

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



**Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)
Strategic Planning Committee Notes**

Tuesday, April 27
2:30 to 4:00 p.m. by Webex

Kristy	Greenwalt	ICH
Kimberly	Waller	ICH
Kelly	Sweeney McShane	Community of Hope, Co-Chair
Tania	Mortensen	DHS, Co-Chair
Aaron	Ford	ICH
Adam	Rocap	Miriam's Kitchen
Andrea	Scallon	Miriam's Kitchen
Cathy	Solomon	N Street Village
Christy	Respress	Pathways to Housing
Danilo	Pelletiere	DHCD
E	Rosa	
Gary	Maring	N Street Village
Hammere	Gebreyes	DC Housing Authority
Ishan	Heru	Community Connections
Jamey	Burden	Community of Hope
Jennifer	Olney	Community Foundation
Jesse	Rabinowitz	Miriam's Kitchen
Jim	Shanahan	Catholic Charities
June	Crenshaw	Wanda Alson Foundation
Karen	Cunningham	Everyone Home DC
Kate	Coventry	DCFPI
Kristine	Thompson	Calvary Women's Programs
Kyla	W	
Leah	Reese	
Molly	Vetter	TCP
Michael	Ferrell	Coalition for the Homeless
M	Harrington	
Natalie		
Nechama	Masliansky	SOME
Qadir		
Queenie	Featherstone	
Rachel	Pierre	DHS

Reginald	Black	Street Sense
Robert	Warren	
Theresa	Silla	ICH
Tom	Fredericksen	TCP
Tyrell	McQueen	TCP
Russell	Gardner	HCSEMA
Schroeder	Stribling	N Street Village
Shenandoah	Gale	N Street Village
Wes	Heppler	WLC
Elisabeth	Young	TCP
Zelalem	Zemichael	

The meeting started with a moment of silence in memory of Waldon Adams, who was killed in a car accident last weekend. Waldon was a valued member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness and a fierce advocate in the work to end homelessness.

- Point in Time Count report – Elisabeth Young, Molly Vetter, and Tyrell McQueen reviewed the results of 2021 Point in Time Count. There were then some comments in the chat and verbally. Elisabeth confirmed that PEP-V households were included in the count. Wes Heppler also noted that the reduction in families is likely because so many families moved into rapid rehousing (RRH) and he reminded everyone that there is now a large number of families in RRH. As the public health emergency comes to an end, it will be important to understand what happens next with those families. There were also comments that the decrease in the number of family homelessness was also likely due to COVID factors and the eviction moratorium. There was also concern about the increase in percentage of chronic homelessness for individuals and a request to dive deeper into the reasons for that increase. Kristy Greenwalt said that the assumptions in Homeward DC 2.0 did assume a higher number of chronic homelessness.
- Federal funds available – Tania Mortenson then reviewed the presentation related to new federal funds for Emergency Rental Assistance, totaling about \$350 million. Theresa Silla also presented information about benefits available under new federal legislation and resources from Catholic Charities to help people navigate the IRS process. There was a question about how information is getting out to people experiencing homelessness. Rachel Pierre said DMPED and DHCD are taking the lead in spreading the word and there should be radio, TV, and door to door outreach coming in the upcoming months.