



District of Columbia
Interagency Council on Homelessness



September 11, 2018

Meeting Agenda



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Winter Plan Overview



- ❖ HSRA mandates that we have an approved plan by September of each year
- ❖ Purpose of Winter Plan is to protect individuals and families experiencing homelessness from cold weather injury/harm
- ❖ Covers period from Nov 1 – March 31
- ❖ No significant operational changes in 2018-2019 season

Process for Developing Winter Plan



- ❖ Review of FY18 operations by Emergency Response and Shelter Operations (ERSO) Committee
 - Multiple debrief sessions: individuals, families, youth
 - Feedback from agency partners, providers, advocates and consumers
- ❖ Shelter Capacity Work Group developed estimates of number of beds/units needed during FY19 season
- ❖ Draft plan reviewed by ERSO Committee in July
- ❖ Final plan reviewed/approved by ERSO Committee in August

Contents of the Winter Plan



- ❖ Strategies for publicizing the plan
- ❖ Process for calling alerts
- ❖ Plan for expanding shelter capacity throughout the season (type, capacity, location, hours)
 - Details on pages 16-18
 - At peak of season, we anticipate needing:
 - ~1400 beds for adult men
 - ~600 beds for adult women
 - ~770 units for families (~410 overflow units)
 - ~25 beds for minors

Contents of the Winter Plan, Cont.



- ❖ Transportation services
 - *Opening of Daytime Services Center to impact schedule*
 - *Update to Winter Plan will be published this fall*
- ❖ Coordination of other services (street outreach, supplies, etc.)
- ❖ Special considerations for subpopulations (e.g., LGBTQ, DV, undocumented immigrants)
- ❖ Process for filing complaints and grievances

Winter Plan



Questions?

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DC Youth Homelessness System



❖ Solid Foundations DC: Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

- Approved by ICH in Dec 2016
- Public launch in May 2017
- Data-driven plan that identifies the number & type of beds/units needed across different program models
- Includes 47 strategies across 7 key domains to support long-term stabilization



SOLID FOUNDATIONS DC:

Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

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Implementation Focus – Years 1 & 2



- 1) Improving our understanding of youth experiencing homelessness in the District
- 2) Improving our crisis response system
- 3) Developing/expanding supportive housing interventions for youth
- 4) Moving “upstream” to focus on prevention

Improving our Understanding



- ❖ Youth Count DC is an annual, District-wide effort to collect information on the scope and scale of homelessness among young people (< age 25) in the District
- ❖ Count first conducted in 2015; first two years of data used to help inform *Solid Foundations*
- ❖ Youth Count 2018 will take place 9/21 – 9/29
- ❖ To volunteer (administer surveys, help promote) contact Elisabeth Young at EYoung@community-partnership.org

Improving our Understanding, Cont.



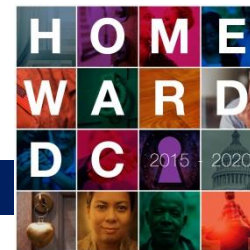
- ❖ “Through the Eyes of Youth” (Youth Advisory Board)
 - Launched in Spring 2018
 - Youth representation is critical to inform planning and help us understand how we can best serve all youth in the District
 - YAB Members attend monthly ICH Youth Committee meetings
 - Heavily involved in planning this year’s Youth Count

Improving our Crisis Response



- ❖ Expansion of street outreach and drop-in services
- ❖ Significant expansion of emergency shelter beds for youth
- ❖ Continued enhancements to our TAY Coordinated Assessment & Housing Placement (TAY-CAHP) system to improve our targeting of resources
- ❖ Addition of new prevention programs to support family reunification and stabilization
 - Supporting Teens Enriching Parents (STEP) Program
 - Youth HOPE
 - Sasha Bruce Reconnect

Developing/Expanding Supportive Housing



- ❖ As we continue to gather and analyze data, we are developing a better sense of the resources needed to promote long term stabilization.
 - Expansion of Transitional Housing Beds
 - New Rapid Re-Housing Model for TAY
 - New Extended Supportive Housing Program (ESHP)
 - ✓ Designed to be more intensive (and longer-term) than traditional Transitional Housing models
 - ✓ Reassessment to determine if a youth needs Permanent Supportive Housing as they transition into adulthood

Moving Upstream



- ❖ Currently working on data sharing agreements with partner agencies (CFSA, DYRS, OSSE) to learn more about youth involved in multiple systems.
- ❖ Goal is to learn more about risk factors so that we may develop more responsive programs and better target services -- *before* youth experience homelessness.

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