

Government of the District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness

ERSO COMMITTEE

Meeting Details **Date:** 2/26/20 **Time:** 1:00p to 2:30p **Location:** 441 4th 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 Abby Sypek, Everyone Home DC Nadya Richberg, Catholic Charities Christine Wong, PFFC Robert Warren, CEWG Amanda Chesney, Catholic Charities Michael Ferrell, Coalition for the Homeless Qaadir El-Amin, CEWG Candace Coates, TCP Charlene Traylor, TCP

I. Welcome

II. Information Items- see slides

- *DHS Updates* Emery Construction- scheduled start date March 16th, 6-7 month build; Blair house will be after with a 7 month build. 801 East ground breaking updated- March 24th.
- *Hypothermia Check In* Question around Days Inn and Quality Inn closing as that was the original plan. Bill is following up.
- Discussion on emergency medical plans if outbreak in shelter. Guidance from HSEMA and DOH would be followed.
- Work Plan and Work Groups Updates- An updated work plan will be presented in the March meeting and will include suggestions for work groups. Discussion around getting more clarity on what is focused on in work groups. Possibility of combining Shelter Capacity and Conditions and Creating Shelter Case Management.

III. Discussion- See Slides

• *Heat Plan*- We will review last years plan in the March meeting. Discussion around the map and any

areas where there is a lack of cooling centers. Will revisit list of churches as options. Discussion around cross referencing street outreach numbers and past daytime count to see where there are high numbers of people. Ideas around reaching out to museums, rec centers, Navy Barracks, BIDs. After we look at the gaps of cooling centers we can discussion what areas and what orgs are located there. Additionally, recognized the need to have UPO and DBH at the table for the heat plan.

• *Question on heat related deaths*- OCME does track hyperthermia related fatalities, in 2018 there were no hyperthermia related fatalities and 2019 numbers are not available yet.

• Shelter Program Rules- Mixed Gender spaces- Discussion around the difference between spaces for mixed gender and couples and that those might need different designs. Ideas around doing a survey through outreach of what people would want space to look like. Discussed ideas in other communities such as Seattle. Additional note that current program rules through DHS for shelters still need to be approved.

• CCNV was brought up to see if there are any new developments and there are no new plans at this time other then it is in Homeward DC 2.0 as needing to be looked at for redevelopment.

IV. Announcements and Reminders

• March 19th Mayors Budget comes out. Budget briefing March 24th at 1pm at DHS

V. Summary and Adjournment

Decisions & Action Items	

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