



FEBRUARY 2024 MEETINGS

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PURPOSE

To provide a readout of the February ICH meetings.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

At the community's request and to ensure transparency, the ICH is committed to providing a monthly digest of scheduled meetings, notes, and feedback. This digest is limited to ICH meetings and does not include the details of all constituent concerns or community updates. If you would like to join an ICH Forum (Committee or Workgroup) but are not currently on the listserv or receiving the calendar invite, please email ich.info@dc.gov to join the listserv and stay up to date.

DIGEST, BY ICH FORUM

ICH Forum	People	Orgs	Areas of Concern or Risk	Opportunities for Improvement	Progress/Trends to Celebrate	Announcements
02/01 Single Adult System (SAS) Workgroup	51	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumers in programs lacking adequate support, specifically recovery from COVID and navigating Medicaid Renewal. Escalating cases through OMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumers are concerned about perceived incongruencies between DHS, TCP, and HUD reports. Clarification on the post-CAHP match process Workflow explaining the transition from RRH to PSH. Report Cards on ICH & DC Govt Agencies Communication Materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFFC now participates in CAHP & HMIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DBH Peer Specialist Training DHS Peer Case Management Institute OSSE Funding for Advanced Technical Center DSLBD: Aspire Incubator Program & Dream Grant Pitch Program

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02/06 Front Door Services Workgroup	76	37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol for unsheltered families, including migrants. • Transportation for families & minors. • Tension around investments in OMS vs investments in Single and Young Adult Subsystems • Lack of prioritizing youth vs assumed into the adult system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on OMS Services • Guidance materials when encountering unsheltered or migrant families. • Reporting and Reviewing UIRs 		
02/08 Shelter Solutions Workgroup	21	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral Health Services at Shelters • Food Access at Shelters • Weekly Deep cleaning at Adams Place Shelter requires additional planning and communication/partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy for cleaning Shelters operating 24/7 • WLCH seeks to provide resources and engagements at CCNV 		
02/14 Family System Workgroup	50	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of time for inspections and quality of inspections • Fair Housing and Landlord Discrimination Concerns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance for families waiting on custody determinations and transition to singles system. • Tools and Guidance for ERAP application • Data on families experiencing homelessness for the first time. • Data on ERAP applicants and housing subsidies. 		<p>Additional announcements made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICH Open Positions • TCP Open Positions
02/15 Veterans NOW Workgroup	20	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of time for inspections and the impact on leasing up. • Determining Rent Reasonableness and Inspections still challenging. • Length of time of housing process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on how Veterans are moving around regionally. 		
02/20 Executive Committee	49	39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to understand the overall budget for the city and cuts to other agency budgets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to advance work of expanding income, employment & entrepreneurship opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ICH Digest tracks shifts in the landscape, captures data across all ICH forums, 	<p>Additional announcements made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Central Unit Repository

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern about mid-year cuts to FY24 budget as well FY25 budget Concern about programs that serve the most people and have the highest demand (e.g., ERAP). Concern about pandemic-related protection measures that cannot be supported by local budgets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional coordination highlighting residency requirements and mapping systems. Request for clarify around coordination with adjacent systems (particularly DV & criminal justice) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and orients new members to work underway. Progress on 2022 & 2023 Nominations, including the number of Nominees with Lived Experience under Mayoral Review 	
02/21 Racial Equity & Inclusion Workgroup	27	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holding ICH Members on the Full Council and Leadership Slate accountable for advancing the work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for more data on the use of language access services across the CoC. Clarity on how Full Council Nominees and Leadership Slate positions are selected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Access resource is free, and TCP can provide Training 	
02/21 Combined Health Care Committee & Behavioral Health Workgroup	71	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary data on FD-12s lower than community expectations, given the deterioration of behavioral health observed by providers and peers. Need for comprehensive analysis flagged. Challenges with understanding referral pathways and connecting clients to ACT Teams/Services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges with Medicaid renewals and request for outstation workers dedicated to supporting Medicaid renewals/certifications. Request for review of HMIS access and training to ensure best practices and client protection. Request for Data on COVID-19 that is specific to people experiencing homelessness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICC Team is connecting with Zoe's Door. DCPL interest and call for behavioral health supports/teams at MLK. 	
02/23 Consumer Engagement Workgroup	17	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns around Food Access Concerns about inequity between resources available for families vs what is available for singles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification on ICH ranking and approval process for both Full Council members and Leadership Slates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constituents testifying and engaging with Performance Oversight and Mayor's Budget Engagement Forums NOFO Reviewers Paid Opportunities for PLE. 	
02/26 Housing	48	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns around the integrity of the unit information landlords submit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification on the rent reasonableness process is still needed, including 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voucher Application work by The Lab@DC. 	

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Solutions Committee			<p>including size, pricing, amenities, and the structure for accountability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constituent feedback that thousands of units in the District are vacant, but low-income households cannot access them. 	<p>questions on how unit rents are verified and discrepancies between affordablehousing.org and rent reasonable determinations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desire to make site-based PSH more attractive to Developers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Priorities & Projects that line up with Housing as a Right. 	
02/28 Shelter Capacity Workgroup	18	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns around clients being turned away from VWFRC and unsure what services are being given or referred to. • Concerns around low utilization of Youth Emergency Shelters: Shine and Safe Haven. • Need to prioritize utilization of Transitional Housing for Single Adults given the upcoming closure of overflow shelters. • Recommendation to create a transitional housing resource guide. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to improve Family reports by showing the number of applicants to VWFRC vs. how many were placed in shelters or assisted by HPP or other resources/supports. • Request to improve Single Adult reports by adding a run chart showing turnaway trends overall and by month and the rate of transportation provided for turnaways. • Request to improve Young Adult reports by leveraging the daily census tool to better understand the utilization of transitional housing programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community agreement on priorities and projects. 	
02/28 Emergency Response and Shelter Operations Committee	48	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of beds that will be closing end of Hypothermia Season. • Slow moving housing process and the number of clients matched to vouchers still in shelters. • Creating backup safe havens during inclement weather. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for housing-focused case managers at shelters. • Request to track weather-related hospital admissions. • Request to consider weather events such as air quality and high winds in seasonal planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypothermia shelters working with transitional housing programs as options for clients as hypo sites close down. • Appreciation for the mid-season review tool on hypothermia season. 	