



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES

Meeting Details

Date: August 10, 2021

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location: WebEx

Tentative Agenda

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Kimberly Waller (ICH) welcomed attendees. After noting that there were no objections to approving the meeting minutes for the July Executive Committee Meetings, Ms. Waller walked through the August 20 meeting agenda and purpose.

II. For Discussion

a. FY22 Budget Updates

Director Zeilinger (Department of Human Services) shared the updated DHS budget, which includes 3,400 vouchers for households experiencing chronic homelessness. Details on the breakdown and additional Homeward DC funding can be found in the PowerPoint slides. Director Zeilinger noted the importance of collaboration with community providers to successfully scale up capacity to support programs and move 3,500 households into housing this year.

b. Capacity Building

Ms. Waller discussed the importance of Capacity Building, especially with the increase of resources coming into the homeless services system in FY22. Ms. Waller provided background on the Capacity Building Handout shared last month (see attached) including challenges and recommendations around the following key areas: staffing shortages, onboarding new staff, procurement process, reaching new providers, onboarding new providers, expanding current providers, and system efficiencies.

Regarding staffing shortages, the group provided feedback that the use of peers should be prioritized and the barriers for peers to join the workforce need to be reduced, job fairs hosted by DHS would be useful, salaries and benefits need to be increased for providers, adherence to the Non-Profit Fairness Act to support providers administrative costs, and work should be continued with the Social Work Board to understand how we can have MSW's from other communities move to DC and practice social work in the District. Concerning system efficiencies, it was asked if DCHA could reduce documentation requirements for LRSP requirements. Regarding onboarding new staff and providers and expanding current providers, it was mentioned that start-up costs for expansion need to be provided, as well as providing advanced notice when providers can expect RFPs and streamlining them as much as possible. It was noted that contracts need to account for impact on the administrative side of the organization, that the District should pay experienced providers to help support new providers, and that FBI background checks are taking 3 weeks and delaying onboarding times.

III. For Approval

a. ICH Executive Committee Workgroup Update and Priorities

i. Consumer Engagement Work Group (CEWG)

Work group co-chair, Mr. Reginald Black, shared the CEWG FY22 roles and responsibilities as well priorities and projects (see slide for details).

ii. Racial Equity and Inclusion Work Group (REI)

Work group co-chair, Ms. June Crenshaw, shared the REI WG FY22 roles and responsibilities as well priorities and projects (see slide for details).

iii. Public Awareness Work Group (PA)

Work group co-chair, Ms. Jennifer Olney, shared the PA WG FY22 Roles and Responsibilities as well Priorities and Projects (see slide for details).

b. ICH Executive Committee Community Co-Chair Update

Ms. Waller informed the group that Amanda Chesney, Christy Repress, and Andrea Bernard Barbola submitted their names as ICH Executive Committee Co-Chair. Introductions of the individuals and voting will take place next meeting.

IV. Summary and Adjournment

Decisions & Action Items

Next Meeting

Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location: WebEx