operating 24/7 so they can provide meals and services and limit how much people are moving within the district
 - Implementing social distancing within shelters themselves
 - Remote case management whenever possible; case management function still happening, and providers still being paid
- Working with DCHA to coordinate lease-ups for potential tenants who are already matched.
- New CAHP referrals are paused until further notice
- Hosting partner calls every Friday at 3 pm; sign up for the call info via subscription link - [here](#)
- Holding termination notices for FRSP; those who were slated to stop receiving support in March will continue to receive it until further notice
- Posting guidance for providers on quarantining individuals that may not have housing

- For questions about any DHS services and information on future changes, can send an email to dhs.covid19@dc.gov.

DCHA

- Still processing lease-ups, recertifications, and inspections
- Working with DHS to shifting voucher briefing to a remote platform
- Holding off on annual inspections; trying to relax deadlines around annual deadlines
- Landlord payments, recertifications, package drop-off still happening
 - Headquarters are closed to public, but still accepting documents needed for processing

2. Discussion of the Housing Solution Committee (HSC)'s 2020 Work Plan Items

Work Groups to work on Homeward 2.0 Objectives

- Two groups:
 1. Permanent Supportive Housing Work Group (focused on Objectives 9.2.1, 9.2.2, and 10.3.1) – kick off call to be Wednesday, April 1 at 2:30 PM. If you would like to be included in this discussion please email Jillian Fox at jillianfox@csh.org to be added to the invitation.
 2. NIMBY Work Group (Objective 1.3) – kick off call to be Monday, March 30 at 1 PM. If you would like to be included in this discussion please email Chapman at jchapmantodd@gmail.com to be added to the invitation.