

Government of the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date: June 9, 2020Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pmLocation: One Judiciary Square (441 4 St NW)

Meeting Note

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Director Greenwalt (ICH) welcomed attendees, shared the meeting agenda and purpose, and provided context for the agenda's discussion items. Director Greenwalt explained that this would be an Executive Committee meeting instead of the quarterly Full Council Meeting because it would be hosted virtually instead of in person.

II. For Discussion

a. 2020 Point-In-Time (PIT) Results

The Community Partnership (TCP) presented the results from the 2020 PIT Count and showcased a dashboard they created via Tableau that makes the data easier to consume. PIT is an annual census to capture the scope and scale of homelessness in the District at a single point in time, which is mandated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PIT helps the District track its progress towards ending homelessness by providing year-to-year data. This year, TCP used Survey123, a phone application, to collect survey data and location data quickly and accurately.

i. Results

On January 22, 2020 the PIT Count was conducted and there were 6,380 people experiencing homelessness in the District. Of the 6,380 counted, 4,548 were in emergency shelters, 1,202 were in transitional housing, and 653 were unsheltered. There was a 2.2% decrease in people who were experiencing homelessness from 2019 (6,521) to 2020.

1. Families

There was a 5.8% decrease in families in emergency shelters and transitional housing from 2019 to 2020, and an overall 48.5% decrease since 2016. Approximately 800 families exited the emergency shelter system to permanent housing over the last year.

2. Singles

There was a 1.9% increase in unaccompanied individuals from 2019 to 2020, and an overall 7.4% increase since 2016. However, there was a 2.7% decrease of single adults experiencing chronic homelessness from 2019, which is a historical trend that even with increases in the population at large.

3. Veterans

There was a 4.0% increase in veterans experiencing homelessness from 2019 to 2020, and an overall 11.7% decrease since 2016. Since opening during Summer 2019, 61 veterans have moved into the new Walter Reed campus.

4. Youth

The count for Transition Age Youth (TAYs, young people aged 18 to 24) remained relatively flat from 2019 (546) to 2020 (548). Of those, 243 were unaccompanied, 202 were heads of their household with children, and the remaining 103 were part of a family household headed by an older adult. Additionally, there were nine unaccompanied minors (under 18), one minor with a child in emergency shelter, and one unaccompanied minor was unsheltered.

For more data and to utilize the dashboard TCP developed; please visit <u>www.community</u>partnership.org/pit-dashboard.

b. Data Trends During Health Emergency

Tom Fredrickson (TCP) presented updated numbers for the District's homeless system since the 2020 PIT Count, provided details on how HMIS will be utilized to track system changes as a result of COVID-19. Moving forward, TCP will generate data on the number of individuals and families in low barrier shelters (LBS) and emergency shelters. In 2020 data will include occupancy numbers from LBS, as well as the COVID response (PEP and ISAQ) sites, which replaced some LBS capacity. Changes in occupancy will continue to be reported on via TCP reports and ICH committees/workgroups. Program occupancy reports include daily census reports with metrics on emergency shelter; weekly occupancy reports measuring the use of residential programs (ES, TH, RRH, and PSH) throughout the CoC; and monthly summary figures with system capacity numbers.

Director Greenwalt (ICH) presented the numbers for the District's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) for the last three months, which was provided by DHS. The number of ERAP applications for March and April were significantly lower than the amount from the same months in 2019. However, there was a significant jump for May, which was higher than in 2019. Director Greenwalt anticipates there will be more movement in the system, especially after the moratorium on evictions is lifted.

c. District Economic Recovery Team (DERT) Overview

Danilo Pelletiere (DHCD) presented on DERT, which will focus on four mission areas, which are: Federal Funding and Budget; Strategy and Program Development; Engagement; and Economic Intelligence. OBPM will lead Federal Funding and Budget, and they aim to secure federal appropriations aimed at supporting recovery and identify pressures. DMPED will take the lead on Engagement by leveraging internal and external perspectives to inform and support our recovery efforts. Economic Intelligence will be managed by multiple agencies to gather and analyze intelligence to report and monitor recovery plans and programs. DMPED will also be leading Strategy & Program Development to develop a living Economic Recovery Framework that prepares the District to deploy federal funds, activates new policy and planning tools, and design/implement programs to spur economic recovery. DERT's short-term objective is to prepare the District to deploy federal funds to support businesses, workers, and housing needs. One example is COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program, which is an emergency rental assistance program for individuals impacted by the health crisis. DERT will also monitor all aspects of housing within the District.

d. HDC 2.0 Work Plans (Remainder of FY20 and FY21)

Director Greenwalt (ICH) presented on the HDC 2.0 and provided updates on the work plans for FY 20-21, such as new workgroups and special project teams that have been proposed.

III. Updates & Announcements

IV. Summary & Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned.

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Date: 07/14/2020Time: 1:30p to 3:30p Location: WebEx & Teleconference