



Government of the District of Columbia
Interagency Council on Homelessness

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date: November 13, 2018 **Time:** 1:30p to 3:30p
Location: Location: One Judiciary Square (441 4 St NW), Rm 1107

Meeting Participants

Schroeder Stribling, N St Village	Nechama Masliansky, SOME	Reggie Black
Tracy Cecil, CCG	Scott McNeilly, WLCH	Albert Townsend, PFFC
Laura Zeilinger, DHS	Kate Coventry, DCFPI	Bill Kuennen, DHS
Kristy Greenwalt, ICH	Robert Warren, PFFC	Joseph Mettimano, Central Union
Kelly McShane, Community of Hope	Linda Kauffman, Downtown BID	Mission
Jim Wotring, DBH	Director Ely Ross, Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs	
Ramina Davidson, DCAYA	Director Kristy Greenwalt, ICH	
Tom Fredericksen, TCP	Kimberly Waller, ICH	
Eileen Kroszner, TCP	Jill Carmichael, NCC	

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome/Framing

Director Greenwalt (ICH) welcomed attendees, shared the meeting agenda and purpose, and provided context for the featured discussion on Inflow Analysis Updates, as well as a discussion on Veteran Homelessness in the District.

Director Zeilinger asked to discuss Winter Plan changes. Emory Rec Center will not provide co-ed hypothermia beds this winter. Instead, the Salvation Army will have 50 co-ed seasonal beds. Pat Handy continues to have an elevator outage, limiting access to their building. Updates will be provided to the community as DHS continues to work on fixing the problem. The Winter Plan has recently been updated and is available on the ICH website here: <https://ich.dc.gov/page/winter-plan>.

II. Presentation: The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness

Tom Fredericksen with The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) provided an update on the Inflow Analysis work that was initially presented during the Full Council meeting. Please note: The annual Point in Time Count (PIT) is scheduled for January 23, 2019. Additionally, TCP will be conducting a PIT+ this year to better understand the singles system. TCP will announce the dates for the PIT+ at a later date. Additionally, TCP is pursuing data sharing agreements with DC agencies to ensure the most accurate data on number and experiences of homelessness.

Agencies interested in having staff administer the PIT+ or to set up data sharing agreements, please contact Mr. Fredericksen at: tfredericksen@community-partnership.org.

Comments and Discussion

- Meeting participants expressed excitement about the PIT+.
- There was discussion around how the PIT+ will help DC better capture PIT data.

- TCP and partners are pursuing additional opportunities to work more closely with surrounding communities and hope to complete a round two data analysis to include Prince George's County, as well as a longer look back period to better understand trends and data.

III. Presentation: Veteran Homelessness

Eileen Kroszner with TCP provided an update on the work being done in the Veterans system and reviewed DC's most recent data in the work to end Veteran Homelessness. The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and its member agencies have adopted a vision of what it means to end all homelessness, ensuring that it is a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience. USICH, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have also developed specific criteria and benchmarks for ending Veteran homelessness in order to help guide communities as they take action to achieve the goal.

Communities that believe they have met the criteria and benchmarks can seek confirmation of their achievement through a formal interagency process. In 2016, DC had USICH review the Veterans system to determine if we had reached functional zero. The only benchmark DC did not meet was the target benchmark for the length of time homeless, set for 90 days. The ICH Veterans NOW! Workgroup will plan to focus on ways to decrease the length of time of Veterans experiencing homelessness.

Ms. Kroszner also provided an overview of DC's Diversion/Rapid Resolution Pilot Project through VA SSVF. DC was part of the first cohort of communities who received funding for this Pilot Project – we are now able to review data and lessons learned.

Lastly, Direct Greenwalt introduced Director Ely Ross, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs. Director Ross discussed the work his office does to support Veterans in DC and expressed his support of and interest in working collaboratively with the ICH. The Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs is currently focusing on supporting Veterans with completing disability related paperwork, working with Veterans to upgrade their discharge status, and re-launching a Transportation Pilot project called VetsRide.

Director Ross also announced an event on December 5th: [National Veterans Legal Services Program](#) will be hosting a DD-214 Upgrade Screening and Information Clinic on Wed, Dec 5th from 9am - 3pm at the MOVA offices (441 4th St. NW). Call **202-724-5454** to book a free screening appointment if you believe you received an unfair less than Honorable discharge from the US military. Know your rights!

9am - 10am: Know Your Rights Brief for all in Conf Room #1114 (441 4th St NW)

10am - 3pm: Appointment Times in MOVA offices at #870N (441 4th St NW)

Additional information on all services available through the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs can be found here: <https://ova.dc.gov/Services>.

IV. 2018 Year in Review

Director Greenwalt acknowledged the lack of time to have a robust conversation on this topic. Instead, the ICH will host a call with Standing Committee Co-Chairs to conduct this conversation. Additionally, the ICH will be sending around a survey to all ICH stakeholders to receive input and feedback on the year and ways the ICH can improve going forward.

V. December 2018 Full Council Meeting

Director Greenwalt asked attendees for agenda topics for the December Full Council Meeting. Many attendees recommended a 2018 Year in Review for the Full Council meeting to ensure the Full Council is aware of all the work being done across the ICH Committees. One attendee recommended inviting the Mayor to speak.

VI. Summary and Adjournment

Attendee Robert Warren announced the dates and times for the People for Fairness Coalition's 6th Annual Homeless Memorial Vigil. See handout for additional information.

The meeting was then adjourned.