

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**



**Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)  
Strategic Planning Committee**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020  
2:30 to 4:00 p.m. by Webex

People present:

Kristy	Greenwalt	ICH
Kimberly	Waller	ICH
Kelly	Sweeney McShane	Community of Hope, Co-Chair
Tania	Mortenson	DHS, Co-Chair
Wes	Heppler	WLCH
LaToya	Young	DCCADV
Cathy	Solomon	N Street Village
Kris	Thompson	Calvary Women's Services
June	Crenshaw	Wanda Alston Foundation
Qadir	El-Amin	CEWG
Reginald	Black	Street sense
Courtney	Hall	Housing Up
Waldon	Adams	Pathways to Housing
Michael	Ferrell	Coalition for the Homeless
Christy	Respress	Pathways to Housing DC
Eileen	Rosa	TCP
D'Vonta'i	Hope	Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
Karen	Cunningham	Everyone Home DC
Adam	Rocap	Miriam's Kitchen
Ishan	Heru	Community Connections
Kevin	Craver	TCP
Andrea	Scallon	Miriam's Kitchen
Carmen	Hernandez	
Carolyn	Arpin	
Danilo	Pettiliere	DHCD
Elisabeth	Young	TCP
Elizabeth	Beltran	
Gary	Maring	N Street Village
Jane	Oh	TCP
K	Brunson	

Kate	Coventry	DCFPI
K	Paton	
Sharlene	Castle	JDOT
M	Vetter	
Nechama	Masliansky	SOME
Reuben	Forman	
Robert	Warren	
Russell	Gardner	DCHSEMA
Sarah	Malala	
Tawana	Hollarnd	

- Introduction of new government co-chair and overview of new reality** – Kristy Greenwalt introduced Tania Mortenson from the Department of Human Services as the new government co-chair for the Strategic Planning Committee. Tania introduced herself, and then reviewed highlights of the FY21 budget. The budget briefing presentation will be forwarded to committee members. Several committee members expressed concerns with the reduction in amount of funding for Permanent Supportive Housing and changes in outreach under Department of Behavioral Health.
- Charter/work plan for Strategic Planning for FY20-21** – Kristy reviewed the role of the Strategic Planning Committee and the key responsibilities of the committee. She then outlined some priorities for the committee for the next 16 months and asked for feedback on the priorities. Multiple people agreed that priorities should include looking at the work through the racial equity lens as well as the trauma informed care lens. Others agreed that maximizing efficiencies within the current system, as well as looking at the quality and fidelity for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. There was also conversation on how to best monitor the impact of COVID and changes to how work is done during this prolonged period, and how to move people out of homelessness more quickly. The goal of integrating housing and healthcare work is even more important than before, and any related need for single-site PSH programs. There were also comments about addressing connection to Domestic Violence systems, as well as supporting the capacity of providers, especially those who may be struggling financially at this time.

Kristy asked for the following items from committee members:

- Send feedback on which specific items in Homeward DC 2.0 should be prioritized to [ich.dmhhs@dc.gov](mailto:ich.dmhhs@dc.gov).**
  - Send your interest to volunteer to lead and participate in task groups on racial equity and trauma informed lens to [ich.dmhhs@dc.gov](mailto:ich.dmhhs@dc.gov).**
- Input on phased reopening of CAHP protocols** – Kristy asked for feedback on what people are thinking about in terms of conditions for asking providers to re-start home visits, and for working to ensure that consumers don’t get “stuck” in shelter. People shared what they are doing as organizations. There was also a recommendation to get

feedback from consumers about what would make them feel comfortable to have visitors in their home.

- **Kristy asked that providers submit recommendations to [ich.dmhhs@dc.gov](mailto:ich.dmhhs@dc.gov) so that they can share it as the city is planning for next steps, as soon as possible.**