

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
2:30 to 4:00 p.m. by Webex

Kelly	Sweeney McShane	Community of Hope, Co-Chair
Madeleine	Solan	DHS, Co-Chair
Theresa	Silla	ICH
Amanda	Chesney	Catholic Charities
Andrew	Lozano	DC Office of Health Equity
Anne Marie	Cuccia	Miriam's Kitchen
Arnetta	Arno	DC Office of Health Equity
Christy	Respress	Pathways to Housing
Gary	Moring	N Street Village
Hammere	Gebreye	DC Housing Authority
Iris	Odor	
Ishan	Heru	Community Connections
June	Crenshaw	Wanda Alston
Kandace	Davis	DHS
Karen	Cunningham	Everyone Home DC
Kia	Williams	DHS
Kate	Coventry	DC Fiscal Policy Institute
Kenyatta	Brunson	N Street Village
Kris	Thompson	Calvary Women's Services
Makeda	Vanderpuije	DC Office of Health Equity
Melissa	Millar	CNHED
Nadia	Malik	
Qadir		
Rachel	Pierre	DHS
Sharlene	Castle	Jaydot
Timothy	Nelson	
Wes	Heppler	Washington Legal Clinic
Zelalem	Zemichael	

- Welcome – Kelly Sweeney McShane, Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.
- Pregnancy & Homelessness
 - Pregnancy Policy Changes & Fact Sheet – Noah Abraham from DHS provided an update on policy changes related to people who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness. He summarized information which is on a one-pager that will be shared with the group after the meeting. Based on questions, he clarified that people in their 1st and 2nd trimester with documentation from a health care provider who are at high risk may have access to Short Term Family Housing. A list of high risk conditions was included, but DHS is open to continued feedback on the list. Those in the 1st or 2nd trimester of pregnant not at high risk may stay in a 24 hour singles shelter and have access to support through homelessness prevention programs. Several people thanked DHS for their work on this policy change, which was identified as a priority by both providers and client feedback.
 - Updated CASI Recommendations- Andrew Lozano from the DC Health’s Office of Health Equity reviewed draft recommendations from the Calling All Sectors Initiative (CASI). He shared that a full report will be forthcoming over the summer with the final recommendations and data collected throughout the project.
 - Connecting the dots to the HMIS Planning Initiative – Theresa Silla from the ICH then discussed, as a followup to data recommendations from CASI, a process to update HMIS system with data requests. She reviewed a plan for the process, with a goal of rolling out new data elements by October 2022. People provided feedback on questions related on how to collect information around pregnancy in HMIS, which Theresa captured in red.
- Family System Resource Tracker/Dashboard – Maddy Solan from DHS then reviewed the goal of a dashboard to track the family system. The goal is to report data quarterly to tell the story of the entire family system. She then reviewed the proposed metrics that would be in the dashboard, as well as some sample images. Suggestions were added in the presentation in red. Maddy asked people to send input to her after the meeting as well.
- DHS Draft Strategic Plan: Vision & Goals – Maddy Solan from DHS asked that people look at a draft plan from the lens of both homelessness services, but all the full range of services provided by DHS. Kandace Davis, Strategy Manager at DHS, then reviewed the vision, values, agency goals, and roadmap. Participants shared feedback on the draft values and goals. Further feedback can be sent to Kandace.davis1@dc.gov.
- Reminder: Strategic Planning now meets every other month. Next Meeting is August 23, 2:30 – 4 PM