



Date: October 9, 2018 **Time:** 1:30p to 3:30p

Location: Location: One Judiciary Square (441 4 St NW), Rm 1117

Meeting Participants

Jean-Michael Giraud,
Friendship Place
Christine Louterbach,
Friendship Place
Schroeder Stribling, N St Village
Tracy Cecil, CCG
Laura Zeilinger, DHS
Kristy Greenwalt, ICH
LaShun Lawson, ICH
Larry Handerhan, DHS
Kelly McShane, Community of Hope

Nechama Masliansky, SOME
Ishan Heru, Community
Connections
Bruce McNamer, The Community
Foundation
Scott McNeilly, WLCH
Kate Coventry, DCFPI
Robert Warren, PFFC
Linda Kauffman, Downtown BID
Kelly Valentine, DBH- CABHI

Reggie Black, Rahlevosity
Albert Townsend, PFFC
Bill Kuennen, DHS
Polly Donaldson, DHCH
Silvia Straw, Community foundation
Paul Dornan, Open Arms
Angela Willingham, Community
Foundation
Scott Schenkelburg, Miriam's Kitchen
Tonia Wellons, Community
Foundation

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome/Framing

Director Greenwalt (ICH) welcomed attendees, shared the meeting agenda and purpose, and provided context for the featured discussion about the Partnership to End Homelessness.

II. Presentation: Partnership to End Homelessness (Community Foundation)

Bruce McNamer of the Greater Washington Community Foundation (GWCF) provided an overview of the partnership with ICH to lead private sector fundraising to support and accelerate implementation of Homeward DC and Solid Foundations DC.

Tonia Wellons, Silvana Straw, and Angela Willingham then continued to provide background on the initiative, work completed to date, and next steps. (See meeting slide deck.)

Comments and Discussion

- Meeting participants expressed excitement about the effort.
- Key questions and suggestions:
 - GWCF should consider flex funding for a variety of program models – not just PSH.
 - We need to ensure employment remains a key part of the discussion. Providing employment opportunities is one of the most important ways private sector partners can help.
 - Government is not great at innovating – private sector resources can be used to allow providers to test new models and approaches, which government can then take to scale. Evaluation must be coupled with any pilot projects to validate results.

- We shouldn't underestimate the role of the private sector in being political influencers. Private sector partners are needed to keep the government motivated in funding plans that will span across Administrations.
- With regard to education & messaging – be sure to keep it simple for outside donors.
- Money brings in money. Especially when it comes to national donors (e.g., Besos \$) – a community wide/collective impact approach will be more effective than having each nonprofit organizations individually pursue their own projects.
- The effort won't be all things to all agencies, but will hopefully bring more efficiency to our system efforts (e.g., creating dedicated streams on items agencies are individually fundraising for).

Questions for GWCF:

- When do you anticipate making funds available?

Response: We are not completely sure. We are not waiting until we have reached our fundraising goal, of course – but we still need to get some infrastructure in place (governance structure, grant-making framework, etc.) Hopefully by the end of the year or early next year.

- How can people stay involved in the discussion?

Response: Key updates will be provided through the ICH Executive Committee. We will certainly host additional meetings and events outside of this forum, but information about the initiative overall will be shared with ICH partners through this committee.

III. Ervin Act Legislation

DBH is considering an update to the Ervin Act – the District's law that governs civil commitments. They are in the midst of hosting three stakeholder engagement sessions:

- First session was on Sept 26. Participants did not have much context on the actual law, and it ended up being more of a training versus a discussion on changes.
- Upcoming sessions are Oct 7th and November 2nd
- The goal of the session is to gain input on the best way forward. DBH hopes changes to be introduced in January.
- Additional information will be provided through the Executive Committee as it is available.

IV. K2 Response

Director Greenwalt provided an update on the K2 crisis – including utilization trends, steps the District is taking (including emergency legislation to step-up enforcement efforts), messaging, and guidance for partners. (See meeting slide deck.) Director Greenwalt indicated that additional conversations are underway, and that the District is continuing to look for ways to combat K2 distribution and use.

Nechama Masliasky from So Others Might Eat shared a number of measures they are taking around their O St location to try to protect clients from sellers.

Two providers reported incidents of sellers verbally threatening staff. Director Greenwalt asked that providers be sure to report incidents like this to MPD.

V. Other Agency/Committee/Partner Announcements

- People for Fairness Coalition has been leading a campaign around the creation of public restroom facilities. Marcy Bernbaum shared information with the group, and asked interested stakeholders to sign a petition asking DC Council to pass Bill 22-0233 Public Restroom Facilities Installation & Promotion Act of 2017. The petition is available at <https://pffcdc.org/petition/>. For questions or to get involved, contact Marcy at marcybernbaum@gmail.com
- DHS Director Zeilinger mentioned that the Ward 4 and Ward 7 Short Term Family Housing facilities have been completed. The ribbon cutting for Ward 4 was on Sept 26, and the ribbon cutting for Ward 7 was on Oct 9. The ribbon cutting for the Ward 8 site is anticipated on Nov 9. Block parties are being planned at each location in the upcoming weeks.

V. Adjournment