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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)



Committee Meeting Title: Strategic Planning

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 30, 2:00 – 4:00p.m.

Location: 441 4th St. NW, Old Council Chambers

Call-In Information: None

Meeting Objectives

- To continue to work on Homeward DC 2.0

Agenda

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Overview (5 minutes)

I. Presentation of Work Groups (25 minutes per group)

- i. **Trauma & Homelessness:** This presentation included acknowledgement that the workgroup had broad representation from stakeholders in and out of the homeless services continuum, and was not limited to trauma related to domestic violence. The recommendations focused on how the system lifts up trauma as a primary issue impacting everything we do, and how we can make systems change to address the impacts of trauma on our clients. Presenters showed the data about the extent of known trauma in our system, as well as examples of how our system is not truly "trauma informed." They also provided a resource on National Best Practices and Resources on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Housing. The recommendations included seven strategies, summarized below:
 - 1. Infuse the entire Homeward DC 2.0 Plan with a trauma-informed focus
 - 2. Create a time limited ad-hoc workgroup focused on trauma
 - 3. Develop a Shared Understanding of Trauma and Trauma-Informed Practices
 - 4. Create systems change through training & professional development
 - 5. Funding stream mapping
 - 6. Create System Transition Protocols
 - 7. Pilot New Program Models
- ii. **Racial Equity:** Leaders of this working group presented background information about the group's focus and scope. This included level-setting

about the difference between equity and equality. The group recommended four broad strategies:

1. Putting a Racial Equity Lens on Homeward DC 2.0 by including a local and national historical perspective on racial equity, putting a racial equity lens on every strategy in the plan, and creating an ad-hoc working group
2. Improving Communication about Racial Equity internally and externally
3. Ensuring our Leadership & Staffing reflects those with lived experience and people of color
4. Pursue Policies to address and/or prevent systemic racial bias, particularly in the housing and zoning space

The group discussed how the large scale racial equity work that the city needs to do intersects with the ICH's focus and sphere of influence. There was also a request to connect this to employment initiatives, and a request for the ICH itself to be more diverse and include more people of color.

- iii. **Addressing Inflow:** This group focused on how to address individuals whose experience of homelessness can be rare and one-time. The group dissected inflow as a complex set of triggering events, processes, and/or journeys. The group recommended three strategies:
 1. Continuing to Scale our efforts on Prevention/Diversion/Rapid Resolution
 2. Promote more Regional Collaboration with willing partners
 3. More Collaboration Between Systems like Criminal Justice, Child Welfare, and Youth
- iv. **Provider Capacity:** Did not have time to discuss.
- v. **Complex Health Needs:** Did not have time to discuss.

II. Procurement Updates (DHS)

i. STFH Updates

- The WJ Rolark Building: 4300 12th Street, SE – open house on Thursday at 4pm
- The Sterling: Ward 5 – ribbon cutting on August 21 at 11am; site opens to families at the beginning of September
- The Aya: Ward 6 – provider not selected yet; site to open to families at the beginning of November
- TBD: Ward 3 – provider not selected yet; site to open to families at the beginning of March
- TBD: Ward 1 – solicitation not yet released; site to open to families in Summer 2020

ii. Outreach

1. We anticipate that the RFA for outreach will be posted on August 5th and can be found at the [OPGS District Grants Clearinghouse](#). NOFA is already available [here](#).

iii. PSH

1. The PSH program recently qualified two new providers for PSH. Both will start accepting individual referrals this month: Positive Kinship, and the Brookland Edgewood Collaborative.

iv. Youth

1. YSD will be issuing an RFA in the next few weeks for shelter beds, transitional beds (regular and extended).

III. Any other updates

- a. Today was Carter Hewgley's final meeting as co-chairman of the committee. From this point forward, the government co-chair will be Tamitha Davis-Rama, FSA Administrator. Kelly McShane will continue to be the non-government co-chair of

this committee.

VII. Summary and Adjournment

Next meeting - Tuesday, August 20, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

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