

## Government of the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

# ERSO COMMITTEE

Meeting Details **Date:** 1/22/20 **Time:** 1:00p to 2:30p **Location:** 441 4<sup>th</sup> St NW Room: 1117 **Call-in Number:** 866-564-3650, Participant code: 5690413

#### Agenda

#### Attendees

Jill Carmichael, NCC Kate Coventry, DCFPI Maital Kamine, SOME Jesse Rabinowitz, MK Reginald Black Wes Helper, WLCH Bill Kuennen, DHS Synina Pugh, DHS Lindsey Curtain, ICH Melvyn Smith, DHS Catherine Crosland, Unity Sarah Roenfeldt, COH Ron Stanley, Jr, CUM

## I. Welcome

## II. Information Items- see slides

- 801 East Employment Plan- Discussion around expectations on behalf of the consumer and construction company. Additionally how can we use data to measure effectiveness? Additional job opportunity is with the census and a variety of job options.
- Hypothermia Check In- Family Shelter Heat- DGS is bringing in an HVAC contractor. In total it will take 4-6 week process for all updates and redesign. Any residents effected where given space heaters or blankets depending on request of the consumer. It is also a different kind of heat with LEED buildings, might need some education
- Deaths during hypothermia- 2 deaths have been reported, Melvyn confirmed deaths but a cause of death has not been determined yet.
- Shelter usage has been abnormal this season. Numbers are pretty low between Sherwood, Greenleaf, New Covenant, and Community of Christ. Will be interesting to see what PIT results are and if there are groups of people in specific wards looking for shelter. The coed shelter has been more popular this year. There has also been an increase in encampments, which could affect shelter numbers.

#### **III.** Discussion

• Heat Plan- frame of process from last year. Biggest take away are there are few options on the weekend for people to get cool, more communication to consumers, and in the evening what happens when it doesn't cool down. Next Steps- review of last years plan and have discussion on strategies.

• Shelter Program Rules

• *Clean Up After Yourself in Common Areas* - Discussion around the difference between low barrier and temporary beds. Desire for both to have a janitorial staff for major cleaning items and maintenance. With temporary beds there was a discussion around more ownership, access to cleaning supplies, and a desire to

possibly do a chore chart/schedule for shared spaces. This also transitioned into a discussion on low barrier and a rebranding desire around not being low quality.

**IV.** Announcements and Reminders

V. Summary and Adjournment

**Decisions & Action Items** 

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