

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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

Tuesday, August 23, 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
Anna	Fogel	DHS
Anne Marie	Cuccia	Miriam's Kitchen
Christy	Respress	Pathways to Housing
Dena	Hassan	DHS
Gary	Moring	N Street Village
Iris	Odor	
Ishan	Heru	Community Connections
Jacqueline	Lippman	Jaydot
Jamey	Burden	Community of Hope
Jennifer	Joyce	
Kate	Coventry	DC Fiscal Policy Institute
Michael	Farrell	Coalition for the Homeless
Michael	Coleman	
Nadia	Malik	
Noah	Abraham	DHS
Russell	Gardner	HCSEMA
Sara	Cartmill	Community of Hope
Tameka	Taylor	
Timothy	Nelson	Miriam's Kitchen
Tom	Fredericksen	TCP
Wes	Heppler	Washington Legal Clinic

- Welcome – Kelly Sweeney McShane, Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.
- DHS PSH and Medicaid Progress - Dena Hassan from DHS provided an overview of the transition to Medicaid for Permanent Supportive Housing. Dena shared that DHS has a Housing Supportive Services website, which can found at <https://dhs.dc.gov/service/housing->

[supportive-services%C2%A0](#), and will include a Frequently Asked Questions section in September. Anyone with questions should contact Dena at [dena.hassan@dc.gov](mailto:dena.hassan@dc.gov).

- FRSP program updates - Noah Abraham and Maddy Solan from DHS provided an update on upcoming changes for FRSP. Noah said that they are working on a communication strategy to share information for clients, providers, and the community. Maddy shared information on the transition to Greater Washington Urban League's role in managing rental payments and inspections. If there are any questions or concerns in the transition, people can send them to (202) 792-2592 or [frsppayments@gwul.org](mailto:frsppayments@gwul.org). Maddy also said that DHS is working on updating the IT systems as well as the FRSP regulations by October 1, 2022.
- Upcoming solicitations - Tom Fredericksen from TCP shared an update about the two NOFO opportunities from HUD, including renewals (due Friday) as well for Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO. Anyone who is interested in the supplemental NOFO should let TCP know as soon as possible, as materials are due Sept. 30. For questions on the HUD opportunities, please contact Tom at [tfredericksen@community-partnership.org](mailto:tfredericksen@community-partnership.org)
- Other updates
  - Monkeypox – Maddy presented an update on monkeypox response, thanking TCP, DHS, and DC Health. The focus currently is on prevention. DHS is asking all providers to print out the information on monkeypox. DHS has also trained peer educators who were working on COVID so they can also talk about monkeypox. The presentation includes who to contact if there is a suspected case or to get more information on vaccines.
  - Partner updates – Gary Maring asked about the effects from the influx of migrants in DC and particularly as they come to Virginia Williams. Maddy said DHS is working in that area but does not have information to share at this time. Several people shared that there needs to be more communication on the need, that local funds are not being spent at this time to support the migrants, and to coordinate a response. There was further conversation and additional notes are included in the powerpoint.
- Reminder: Strategic Planning now meets every other month. Next meeting is October 25, 2:30 – 4 PM