

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

DIGEST

JANUARY 2024 MEETINGS

Updated: 21 March 2024

PURPOSE

To provide a readout of the January 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
01/03 ERSO	65	32	 Shelter Hotline Calls Dropped/Not Answered Overflow capacity leveraged to support OMS Discharges in inappropriate attire Availability of ADA Beds FY24 Budget Cuts 	 DCPL Branch Closing Hours Shelter Hotline Customer Service Comms re Transportation: Scheduled vs On Demand SUD Services & connections 	 Integration of ICC at DDSC Overflow capacity leveraged to support PEPV demobilization 	 DCPL: Job Opportunity for LICSWs DHS: ERAP Closed Until 04/01 & 07/01

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01/17 Family System WG	57	20	 FY24 Budget Cuts Proposed increase in FRSP caseloads Housing delays (client case: 3 years) Availability of ERAP funding Call for quality case management for all family interventions 	 CAHP Pre-Check Forms Inspections ERAP portal accessibility challenges HMIS limitations – request for analysis/comparison with data from adjacent systems 	 DHS: Rent Reasonableness for FRSP & Career Map HCS: Veteran Flex Funds TCP: HMIS Visibility Updates & ROI Reminder TCP: Study on Housing Insecurity in DC TCP: Volunteer Registration for Annual Point-in-Time Count Now Open
01/17 Combined Proposed Health Care CMTE & Behavioral Health WG	82	39	 Fatalities for sheltered and unsheltered clients, especially related to opioid use Shelter Hotline Calls Dropped/Not Answered Housing backlog (client case: 2 years) 	Burial assistance1115 Waiver Renewal	Additional announcements made: DACL/DCOMBUDS: Preventing LTC Residents from Unsafe Discharges DHCD: Public Hearing for FY23 CAPER TMEH: Talitha Koum Bridge TH Program
01/18 Veterans NOW WG	27	9	 Trends in case management engagement Low housing placement DCHA delays Availability ERAP Funding 	 Triaging newly homeless Veterans System Manual/Map Outreach Capacity ICH meeting management Client unsheltered since 80s housed SSVF Staffing Up Systemwide coordination Process for Chronic Step Up to VASH 	

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01/23 Youth Committee	62	30	 DHS contracts & reimbursement Shelter locations – safety/concerns related to Sanctuary and need for shelter on Georgia Avenue Fentanyl use and self-neglect 	 Dedicated youth hypo beds Comms & availability of day center & emergency shelter during alerts Language access – demand and utilization Improving matching outcomes Youth Voice in Safety/Security Planning Mapping Youth System 		Additional announcements made: • Zoe's Doors will operate 24/7 starting 02/08 • DC Council: Performance Oversight Hearings Schedule • IRS: Get Ready for Filing Season 2024 • MWCOG: Regional Fair Housing Plan
01/24 Racial Equity & Inclusion WG	28	14	Food access and cash assistance programs for Singles vs Families	Opportunity for coordination with the Poverty Commission	New housing insecurity/instability report specific to DC available	
01/26 Consumer Engagement Workgroup	16	6	 Warming Buses – inaccurate locations, lack of staffing/monitoring, and request for DBH presence Medicaid renewals Language access and translation of comms collateral 	 Clear comms around operational shifts Lighter backgrounds easier for aging clients to consume 		Additional announcements made:
01/30 Strategic Planning CMTE	41	23	 FY23 outcomes for families FY23 outcomes for singles FY23 HUD COC NOFO awards – loss of funding for 4 projects Fiscal constraints and impact on FRSP funding 	Additional breakdowns and analysis of FY23 outcomes (or key performance indicators)	Launch of DHS Peer Case Management Institute	Additional announcements made: CFSA: Quality Improvement Survey DSLBD: The Aspire Incubator Program DSLBD: The Dream Grant Pitch Program

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01/31 Shelter Capacity WG	10	10	• -	Increase in family visits and census Turnaways from Harriet Tubman and concerns about women declining transportation Youth emergency shelter occupancy rates	•	Reporting STFH placements next to visits to VWFRC to support analysis Tracking vacancies for men if CCNV is alert night only Focusing priorities/projects on fiscal constraints and realistic outcomes		
01/31 ERSO CMTE	62	30	• 1	Accessibility challenges, including lack of ADA beds Family system access for families, especially for migrants (VWFRC vs OMS) Food access – policy/regulations for meal service Harriet Tubman concerns related to food access, fire drills during alert weather, accessibility exits			Warming Buses – availability	