

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Interagency Council on Homelessness
Emergency Response and Shelter Operations

Date: June 27, 2018
Time: 1 – 2:30 PM
Location: One Judiciary Square (441 4th Street NW). Room number is 1114

Present: Nechama Masliansky (SOME), Michael Ferrell (Coalition for the Homeless), Reginald Black, Kate Coventry (DCFPI), Amanda Chesney (Catholic Charities), Tom Fredericksen (TCP), Kimberly Waller (ICH), Bill Kuenne (DHS), Abby Sypek (CHGM), Jordan Gulley (DBH), Sarah Roenfeldt (COH), Ruth Walker (Shelter Hotline), Erika Ransom (Shelter Hotline), Carl McAllister (DHS), Karen Guilroy (Catholic Charities), Maryam Sarhan (HopeOne Source), Stephen Moyar (ICH), Jill Carmichael (NCC), Jesse Rabinowitz (Miriams Kitchen), Michelle (N St Village)

Agenda

I. Welcome/Introductions/Framing

II. Shelter Capacity Recommendations for Winter Plan 2018-2019

- a. See handout for number and site recommendations
- b. Only concern right now is Emery and Melyvn will be confirming whether we can use the site this come year.

III. Winter Plan Update Discussion

- a. Sites- based on capacity recommendations, changes from last winter plan
 - i. Follow up on Emery but the rest are set.
- b. Transportation Schedule- changes, recommendations for additional stops
 - i. Overall summary of additional stops added during hypothermia season which made on demand transport difficult. Additional stops were needed with Adams Day Center and North Cap and Mass ave. Also transporting more people that need accessible vehicles.
 - ii. To be able to add additional stops such as Eastern Market and Miriams Kitchen additional vans and drivers would be needed.
 - iii. Still concern around the two hours from when Adams PI closes and rec centers open. **Will F/U with Jean on DCPL and where that convo left off.**
 - iv. What do we need to meet the need: The current vans need to be replaced and then we need to add to the fleet. Need to add at least 8 more vans and at least 16 staff. This would be a total fleet of 14 vans and 6 buses, 3 wheelchair accessible vehicles and they need a lot of repairs. Need large accessible vehicles because right now you can only take 2 at the same time. DHS has identified funding for 4 additional vehicles but need funding for beyond that.
 - v. **Ongoing concerns around pick ups at hospitals and hospitals discharging to shelters. Will add to agenda or develop a small group to address.**
 - 1. Also recognizing the difference between discharges for a medical condition vs those that just want a safe place to stay.
- c. Communication- 311 app, info card, exc.- No Additional Updates at this time
- d. Youth- additions to the table- Kimberly
 - i. Number of TAY accessing adult shelters- pretty consistent from last year. Communication for TAY to know that there are additional shelter beds.
 - 1. Ideas- developing posters for adult shelters about TAY shelters and what to do
 - 2. Making cards that have all of the emergency info for TAY

3. Youth street outreach will begin focusing on inreach to adult shelters.
 4. Money in the budget for 30 new shelter beds, currently looking at where the right locations are.
 5. Notifying the system when those beds go online.
- ii. Working to get emergency shelter beds to have more accurate numbers and be included in the daily census
 - iii. Transportation for youth.
 1. Learning from youth providers on what they do right now, using metro cards and tokens.
 2. Youth providers looking at partnering with lyft and uber
 3. Currently there is a felt separation between the youth and adult systems. Youth providers working to better understand the adult system of transportation.
 4. Doing some mapping around where drop in, emergency shelters, and hot spots. Then the normal routes the youth are taking. Getting a better picture on the flow.
 - iv. Shelter hotline vs Sasha Bruce safe hotline- as a youth committee they are working to figure that out. **Youth committee would like to review winter plan draft and address the youth parts specifically.**
 - v. Pat Handy seeing a lot more youth, close to Chinatown which is a hot spot.
 - vi. Maybe an incentive to get TAY to participate in TAY as opposed to trying to get into the adult services.
 - vii. Youth Action Board- Through the Eyes of Youth
 - viii. How do we serve minors- Sasha Bruce is the only place that can serve minors. Posters should say under 24.
- e. Additional items from hypothermia debrief checklist
 - i. **Need family numbers**
- IV. Timeline of Winter Plan**
- a. Consumer Engagement Workgroup-
 - b. Draft for July ERSO
 - c. Final for August ERSO and ERSO votes- will have winter plan out 3-5 business days ahead of meeting
 - d. ICH Full Council Presentation and Vote
- V. Next Meeting**
- a. ERSO July 25th, 1-2:30pm 441 4th St NW