

Government of the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

ERSO COMMITTEE

Meeting Details

Date: 7/24/2019 **Time:** 1:00p to 2:30p **Location:** 441 4th St NW Room: 1117

Call-in Number: 866-564-3650, Participant code: 5690413

Agenda

Attendees:

Bill Kuennen (DHS)

Ron Stanley (Central Union Mission)

Michael Coleman (CEWG)

Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC)

Jordan Gulley (DHS)

Kate Coventry (DCFPI)

Ludy Williams (DHS)

Robert Warren (PFFC)

Caitlin Cocilova (WLCH)

Wes Heppler (WLCH)

Rico Harris (CCNV)

Quadir Fl-Amin

Judy Williams (DHS) Qaadir El-Amin
Jennifer McLaughlin (CEWG) Molly Vetter (TCP)

Lynn Zhay (WLCH)

Reginald Black (CEWG)

Betty Gentle (SOME)

Kimberly Waller (ICH)

Kristy Greenwalt (ICH)

Catherine Crosland (Unity)

Candice Coates (TCP)

Charlene Traylor (TCP)

Lindsay Curtin (ICH)

- Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes From Prior Meeting & Agenda Review
- III. Discussion
 - Draft Winter Plan Review Updates See Attached (highlighted items are updated)
 - Individuals: Shelter Redevelopment and Capitol Improvements
 - Big Picture Timeline and Funded Projects See Attached
 - 801 East: The New 801 Shelter will be on a new plot of land so individuals will not need to be moved during the new construction.
 - New York Ave Shelter Renovation: Consumer Engagement ahead of this project will be discussed across upcoming ERSO Meetings and in the Consumer Engagement WG.
 - General Comments/Questions:
 - Request to keep couples/adult only families and those with extra needs in the thought process when redeveloping
 - Question about timeline for MLK Library, this will be considered
 - What are the exit strategies for those in shelter, how do we incentivize individuals to be finding permanent shelter?
 - Exit strategies are not one size fits all
 - O What will the program rules be?
 - ERSO will be gaining feedback at upcoming meetings around Program Rules. In addition to the consumer, the HSRA needs to be taken into consideration as well as the individuals who will be implementing these rules. There was a suggestion to include shelter expectations of the client in program rules.
 - 801 East Detail: Status and Next Steps See Attached
 - Gaps and Prioritization

- The following groups were noted as individuals that should be prioritized and/or considered in new shelter design:
 - Couples/Adult only families
 - Co-ed/gender neutral shelter where people can intermingle was a priority
 - A suggestion was made to trial it in hypothermia season
 - Other options:
 - Could use "dividers" like in 801 to accommodate couples
 - A conjugal room that can be reserved
 - Transgender/non-binary
 - Establishing clear program rules is important
 - o Older individuals/individuals with mobility issues
 - Specifically for individuals having been in shelter 5-7 years
 - A comment was made that the longer you have been in shelter the more likely you should be to get housing
 - Undocumented Individuals
 - Perception of shelters being unsafe with their status/language barrier
 - Need access to lawyers
 - Location of shelters needs diversity (Columbia Heights)
 - People with lots of belongings
 - o People with odd schedules/jobs
 - o Individuals with SMI
 - Other gaps:
 - Safe use sites
 - "Bridge Housing"
- Homework:
 - Think about these gaps and others and come back ready to prioritize
- Heat Plan
 - CCNV Maintenance needs to start earlier

IV. Announcements and Reminders

- Reminder: Storage Discussion for August Meeting
 - The meeting will also focus on shelter gaps/prioritization and program rules
- VI. Summary and Adjournment

Decisions & Action Items

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Next Meeting Date: 8/28/2019 Time: 1:00p to 2:30p Location: 441 4th St NW Room 11th FL, TBD