



Date: July 9, 2019 **Time:** 1:30p to 3:30p

Location: One Judiciary Square (441 4 St NW)

Meeting Notes

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.

II. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting & Agenda Review

The participants around the table unanimously approved the meeting minutes from the May Executive Committee meeting.

III. Discussion Items

a. Partnership to End Homelessness

Director Greenwalt introduced representatives from The Greater Washington Community Foundation to provide an update on the Partnership to End Homelessness. This is a public-private partnership with the District's Interagency Council on Homelessness. The launch event for the Partnership was on June 6, 2019. The Partnership's initial investment goal is to raise \$35 million to support ending homelessness in the District. The Community Foundation plans to release its first grant making opportunity through a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be released in August 2019. See the attached PowerPoint presentation for specific information on the RFP and its requirements. Lastly, the Community Foundation will invest resources in supporting a communications strategy to support fundraising efforts, while also shifting the narrative of homelessness in the District.

Executive Committee attendees recommended that The Community Foundation give as much notice about the plans for future RFPs as possible, so that providers can plan for these additional resources. Additionally, attendees recommended that the communications strategy leverage the expertise and voice of consumers who have lived experience of homelessness.

b. Shelter Redevelopment

- i. **801 East:** ICH and DGS staff reviewed the steps that have been completed to date as we proceed with the development of the new 801 East Men's Shelter. (See Stakeholder Engagement Timeline for more information.) Next steps were then outlined, which include: (1) design meetings with the design-build team and ICH stakeholders on July 1st, 17th, 24th (with additional dates TBD) (2) focus groups at 801 East and/or other activities to obtain more consumer feedback in partnership with the ICH Consumer Engagement Workgroup; and (3) the development of an 801 East Advisory Team. Executive Committee asked questions about the Environmental

Site Assessment conducted for the replacement site. DGS explained that some contaminants in the soil were identified, but nothing out of the ordinary, and that appropriate remediation was underway. For additional information, see the attached letter titled “Volatile Organic Compounds Testing-East and West Wings” and the handout provided during the Executive Committee meeting titled “FAQ on Fly Ash.”

- ii. **Federal City Shelter:** Short Term: The FY20 budget includes \$870k to support security enhancements at Federal City Shelter (interior and exterior cameras, lighting, etc.). DHS, DGS, and ICH are meeting with CCNV to discuss implementation. Long Term: The District has been working with CCNV leadership to develop a common vision for a potential redevelopment (i.e., what’s the right mix of shelter, respite beds, PSH, and other programming). The FY20 budget includes \$1M to complete an options analysis to examine the costs, constraints, and timeline associated with different strategies. DGS will be issuing a solicitation this fall with the goal of having the study complete in early 2020. **Harriet Tubman:** Renovations to the second floor at Harriet Tubman shelter will allow DHS to add 75 additional beds for women. The target completion date is July 31. CCNV extended their (48) hypothermia beds for women a second time to help bridge our capacity needs until these beds become available. Once the beds at Harriet Tubman open up, the seasonal beds at CCNV will come offline. If the timing changes, updates will be provided via the ERSO committee.
- iii. **Short Term Family Housing:** In July, the District broke ground on the Ward 1 Short Term Family Housing building. Additionally, the Ward 5 Short Family Housing Program, named The Sterling, is nearing completion. A ribbon-cutting is scheduled for August 21 @11a. The National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) has been selected to operate the building. NCCF is a private nonprofit child and family welfare agency that was founded in the District in 1915 as an orphanage. They currently operate both the Park Road Family Shelter and The Kennedy Short-term Family Housing Program. They have been long-standing partners to the homeless services continuum having operated The Freedom School for many years at DC General Family Shelter. The STFH programs currently have an average length of stay of 86 days.

c. 2019 HUD CoC NOFA – Expansion Projects

Representatives from The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) provided brief update on the contents of the recently released HUD CoC NOFA. New from last year’s competition, HUD is allowing communities to apply for Expansion Grants. Expansion Grants allow a provider to apply for new funding to expand an existing grant to increase the number of units or persons served, and/or increase services provided to existing program participants. Importantly, Expansion Grants are funded by reducing or eliminating an existing grant or reducing the amount of funds that a community can allocate toward new bonus projects.

The Executive Committee agreed that: (1) The CoC ranking committee only consider applications for Expansion Grants that will increase the number of program slots and the number of people served in the CoC; (2) The CoC should only consider applications to expand program ranked in the top 10 on the CoC Priority Listing, and (3) Existing grants should not be reduced to fund expansion grants; rather, expansion grants should be funded with bonus project funding only. Members of the Executive Committee asked that this last point be clarified in the slide deck as well.

d. FY20 Planning – Street Outreach

The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget included funding for street outreach programs. The money included in the budget were allocated to the Department of Human Services (DHS) who will implement these programs through an RFP to be released later this summer. The DHS team has been working closely with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to ensure that the new DHS Street Outreach programs are coordinating with DBH's expanded 24-hour crisis response teams.

e. Homeward DC 2.0 Update

Director Greenwalt updated the Executive Committee on the planning sessions that have taken place to help guide and advise the drafting of Homeward DC 2.0. (See Homeward DC 2.0 Work Groups Schedule for more information.) The ICH Strategic Planning Committee will lead the drafting efforts for the strategic plan's second iteration. To get involved in future Strategic Planning Committee meetings, visit the ICH website: <https://ich.dc.gov/events>.

V. Summary and Adjournment

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

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