

# Government of the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

**ERSO COMMITTEE** 

Meeting Details

**Date:** 12/2/20 **Time:** 1:00p to 2:30p **Location:** webex call

# **Agenda**

#### **Attendees**

Jill Carmichael (NCC), Kate Coventry (DCFPI), Reginald Black, Wes Helper (WLCH), Abby Sypek (Everyone Home DC), Jean Badalamenti (DCPL), Kimberly Waller (ICH), Bill Kuennen (DHS), Michael Ferrell (Coalition for the Homeless), Elizabeth Beltran, Jesse Rabinowitz (Miriams Kitchen), Jordan Gulley, Lindsay Curtain (ICH), Theresa Silla (ICH), Athiyah Azeem, Aaron Ford (ICH), Dervin Brown, Dallas Williams, Maddie Solan, Robert Warren, Parchelle Brooks, Candyce Coates (TCP), Alicia Horton (Thrive), Veronica Fabani, K. Brunson, Raessa Singh (DHS), Ron Stanley (Central Union Mission), Synina Pugh (DHS), Nechama Masliansky (SOME), Parchelle Brooks, Nadya Richberg

#### I. Welcome

### II. Updates- See Slides

- Peer COVID Educators- goal of generating new energy around safety measures for COVID. Any additional feedback or suggestions send to Maddie- madeleine.solan@dc.gov
- Quiet Hours- shared overview of process and feedback loops. Moving towards a start time of mid
  December to go over policies that shelter providers will send to DHS on implementation. ERSO would
  like a presentation on implementation including commonalities and differences between shelter
  providers.

## **III. Discussion- See Slides**

- Singles Streamline Intake- good discussion and focus on diversion and mapping out all resources including public and private. See slides for in depth convo and additional convo in chat below.
- Hypothermia Check In- there have been 6 alert nights as of the ERSO meeting on 12/2. UPO has had staffing challenges and been at reduced capacity but they are continuing to provide services and hope to be back up and running at full capacity soon.

#### **IV.** Announcements and Reminders

- Co Chairs ERSO- If interested please fill out This Form
- Next Meeting January 27<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming Training Opportunities sent out by COHHO

Title: COVID as a Grief Experience (Homeless Service Providers)

Trainer: Wendt Center on Loss & Healing

Dates/Times:

Thursday, December 10, 2020, 2:00PM – 3:00PM

**Eventbrite Link (both dates/times included in link):** 

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/covid-as-a-grief-experience-homeless-service-providers-registration-129081222411

**Presentation Title**: Physical Wellness: Self-Care, Management, and the Impact on Sleep. The stress of coping with COVID has affected the physical well-being, including the sleep, of many staff members. This <u>free</u> <u>workshop</u> will provide useful tools that can be implemented right away.

Please share these options with all staff. These Series B workshops will be on Zoom. There is a **choice of dates**:

Wednesday, Dec. 16 4:00-5:10 pm

Zoom link for this date:

https://zoom.us/j/97360263889?pwd=V0RtVXdrWIE4QmhmL1Y3VDc4cDRzUT09

## IV. Summary and Adjournment

### **Chat Discussion on Singles Intake**

from Theresa Silla to Everyone: 1:38 PM

Please, as we are reviewing these recommendations, be thinking about how you and your organization can support this initiative. What we have on the slide deck is government resources. But our continuum is so much larger than government and government cannot do this alone!

from Reginald Black to Everyone: 1:52 PM

Www.v2vr.info

from Theresa Silla to Everyone: 2:03 PM

Thank you Reggie for the resource. We will look into it and also support the effort.

from Theresa Silla to Everyone: 2:03 PM

Thank you Robert. We appreciate that this resonates with you.

from veronica Fabani to Everyone: 2:04 PM

801 East is called housing center because have an emergency shelter, transitional rehabilitation program and a youth housing program all in the same building

from Jesse Rabinowitz to Everyone: 2:05 PM

before COVID we had a bi weekly housing list that tried to pull together cheap(ish) market rate housing. but even the cheap rent was so so far out of reach for our clients. it worked for a few, but by in large it was all just too expensive

from Theresa Silla to Everyone: 2:05 PM

Thank you Veronica for the clarification

from Reginald Black to Everyone: 2:05 PM

How many units that were funded by dhcd did those lists have?

from Jesse Rabinowitz to Everyone: 2:06 PM

i'm not sure, r eggie

from Reginald Black to Everyone: 2:07 PM

1125 spring road??? Nachema?

from Theresa Silla to Everyone: 2:07 PM

We have to think through how to have these difficult conversations with sensitivity and I appreciate your comment

about backing those conversations up with action

from Theresa Silla to Everyone: 2:07 PM

Thank you Nechama!

from Theresa Silla to Everyone: 2:08 PM

And also Jesse. You guys have been open and providing services in person at a time when many others have moved to telephonic services so I totally understand that private resources are stretched thin!

from veronica Fabani to Everyone: 2:12 PM

Also we need to take in consideration that housing for some clients maybe look different such as nursing placement, family reunion, going back to their country/state/city, drug treatment, etc. the emergency shelters many times don't have the capacity to provide the appropriate connection to receive the care they need

from jean badalamenti to Everyone: 2:14 PM

I also think we need to include the Department of Disability services.

Next Meeting Date: 1/27/2021 Time: 1:00p to 2:30p Location: webex