

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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

Tuesday, Feb 15, 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
Adam	Rocap	Miriam's Kitchen
Andrea	Scallon	Miriam's Kitchen
Catherine	Crossland	Unity Healthcare
Christy	Respress	Pathways to Housing
Clarence	Stewart	
Debra	Byrd	
Eileen	Rosa	The Community Partnership
Gary	Moring	N Street Village
Ishan	Heru	Community Connections
Jamey	Burden	Community of Hope
Jennifer	Joyce	
Jennifer	Olney	Community Foundation
Karen	Cunningham	Everyone Home DC
Kate	Coventry	DC Fiscal Policy Institute
Kathy	Hudson	
Kecia	Tinubu	
Kelly	Paton	TCP
Kenyata	Brunson	N Street Village
Kris	Thompson	Calvary Women's Services
Melissa	Millar	Community of Hope
Nichole	Morgan	
Nechama	Masliansky	SOME
Rachel	Pierre	DHS
Russell	Gardiner	HCSEMA
Seema	Singh	DC Advocates
Sharlene	Castle	Jay Dot
Shenandoah	Gale	Miriam's Kitchen

Tom	Frederickson	Community Partnership
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. She also announced that the new Co-Chair will be Madeleine Solan from DHS.
- Single Adult Subsystem (SAS) Discussion
 - Theresa Silla reviewed projections of a 72% reduction in homelessness for single adults if all of the currently approved resources are used to house people. She asked for feedback on why to be optimistic about this projection and what factors might impact the ability to hit that number. It was suggested that we look at the time to house people in January as compared to the previous year and monitor things like inflow into the system and length of time to house people. Several providers said that they were also concerned about how long it is taking to hire staff.
 - In terms of lessons learned from the family system, Theresa asked for things we should think ahead about – including lower occupancy rates in emergency shelters, a higher reliance on rapid rehousing, and the possibility of increased NIMBYism.
 - Leveraging Recovery Funds – Theresa then introduced the concept of creating more housing that is affordable for people who are not eligible for permanent supportive housing. She asked about considering a tactic to change emergency shelter or transitional housing into affordable housing. Theresa also said the Housing Solutions Committee will be looking at federal recovery funds to support some of these options.
- Data Related Issues
 - Resource Tracking – Theresa then provided an overview of various mechanisms to track housing resources. DHS is tracking PSH for individuals and testing different formats for a dashboard. The biggest barrier to housing was in the first step of getting documents ready. Preliminary results show that EHV is shaving 3 months off of the timeline, likely due to self-certification. Theresa asked that sub-systems to develop resource tracking. Madeleine Solan from DHS said they are working with a dashboard across DHS programs to come up with key metrics to measure and track. DHS is happy to provide an update at an upcoming meeting. Tom Frederickson said that they are doing some version of this at The Community Partnership already. Theresa then shared a timeline to develop the trackers and then have them reviewed by the community at various ICH meetings. Kelly suggested that the DHS and TCP teams work closely with the workgroup co-chairs to develop and present resource trackers back to the strategic planning committee. Andrea Scanlon asked about how to pull data consistently and look at trends; Theresa suggested a quarterly report for each.
 - Updated HMIS – The Executive Committee has set as a priority to address the visibility/usability of HMIS. TCP ends up with lots of ad hoc requests for new data fields, edits to existing data fields or new reports with no process to evaluate the requests, understand the impact and make sure there is buy-in and agreement. The goal is to formalize a process and codify protocols/procedures for submitting requests, evaluating requests, and implementing requests. Theresa then laid out a proposed timeline and planning process to achieve those goals. The proposal is that the HMIS User group be the place to have meatier discussions, but also ask the sub system work groups to participate in level

setting and then weigh in. Theresa asked that people send her feedback after a closer review of the slides.

- Expediting Housing – A representative from the DC Housing Authority was not available, so Theresa shared that the DCHA Board passed a resolution to develop regulations related to self-certification for tenant-based LRSP, starting in February. Stay tuned for more information to follow.
- Partner Announcements and Reminders
 - Nechama Masliansky shared that supplemental funding may be available through the Emergency Food and Shelter program. More information is included in the slide deck.
 - Rachel Pierre said that DHS is going to recompute the shelter outline. DHS is looking for ways to get stakeholder feedback before the request for proposals is released.
- Summary and Adjournment – Kelly shared that there would be no March meeting. The next meeting, therefore, will be April 26, 2022.