

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)



**Committee:** Strategic Planning

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** 441 4<sup>th</sup> St, NW, Room 1117

**People present:**

Waldon	Adams	ICH
Nancy	Blackwell	DHS
Jamey	Burden	Community of Hope
Sharlene	Castle	Jaydot
Lindsay	Curtin	ICH
Michael	Ferrell	Coalition for the Homeless
Shenandoah	Gale	N Street Village
Gupta	Hersh	DHS
Russell	Gardner	HCSEMA
Kristy	Greenwalt	ICH
Ishan	Heru	Community Connections
Carter	Hewgley	DHS
Ellen	Jones	Downtown BID
Sarah	Malala	Community Solutions
Gary	Maring	N Street Village
Jennifer	McLaughlin	ICH member
Kelly	McShane	Community of Hope
Christy	Respress	Pathways to Housing
Cathy	Solomon	N Street Village
Kris	Thompson	Cavalry Women's Services
Kimberly	Waller	ICH
Robert	Warren	PFFC

**Meeting Objectives**

- To continue work on Homeward DC 2.0
- **Roadmap to Homeward DC 2.0** – Kristy Greenwalt provided an overview of a timeline to get to a completed Homeward DC 2.0. Kristy is recommending that the timeline be pushed back for final adoption in December. This will allow time for data to be collected around employment in particular, as well as to have work groups spend time on developing recommendations in June and July. A copy of the proposed timeline is

attached. Kristy also reviewed a very rough draft of an outline for a 2.0 document. Kristy also asked for feedback on keeping the Homeward DC vision of making homelessness “rare, brief, and non-recurring”. There was a suggestion to include the word “safe”. There was also a conversation about the differences between what is the responsibility of the homelessness assistance system rather than the city as a whole. Kristy then went through recommendations of work groups, with a request for people to volunteer as leads and be prepared to make recommendations at the July 23, 2019 meeting. Next steps are to ask people to volunteer to take a lead on one of the groups, and ask people to join a group.

- **PIT and PIT Plus** – Kristy Greenwalt summarized the high level results for 2019 PIT results., including that trends continue for reduction in family homelessness, and that the inflow of new single adults has led to a small increase in single adults experiencing homelessness. However, there was a 13.3% reduction in chronic homelessness and 2.9% reduction in veteran homelessness. Other data on age, demographics, and special characteristics remain about the same from past years. There was one comment that we should look at the data that less than 50% of families report income from TANF.

Carter then reviewed a presentation on PIT Plus, which has a deeper dive into data than the presentation that was made at the Executive Committee. A copy of the powerpoint is attached. PIT Plus data represents 1,065 single individuals (no families were included in this project). Carter noted that the data cannot be generalized across the entire population. Gupta Hersh from DHS then reviewed data in the presentation related to social networks, day center use, causes of homelessness, emergency room utilization, system involvement, etc. There was a request for a copy of the original survey tool. Carter asked for feedback on how to present data at the June 11 ICH full Council meeting. Kristy suggested that a presentation focus on highlights related to system usage (such as health care, child welfare system, etc). Christy Respress suggested being sure to address residency data straight on. Jamey Burden said residency data should be put in context, as other jurisdictions also see people coming from other places. It was agreed that there needs to be an emphasis on regional collaboration. Carter shared that DHS has presented data on the existence of support networks to case managers at shelters.

- Procurement updates (5 minutes) – PSH2 Human Care Agreements start on June 1. The Short-term Housing program at 4300 12th St, SE is on track to open on August 1, with Hillcrest as the provider. Ward 5 and Ward 6 are on track to open on time.
- Next steps
  - People who are interested in leading or signing up for a workgroup should let Kristy Greenwalt know as soon as possible.

Next meeting: June 25, 2:30 to 4 p.m.