



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES

Meeting Details

Date: November 9, 2021

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location: [WebEx](#)

Tentative Agenda

I. Welcome & Call to Order

II. Discussion Items

a. FY22 DOES Budget Update

Director Morris-Hughes reviewed the FY22 Department of Employment Services budget and priorities. Director Morris-Hughes reviewed the DOES priorities and goals outlined in the attached PowerPoint. She then reviewed new DOES programming funded by Federal and local budget enhancements. This includes expanding paid opportunities to learn at work and prioritizing employer-driven training systems through investments in Earn and Learn Programs, expansion of the Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program, Building Blocks DC, East of the River Career Pathways Grant Program, and the Jobs First Pilot Program. Director Morris-Hughes reviewed performance data and residents who will be served by these enhancements. Finally, Director Morris-Hughes reviewed key partnerships with the homeless services system and programming available for individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

The Executive Committee recommended tracking connections and overlaps of individuals and outcomes of those who are connected to both Department of Human Services (DHS) and DOES. There was a recommendation to continue centering employment as a key priority of the ICH Executive Committee over the Fiscal Year. Additionally, Director Morris-Hughes committed to leveraging one of the DOES's quarterly listening sessions to focus on homeless services and individuals with lived experience of homelessness. The Executive Committee also discussed the employment initiative to hire individuals with lived experience of homelessness who were hired to work in the redevelopment of 801 East and that this Committee review those outcomes and lessons learned to continue building on this work.

- More information on Project Empowerment and how to register: <https://does.dc.gov/service/project-empowerment-program>.
- More information on DC Career Connections and how to register: <https://does.dc.gov/service/dc%20career%20connection-0>.
- More information on DC Infrastructure Academy and how to register: <https://dcinfrastructureacademy.org/#contact>.

Additional information can be found in the PowerPoint Presentation.

b. Singles Dashboard

The Executive Committee requested a tracker to follow the progress of the unprecedented number of vouchers for single adults this year. The Singles Adult System Workgroup designed the trackers found on the PowerPoint Presentation. Lindsay Curtin, with the ICH, thanked partners at DHS for their leadership and development of the Tracker. Lindsay then reviewed the results of the Singles Dashboard and offered time for question and answer. The Executive Committee recommended continued review of the Singles Dashboard. Additionally, the Executive Committee recommended expanding this Dashboard to include the family system. Other comments and recommendations:

- Be explicit about the total number of vouchers that comprise the averages for FY20, FY21, EHV, FY22;

- Explore ways of tracking the average length of time in each stage amongst vouchers that are not leased up to project the likely shift in averages for EHV and FY22 vouchers;
- Consider a deeper dive into the length of time at each step of the process to better understand areas for improvement, particularly from application approval to unit selection, and unit selection to inspection;
- Include all programs in the Continuum including HUD funded programs;
- Remove outliers in case they are impacting averages OR include average and median length of time;
- Develop and include goals/benchmarks (ie. Goal of 120 days for total time); and
- Track lease-ups by Ward.

The Executive Committee will review this dashboard on a quarterly basis. The Single Adult System Workgroup will continue working on and evolving this Singles Dashboard over the coming Fiscal Year.

c. HMIS Visibility

On October 12, 2021, the ICH Executive Committee voted unanimously to prioritize increasing visibility in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to improve service delivery and case coordination. Kimberly Waller, with the ICH, reviewed recent successes made to begin “opening” HMIS visibility including ensuring providers can see client records, leading to a decrease in duplicative client records. She then shared next steps the ICH will take in 2022 to ensure community feedback and input on additional HMIS Visibility and Usage Challenges including listening sessions through the ICH Committee and Workgroup structure, discussions with funders and the District’s HMIS vendor, and the HMIS Administrator. Review the attached memo titled “Tackling HMIS Visibility & Usage Challenges” for additional information.

III. Updates

a. CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) provided an update on the District’s progress on this year’s CoC NOFO. TCP is currently finalizing the District’s community application that will be submitted to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by November 16, 2021.

IV. ICH Governance

a. ICH Full Council Nomination

The Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 established the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) for the “purpose of facilitating interagency, cabinet-level leadership in planning, policymaking, program development, provider monitoring, and budgeting for the Continuum of Care of homeless services.”

Beginning on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 through Tuesday, January 11, 2022, the ICH Executive Committee will solicit nominations for 4 homeless services provider seats, 2 advocate seats, 3 consumers with lived experience of homelessness seats, and 2 private sector/business/philanthropic seats; for a total of 11 ICH Full Council seats. Any person interested in being considered for the ICH Full Council should [submit their interest](#) no later than January 11, 2022.

V. Updates and Announcements

The Council of Governments (COG) is undertaking a regional race equity review of homeless services and has organized listening sessions for front-line staff and people with lived experience. ICH staff are working with the COG to determine how many DC representatives are appropriate and will follow up with an ask to ICH Full Council Members to support.

American University, Department of Health Studies seniors under the guidance of Dr. Melissa Hawkins are presenting their work on Vaccine Resistance. This presentation is scheduled for Friday, December 3rd from 12 – 12:30 pm. Virtual meeting link: <https://american.zoom.us/my/melissahawkins>

VI. Summary and Adjournment

Next Meeting**Date:** December 14, 2021**Time:** 1:30 – 3:00 PM**Location:** [WebEx](#)

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