

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Full Council Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Time:

12:30 – 1:30 pm Pre-Meeting

Audience: Advocates, Consumers, District Agency Staff &

Providers

Topic: Emergency Shelter Program Rules

2:00 – 3:30 pm Full Council

Location: One Judiciary Square; 441 4th Street NW, Old Council Chambers

Meeting Participants

- **ICH Council Members**: this is an official meeting of ICH Members, or their assigned delegates.
- **General Audience:** as a meeting that is open to the public, a general audience is permitted. However, participation in discussion is limited to the Public Comment section of the agenda. Otherwise, the floor is reserved for ICH Council Members attending the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Director Kristy Greenwalt called the meeting to order, welcoming members and stakeholders.

II. Public Comments

The Homeless Services Reform Act (HSRA) requires that there be an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting for members of the public to comment on matters relevant to the work of the ICH. The public was given approximately 10 minutes to offer public comments.

III. FY19 Winter Plan (Vote)

A reminder of the ICH's legal obligation to create a Winter Plan by September of each year was given. Gratitude was expressed towards the Emergency Response and Shelter Operations Committee (ERSO) for their work on the current Winter Plan. No major operational changes were made to the plan this year.

Key notes on the Winter Plan:

- The Winter Plan covers the period between November 1st and March 31st but hypothermia alerts may go into effect before or after those dates depending on the weather;
- The Shelter Capacity Workgroup used the data pulled from The Community Partnership (TCP) to determine the estimated number of shelter beds needed for the FY2020 hypothermia season;
- The ERSO Committee reviewed multiple drafts throughout the summer months and approved the final draft in August 2019.

A motion was made to vote on the Winter Plan; this motion was seconded. The FY2020 Winter Plan was voted on and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Income and Earnings Analysis

Director Greenwalt provided a brief overview of the Employment Analysis. The ICH Strategic Planning Committee is developing Homeward DC 2.0, the District's second iteration of the strategic plan to make homelessness in DC rare, brief, and nonrecurring. As part of this process, the ICH has been analyzing data to inform the development of the plan. The main topic of the fall Full Council meeting is the DC Lab's analysis of employment data from the Department of Employment Services (DOES) and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Note: The Data Analyses are preliminary and subject to change. They are meant only for initial discussions and will be followed by a written report. The analyses are purely descriptive. None

of the analyses should be interpreted to say anything about the effectiveness of homeless or employment services in DC.

The DC Lab then presented the Employment Analysis. See the attached PowerPoint for more information.

V. Public Comment on Agenda Items (Time Permitting)

After the presentation, no time was left available for public comment on agenda items.

VI. Adjournment

At the appointed hour, Director Greenwalt adjourned the meeting.