



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)  
Full Council Meeting Notes**

Date: Tuesday, July 03, 2018

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm      Pre-Meeting  
Audience: Advocates, Consumers, District Agency Staff & Providers  
Topic: Winter Plan Debrief

2:00 – 3:30 pm      Full Council

Location: John A. Wilson Building (G9); 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW; Washington D.C.

**Meeting Participants**

- **ICH Council Members:** This is an official meeting of ICH Members, or their assigned delegates.
- **General Audience:** As a meeting that is open to the public, a general audience is permitted. However, participation in discussion is limited to the Public Comment section of the agenda. Otherwise, the floor is reserved for ICH Council Members attending the meeting.

**Meeting Agenda**

**I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Deputy Mayor Chung called the meeting to order, acknowledging all the hard work from The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP) and Tom Fredericksen in leading this conversation on the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Inflow Analysis.

**II. Public Comments**

The Homeless Services Reform Act requires that there be an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting for members of the public comment on matters relevant to the work of the ICH.

Members of the general audience provided public comments related to:

- Concerns about the number of homeless individuals that are incarcerated or in the hospitals.

### **III. Point-in-Time (PIT Count)**

Tom Fredericksen from TCP provided an overview of the 2018 PIT Count results. The PIT Count was conducted on January 24, 2018. The PIT creates a snapshot of the scope and scale of homelessness in the District at a single “point in time.” PIT data is used locally to plan programs, allocate funding, track progress toward goals outlined in Homeward D.C., and better understand the needs of our homelessness neighbors. On January 24th, 6,904 people were experiencing homelessness in the District of Columbia, or about 1 person out of every 100 District residents.

For additional detail regarding the PIT Count results, see the attached PowerPoint Presentation and Handout.

### **IV. Inflow Analysis**

Mr. Fredericksen then moved to a presentation on understanding system inflow and its implications for the District’s homeless services system. In order to intervene sooner to prevent homelessness from occurring, we need to understand where people are coming from and what experiences led to their homelessness.

Through an in-depth analysis of the inflow data, it is clear that the majority of people served through D.C.’s Continuum of Care (CoC) housing programs are remaining stably housed. However, the analysis also showed that very few people are able to resolve their homelessness on their own. Additionally, we see a significant amount of inflow from other jurisdictions – approximately one half of *new* entries each year appear to be coming from outside of the District. Although it’s a small percentage of individuals from any given state, when taken together, it ends up having a large impact on the District. Additionally, the system sees a significant number of returning citizens entering the shelter system each year.

The next step to better understand inflow into the D.C. homeless services system is to conduct a data match with surrounding counties (beginning with Montgomery County) to better understand how individuals move between D.C. and its surrounding jurisdictions. Additionally, we will be conducting interviews with clients over the summer to learn more about what first drove them into shelter and what could have altered their path, with the goal of figuring out how we can move “upstream” to prevent future episodes of homelessness.

To end the discussion, Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Laura Zeilinger offered an overview of key system reforms funded in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget designed to help better address system inflow. These initiatives include funds for a newly designed 801 East Men’s Shelter, funding for a diversion program for single adults, and continued funding for “back door” strategies, meaning additional funding for Rapid Rehousing Housing, Targeted Affordable Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing.

For additional information regarding the Inflow Analysis, see the attached PowerPoint Presentation and Handout.

## **V. Other Announcements and Updates**

The meeting marked the final meeting for Donald Brooks, long-time ICH member. He expressed his appreciation at being willing to serve and received a round of applause for his dedication to the work.

## **VI. Adjournment**

At the appointed hour, the Deputy Mayor adjourned the meeting.