



Government of the District of Columbia
Interagency Council on Homelessness

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date: August 14, 2018

Time: 1:30p to 3:30p

Location: One Judiciary Square (441 4th St NW) – Room 1117

Meeting Participants

Kristy Greenwalt, ICH	Jill Carmichael, NCC	Reggie Black
Kimberly Waller, ICH	Kate Coventry, DCFPI	Tanya A. Royster, DBH
Lashun Lawson, ICH	Ramina Davidson, DCAYA	Polly Donaldson, DHCD
Stephen Mogar, ICH	Kelly Sweeney McShane, COH	Larry Handerhan DHS
Carter Hewgley, DHS	Chapman Todd, JAYDOT	Tamitha Davis, DHS
Hammere Gebreyes, DCHA	Lara Pukatch, Miriam's Kitchen	Kim McConkey, DHS
		Christy Repress, Pathways

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Director Greenwalt (ICH) welcomed attendees and walked through the proposed agenda items.

II. Consolidated RFP

Director Donaldson (DHCD) presented an overview of the current Consolidated RFP round (7/31/18 to 9/28/18) which included information on the RFP selected projects, RFP units, and RFP requirement updates. See attached Powerpoint Presentation for additional information.

Overview and updates on the topic included:

- Out of 28 applications, 9 projects have been selected for further underwriting.
- Director Donaldson reports a stronger push from DHCD for applications serving 0-30% AMI;
- The RFP now includes explicit definitions surrounding Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement (CAHP) and Housing First, ensuring that tenant selection will draw from CAHP and that programs will implement a Housing First approach.
- RFP Form 202 has been revised. DHCD will hold training sessions to advise the community on the changes.

Discussion points on the topic:

- A concern was raised about the lease-up times, which can be between 6-8 months.
- A question was raised about whether or not tenant-based vouchers were preferable to site-based vouchers as clients have declined housing where the voucher is attached to the site.

Other Topics:

- New Federal funding source - the National Housing Trust Fund - has allocated approximately \$5.4 million for new housing projects.

- Senior Housing Projects - It is now required that 80% of units in a senior housing building be designated **for** seniors.

III. Homeward DC Roadshow

Kim McConkey (DHS) presented on the Ending Homelessness Roadshow. In 2018, the District will launch an Ending Homelessness Roadshow –a series of community presentations and panels–to engage with DHS’s key stakeholders (faith community, community organizations, and providers) in the collective effort to end homelessness in their communities.

The roadshow speakers bureau–District government staff, providers, and other ICH partners/stakeholders with relevant expertise –will discuss the mission to make homelessness a rare, brief and nonrecurring experience in Washington, DC, including ways that private sector citizens can get involved. See the “2018 Ending Homelessness Roadshow Presenter Interest Form” if you would like to be considered for the speakers bureau.

Discussion points on the topic:

- The concern of having consistent messaging across providers was raised. Kim (DHS) pointed out that DHS/ICH are working on some standardized materials that would be used for the presentations. Further, government staff would be included at any presentation to help consistency.
- A call for volunteers was made by DHS. Interested volunteers can submit the above mentioned form to Kim McConkey at kim.mcconkey@dc.gov.

IV. Executive Committee Updates

Director Greenwalt (ICH) provided updates on the Workforce and Homeless Services Alignment and the Consumer Engagement Work Group.

Workforce and Homeless Services Alignment Updates and Discussion:

- A data sharing agreement with DOES is being developed in order to further understand the actual income receipt of homeless service system clients (since HMIS data is based on self-reported information) as well as the relationship between workforce services and housing status.
- DHS, DOES, and ICH staff are working on the alignment of shelter work beds, RRH, and referrals into DOES and DHS employment and training programs.
- DHS is considering way to add a peer position into their staffing requirements for contracts (e.g., outreach, low barrier shelter, PSH), and the ICH has been working with DOES on a peer certification program.
- The ICH and the Community Foundation have also had exploratory conversations on a data analysis project to better understand the skill set, work history, barriers, etc. of the homeless services population with the goal of better understanding how to right-size our investments in workforce services.

Consumer Engagement Work Group (CEWG) Updates and Discussion:

- The CEWG is meeting monthly on the last Friday of each month. Much of the current work is being focused on standing up the CEWG by solidifying branding, roles/responsibilities, and recruitment efforts.
- The CEWG will be engaging in community events and have completed two to date, both of which were focused on the Winter Plan. The next CEWG community event will focus on eliciting feedback about Rapid Rehousing (RRH) for single adults.
- A stipend process has been developed by the ICH in order to compensate the members of the CEWG for their time and expertise. Starting in 2019, CEWG members will have the option to receive a stipend through DOES.

V. Other Committee & Agency Updates**DC General Closure:**

- DHS has stopped making shelter placements at DC General (DCG) as of May 15, 2018.
- As of 8/10/18, DCG has a census of 102 families which is down from the 5/15/18 census of 242 families.
- Short-Term Family Housing (STFH) sites in Ward 4, 7, and 8 are scheduled to open between October 1st and November 15th.

FY19 Winter Plan:

- The draft plan was presented to ERSO in July; no major operational changes were made this year. The final plan will be presented to ERSO on 8/22/18 and will be presented to the full council in September for approval.

Youth Census:

- The Homeless Youth Census, known as Youth Count DC, is an annual, District-wide effort to collect information on the scope and scale of homelessness and housing insecurity among young people (<25 years old) living in the District.
- The Census results help inform Solid Foundations DC, the District's strategic plan to end youth homelessness, and resource planning and allocation.
- This year, Youth Count DC will occur from Friday, September 21st to Saturday, September 29th. Kick-off Event Scheduled for Friday (details TBD).

FY18 HUD CoC NOFA:

- The HUD Continuum of Care (HUD CoC) Program is the primary federal funding source of homeless services and provides more than \$21 million in HUD CoC funding to the District. The District's portfolio of HUD CoC Program grantees is predominantly PSH, with some RRH, and priority population TH (i.e. youth).

- The DCICH serves as the CoC Governing Board and approves the application, sets priorities for funding, and conducts the ranking by a Ranking Committee consisting of non-conflicted CoC members.
- The Ranking Committee met 4 times to review the program-level performance metrics and justification letters for CoC funded programs to determine the placement of each in the CoC's Priority Listing.
- The final consolidated application must be submitted to HUD by September 18, 2018.

VI. Summary and Adjournment