

Government of the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

ERSO MEETING

Meeting Participants

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Meeting Notes

- 1. Welcome/Introductions/Framing
- 2. Hypothermia Season Check In- capacity and facility changes

Updated facilities for hypothermia season and alert nights are in the Winter Plan on the ICH website. Salvation Army is now coed and Kennedy and Banneker are open on alert nights. The transportation schedule has also been updated on the Winter Plan. Discussion around calling of alerts and some discrepancies, which often occur because of checking the weather in a specific location. DHS uses the reports from National Weather Service. Shelter Capacity reported that turn away numbers have gone down and there were zero for October.

3. Review of 2018 work plan- See 2018 work plan attached.

Bed reservation policy- with the way facilities are structured with the large dorm rooms it is hard to allow some to keep their items vs others. The space isn't separated out. As the new development for 801 East is being discussed temporary vs low barrier beds will be looked into. Looking at bed reservations being tied to specialized beds. Discussion on capturing lessons learned-**Next Steps** to pull together a document.

Reports from Shelter monitoring- Shelter Conditions stopped getting reports. They should focus on trends and report those up to ERSO.

Workgroups- all 3 workgroups will remain in current standing. Next Steps- format for reporting up to ERSO.

Items to Add to 2019- Program Rules for New 801 East. Hyperthermia Plan-Would like communication materials for consumers on homelessness related services. **Next Steps**- Kristy will speak with HSEMA about their timeline. Possible mini workgroup to work on harm reduction, specialized beds, and bed reservation policy in shelters.

- 4. Status Update Downtown Service Center
- Target remains end of December
- Additional construction issues have arisen, but the grantee is communication with the construction team and the urgency to get the project completed is being conveyed.

- DHS is communicating weekly with the grantee and have a 12/15 deadline for if the project is not completed and will need to continue past Dec.
- Services are being provided through outreach in the surrounding community at this time with meetings being held at Epiphany Church. Pathways is in search of a bi-lingual case manager is anyone is aware.
- **5. Updates from Workgroups: Shelter Capacity, Shelter Conditions, Outreach-** Harriet Tubman- demolition has been completed- Waiting on final approval-permit. Can deliver late Jan.
- 6. Additional Item from TCP- if you are signing up for trainings please make sure staff shows up or cancels. No shows will start to be penalized.
- **7. Next meeting:** 12/19/2018 **Time:** 1:00p to 2:30p **Location:** One Judiciary Square (441 4 St NW). Room 1117.