

Date: May 12, 2020 **Time:** 1:30p to 3:30p

Location: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome & Overview of WebEx Meeting Format and Protocols

Director Greenwalt (ICH) welcomed attendees to the meeting, shared the meeting agenda and purpose, provided an overview of the agenda, and established protocols for the WebEx meeting.

II. For Discussion

Agencies provided updates to the Executive Committee on topics such as, COVID-19 Response, modifications to operations, FY21 Budget highlights, new/anticipated federal emergency aid funding, and key Homeward DC project updates.

a. DHS

DHS Director Zeilinger provided attendees with an agency status update, an overview of how DHS has continued to deliver essential services, and an outlook on what is planned for the future. DHS has modified or extended its services to ensure needs are being met and has enhanced the screening process in shelters to disrupt the spread of the virus. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are isolated as well as quarantining those individuals whom they were in close contact with. As of May 5th, DHS updated its screening criteria to include all symptoms as cause to have individuals isolated and tested. In addition, DHS is offering free testing to employees working in low-barrier and emergency shelters. The community will be restarting I-CAHP with a focus on housing individuals in the PEP-V site and utilizing project-based vouchers. The community will also be restarting F-CAHP. DHS has continued to work on opening additional short-term family housing units and has started matching clients to The Brooks, Ward 3, in late April. DHS is working in conjunction with DHCD and other partners to plan for CARES Act funding. For more information, visit DHS's website here: DHS is a member of the Reopen DC Advisory Group Committees and is assisting in the development

b. DHCD

Director Donaldson provided an overview of DHCD's response to COVID-19 and federal funding opportunities that are available to support the city's response to the pandemic. DHCD has placed TOPA on hold during COVID-19 and continues to finance development projects in the city such as Hebrew Home, Anna Cooper House, and Walter Reed Building #17. DHCD anticipates receiving more than \$9.1 million in community block grants from HUD to support programming. DHCD is awaiting HUD's approval, which should come late May to early June. DHCD will use those funds to establish supports for renters, homeowners, small businesses, and non-profits. For example, DHCD will establish an emergency housing assistance fund to assist residents who need assistance with their rent. DHCD is committed to providing support to reduce the loss of affordable housing stock. DHCD has outlined how it intends to utilize funds, which can be found on the DHCD's website at dhcd.dc.gov.

c. DCHA

Director Garrett provided an overview of DCHA's priorities during COVID-19, which include ensuring the safety of residents and employees, providing residents with up-to-date information, keeping the properties clean, and maintaining operations. DCHA has adopted additional safety procedures following the guidelines provided by DC Health and the Mayor's office. DCHA has conducted over 3,300 wellness checks for isolated seniors and has been working to ensure all students have the necessary tools for virtual learning. DCHA's operations have remained constant by allowing most employees to telework or requiring essential employees to wear PPE and attend safety training. DCHA has instituted virtual inspections for the HCVP. DCHA has not waived rent for tenants; however, those who face hardship can apply for recertification, either in person or online, ensuring that neither tenants nor landlords are negatively impacted. DCHA has been holding virtual hearings for tenants who have grievances. DCHA is moving forward with the Transformation Plan but anticipate that the FY21 Budget may have an impact. For more information, visit the DCHA website, which is updated daily to provide notifications and announcements.

d. DBH

Mr. Richard Bebout, Deputy Director of Adult Services at the Department of Behavioral Health provided attendees with highlights on DBH's response to COVID-19 and additional funding opportunities to assist in providing emergency services. DBH acquired two million dollars from SAMHSA to expand PEP-V and ISAQ, improve care coordination for CPEP, and provide grief and trauma support. The funding will be disbursed through two phases. The first phase will last between 60 to 100 days, and the second phase provides one year of support. DBH, along with other agencies, has partnered with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to establish the VFAC to support families who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19 and need grief and trauma services. DBH has also taken the lead on the COVID-19 Needs Hotline and Web Portal, which was launched by the Mayor to deliver essentials to DC residents who tested positive for COVID or are otherwise impacted.

III. For Approval

a. Homeward DC 2.0

Director Greenwalt provided the Executive Committee with an update on Homeward DC 2.0 and reminded meeting attendees that the plan has been approved by the ICH Full Council to send to the Mayor for final approval and release. y ICH requested that committees review the work plans to ensure the proposed timelines are feasible. Final committee workplans will be provided to the ICH Executive Committee during the next meeting.

b. ICH Committee & Work Group Structure (FY 20 and FY21)

Director Greenwalt informed the Executive Committee that the committee structure that would remain the same but that all meetings would be held virtually via WebEx until further notice. New workgroups that were previously proposed have been placed on hold and are expected to launch in December.

c. 2020 Full Council Meeting Plan

Director Greenwalt informed the Executive Committee that the Full Council Meeting, scheduled for June, will be replaced with an ICH Executive Meeting. In that meeting, the PIT Count and FY21 Budget are potential topics that will be discussed.

VI. Summary and Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Date: 06/09/2019 Time: 1:30p to 3:00p Location: Virtually via WebEX