

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

# ERSO MEETING

Date: February 27, 2019 Time: 1:00p to 2:30p

Location: 441 4<sup>th</sup> St, NW Room 1107

### **Meeting Participants**

Synina Pugh, DHS Bill Kuennen, DHS Rebecca Flaherty, SOME Gabriela Sevilla, WLCH Abby Sypek, CHGM Melvyn Smith, DHS Charlene Traylor, TCP Jordan Gulley, DBH Amanda Baker, DBH Courtney Bernet, HSEMA Reginald Black Michael Ferrell, COH Kristy Greenwalt, ICH Jill Carmichael, NCC LaToya Young, DCCADV Lindsay Curtin, ICH Erika Ransom, UPO Michael Coleman Jamie Holland, MK Alicia Horton, Thrive DC Jesse Rabinowitz, MK Karen Guillory, Catholic Charities

## **Meeting Notes**

#### I. Welcome Call to Order

#### II. Approval of Minutes From Prior Meeting & Agenda Review

## III. Informational Items

- DHS Updates- *Downtown Daytime Service Center* Open! See attached flyer. Still working out all the systems and services. Some great feedback around meeting with case managers and some feedback around waiting for laundry and showers. Overall, very exciting to be open. *801 East Solicitation Update* All proposals are in and decisions should be made late March, early April.
- Shelter Capacity- Jan data shows that everything is operating within capacity.
- Shelter Conditions- Updates for next month include shelter standards and contractual changes as well as a standard items prohibitive list.

## **IV. Discussion Items**

**1.** HSEMA and Heat Plan- Courtney from HSEMA presented how the Heat Plan is developed, updating happens in March and the goal is to have a finished plan by May.

- Discussion around the need for coordination between agencies and cooling sites.
  Discussion around expectations of services that are associated with the Heat Plan.
  Currently, the Heat Plan just lists govt places where one could cool off but there is not coordination on a daily basis on what would be open and what the expectations are for the site or for people who come in. Alerts under hyperthermia are a warning but not an activation of services like hypothermia alerts are.
- Concerns to keep in mind- additional funds needed to run cooling centers if opening mid day, awareness of time it takes for preparing buildings to be cool.

- Next Steps- ICH will take a look at the Heat Plan. ERSO will continue to discuss and strategize around transportation, specific list of cooling sites with expectations for our population, eligibility for cooling sites, communication plan between cooling sites, consumers, providers, DHS, and UPO. Within communication signage that designates cooling site and expectations.
- Heat Plan Attached- please read through for discussion in March Meeting.
- Shelter Capacity Committee Next Step- would it be helpful to capture any additional data and whether it is feasible to do it.

## **VI.** Announcements and Reminders

- Next Meeting Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
- VII. Summary and Adjournment