

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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

Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021
2:30 to 4:00 p.m. by Webex

Kelly	Sweeney McShane	Community of Hope, Co-Chair
Rachel	Pierre	DHS, Co-Chair
Theresa	Silla	ICH
Kimberly	Waller	ICH
Adam	Rocap	Miriam's Kitchen
Andrea	Scallon	Miriam's Kitchen
Barbara	Wahl	
Christy	Respress	Pathways to Housing
Eileen	Rosa	The Community Partnership
Elisabeth	Young	The Community Partnership
Gary	Moring	N Street Village
Hammere	Gebreyes	DC Housing Authority
Iris	Odor	
Ishan	Heru	Community Connections
June	Crenshaw	Wanda Alston Foundation
Karen	Cunningham	Everyone Home DC
Kenyata	Brunson	N Street Village
Kris	Thompson	Calvary Women's Services
Melissa	Millar	Community of Hope
Nechama	Maslansky	SOME
Russell	Gardiner	HCSEMA
Sarah	Choi	
Sharlene	Castle	Jay Dot
Valerie	Piper	DHCD
Wes	Heppler	Washington Legal Clinic

- Welcome – Kelly Sweeney McShane welcomed the committee and provided an overview of the agenda which will focus on the single adult subsystem. Given how full the agenda is, she asked that people include questions in the chat. If anyone would like to learn more, they should contact Adam Rocap (adam@miriamskitchen.org) to get added to the singles work group list serve. Those meetings are the first Tuesday of the month.

- Single Adult Subsystem (SAS) Discussion (60 mins)
 - Eileen Rosa of the Community Partnership started by reviewing the iCAHP tracking documents to help people thoroughly understand the single adult system. She also reviewed a sample dashboard.
 - Theresa Silla then reviewed the trends, which include that people seem to be getting “stuck” within our system during their first episode and having challenges in moving out of homelessness.
 - Prioritizing, Matching, and Assigning FY22 PSH Resources – Eileen then talked about this topic the process for matching. Rachel Pierre from DHS then talked about timeline for matches based on provider capacity. She said we have 1,924 vouchers to housing individuals in permanent supportive housing. The matching schedule depends on provider capacity to scale case management. Currently, providers have capacity for 1,534 additional slots, which is about 400 fewer than needed. Rachele said DHS is dividing the individuals division withing DHS, and adding someone to focus on the housing component.
 - Tracking Slots, Timeline, and Turnover – Theresa then reviewed a dashboard shared with the Executive Committee that looks at voucher slots, turnover, and timelines. Theresa said she’d like feedback on how to best shorten the voucher timeline. There have been significant improvements between FY2020 and FY2021 in time from submission to approval, but the time from assignment to application submission has not changed significantly. Theresa said we need to be better at getting all documents in place for a quick lease-up.
 - Learning from the CARES Pilot – Theresa then reviews some outcomes related to leasing people through the CARES pilot. Only 10% of those on the By Name List moved from active to inactive, which is a lower percentage than in the larger iCAHP by name list. The leaseup time was 90 days and less than 60 days for some of the people from the NOMA and New Jersey sites. This reflects the timeline for the larger system when individuals are document ready and individuals are matching to housing.
 - Supporting individuals not likely to match to PSH – Valeria Piper then talked about \$16.4 million in federal funds (HOME-ARP) that can used to support housing for people who are not eligible for PSH. Funds can be used for creating a reserve. Potential approaches are to pair with rapid rehousing, with DC Flex, or doing a dedicated RFP from DHCD. Funds must be expended by September 2030.
- Coordinating regionally to address inflow – Elisabeth Young from the Community Partnership then talked about the work of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOC) work group on homelessness. The focus is to look at CAHP systems and find ways to better coordinate housing resources across DC, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County.
- ICH Governance/Staffing Updates – Theresa Silla shared that Kimberly Waller is leaving the ICH. Theresa and Kelly thanked Kimberly for all her work. Theresa shared a list of her priorities while the ICH is short-staffed, one of which will be hiring. Theresa also shared that nominations for the ICH are due January 11, 2022. The slide deck includes how and where to submit information.
- Partner Announcements and Reminders

- Vaccine Resistance Presentation (12/03 AU Capstone Presentation) will be on Friday 12/03 from 12 – 12:30 pm. Virtual meeting link:
<https://american.zoom.us/my/melissahawkins>
 - COG REI Foundational Learning Sessions – see attachment with information on these learning sessions.
- Summary and Adjournment – Kelly shared that there would be no December meeting. The next meeting, therefore, will be January 28, 2022.