

## Government of the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

## **ERSO MEETING**

Date:October 24, 2018 Time: 1:00p to 2:30p Location: Wilson Building Room 201

## **Meeting Participants**

Kate Coventry, DCFPI Scott McNeilly, WLCH Abby Sypek, CHGM Michael Coleman, SEGM Ericka Ransom, UPO Synina Pugh, DHS Ron Stanley, Central Union Mission Reginald Black Dominique Vinson, DHS Robert Warren, PFFC Carter Hewgley, DHS Michael Ferrell, COH Nechama Masliansky, SOME Kristy Greenwalt, ICH Kimberly Waller, ICH Jill Carmichael, NCC Jessie Knowles, Friendship Place Brittany Robinson, MBI CABHI/ICH Outreach Jordan Gulley, DBH Jesse Rabinowitz, Miriams Kitchen Candyce Coates, TCP

## **Meeting Notes**

- 1. Welcome/Introductions/Framing
- 2. Discussion Singles Diversion Program- Presentation by Carter from DHS, see attached program proposal. Project Reconnect will be a DHS run program with a specific piece for a partner that is out as an RFP. Additional notes not covered on handout: Individuals can access the program 5 days after being in shelter or showing up at a day program. Goal is to serve 1000 people in a year. Services will last 6 months. Diversion will be discussed in Consumer Workgroup on 10/26.
- 3. Partnership Opportunity with Humane Rescue Alliance- Petsmart Charities reached out with a grant opportunity to partner with Homeless Services. Discussed options using animals as clinical interventions and relationship building tools included with outreach, the day center, volunteers possibly assisting. Additionally, how can we use funds to serve those experiencing homelessness with pets, such as shelters accepting people with pets or space for pets to be during the day as tasks are accomplished? Next Steps-Kristy and Outreach Workgroup will do a needs assessment and propose recommendations.
- 4. Updates from Workgroups
- 5. Shelter Capacity- Capacity is stable right now, there were no turnaways of women during September. There is an additional 25 beds at CCNV for women right now.
- 6. Shelter Conditions- Pat Handy will need additional beds for up to a 100 women due to elevator repair. Additionally looking for space to replace Emory, which is coed. Transportation schedules could change with changing of location of shelters. Pat Handy is also building a laundry room for residents. Next Steps-DHS/ICH looking into other shelter locations. Synina would like to discuss a process for allocating ADA beds.
- 7. Outreach- The CAHBI funding is scheduled to go through fy19. In response there have been recommendations submitted to continue funding through fy20. The team has been assessing lessons learned.
- 8. Additional Items: Conversation is continuing on a regional level assessing capacity. Downtown Service Center will have day use lockers but not overnight.

9. Next meeting: 11/28/2018 Time: 1:00p to 2:30p Location: One Judiciary Square (441 4 St NW). Room TBD. December Meeting Date Change- 12/19