



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

YOUTH COMMITTEE

SOLID FOUNDATIONS DC:
Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

Meeting Details	Date: September 15 th , 2022	Time: 10:30-12noon	Location: Webex
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I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW (5 MINS)

Director Silla welcomed attendees and started the meeting, notifying the Committee that the meeting was being recorded.

To accommodate staff schedules, please note that there was a change in agenda order with the ONSP presentation first, followed by updates and the FY23 Winter Plan discussion.

II. UPDATES (20 MINS)

Director Silla facilitated the agenda for updates on the Casa Ruby Receivership and 2022 Homeless Youth Count (HYC). Please see the notes below, as well as detailed notes in the slides.

A. CASA RUBY RECEIVERSHIP

June Crenshaw, Executive Director of the Wanda Alston Foundation, reviewed this update as court-ordered receiver of Casa Ruby. Notes were taken directly in the PPT slides (slide 21).

Questions/Feedback/Comments:

- Some consumers who previously stayed at Casa Ruby have connected with the DC Office of Human Rights.
- Work to sort mail at Casa Ruby facilities and determine next steps on distribution underway.
- Recommendation to post signage and clear messaging on other service locations (for youth and migrants) when Casa Ruby buildings are officially closed. June Crenshaw confirmed that signs are already posted.

B. 2022 HOMELESS YOUTH COUNT (HYC)

Elisabeth Young of The Community Partnership (TCP) covered this reminder, sharing that the 2022 Homeless Youth Count will be held from Friday, September 16-30th, with participating agencies completing the survey over those weeks. Sabrina Burrell of DHS also announced the kickoff event scheduled for 9/16 from 1-5 pm at Covenant House Washington, 2001 Mississippi Ave SE.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS (60 MINS)

A. ONSP VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (50 MINS)

Director Silla introduced Marcus Ellis, Chief of Staff at ONSP, who provided an overview of the office and scope of vision. Mr. Ellis introduced team members Dana McDaniel and Setareh Yelle, who reviewed the various ONSP programs and goals, responding to questions and comments from the group.

Questions/Feedback/Comments:

- ONSE Leadership Academy (OLA)
 - Criteria for high schools participating in the program: selections were made based on outcomes from focus groups held with the Mayor. Truancy data informed the expansion of the pilot to schools in other Wards and priority communities.
 - Potential for expanding to other schools in the future: FY23 funding allows for limited expansion, but ONSE hopes to evaluate further expansion next year.
- Family and Survivor Support (FSS)
 - Typical length of ONSE involvement: average is 60-90 days and varies based on the needs of engaged families. FSS will assess needs once connected with the family and connect further if families want/need more support. Some families only need burial and funeral support. Others need longer-term support and are connected to case management under the People of Promise program.
 - Reasons why families or individuals are not open to receiving services: some survivors have other self-support networks; some cannot identify their needs immediately and request other afterlife services. Sometimes ONSE is not able to make contact successfully. Additionally, ONSE sends letters and makes follow-up calls outside of the immediate window to connect.
 - Provision of linkages to services vs. providing services directly: ONSE confirmed this is a mixture. ONSE provides direct services (Slide 13) and partners with other agencies, such as One Common Unity, which focuses on youth mental health.
- Violence Reduction Strategies
 - Youth Street Outreach teams request coordination or support regarding violence in neighborhoods canvassed by street outreach teams, including listserv alerts. ONSE will follow up on resources available and further coordinate with the ICH.
 - Feedback to coordinate with DCPS for service connection.

B. DRAFT FY23 WINTER PLAN (10 MINS)

Director Silla quickly covered some findings from reviewing shelter utilization data for youth accessing single adult shelter resources during the FY22 hypothermia season. She highlighted the need to assess shelter utilization for the entire year to support the planning for Solid Foundations 2.0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS (AS NEEDED)

The following announcements and reminders were made at the conclusion of the meeting:

- Tasheen Stallings (OSSE) announced that OSSE's McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program has started its monthly webinar series. If interested, programs can reach out to Tasheen via email at Tasheen.Stallings@dc.gov
- Sabrina Burrell (DHS) highlighted that the Homeless Youth Count Kickoff Event would be held on Friday, 9/16, from 1 - 5 pm at Covenant House Washington (2001 Mississippi Ave, SE). There will be food, vendors, and entertainment.

V. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT (5 MINS)

Director Silla adjourned the meeting and thanked attendees for their participation.

Next Meeting	Date: December 22, 2022	Time: 10:30-12noon	Location: Webex
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Participant List (43 attendees)

Theresa Silla (ICH) Eileen Rosa (ICH) Ashlee Robinson (DC Doors) Nicole Broome (CFSA) Sabrina Burrell (DHS) Tasheen Stallings (OSSE) Ambus Harper (DBH) Samantha Nolet (TCP) June Crenshaw (WAF) Kate Coventry (DCFPI) Lauren Puryear (CHW) Angela Jones Hackley (CHW) Kandice Louis DASH (DASH) Leigh Cordeiro (TCP) Tom Fredericksen (TCP) Melissa Milchman (EOM)	Dana McDaniel (ONSE) Aaron White (DBH, YAB) Timothy Durant (DCPS) Dylan Mattimore (WAF) Seema (DCCADV) Debby Shore (Sasha Bruce) Kassein Greene (DHS) Gail Avent (TFCC) Candyce Coates (TCP) Sophie Thackray (SJP) Tyvon Hewitt (LAYC) Antwan Gillis (Friendship Place) Dyiamond Seace (Friendship Place) Larry Villegas-Perez (OHR)	Kelvin Robinson Elisabeth Young (TCP) Tierra Washington (DCPS) Setareh Yelle (ONSE) Rachel McKinley (DCPS) Ishan Heru (Community Connections) Janethe Peña (DC Doors) Jorge Membreño (SMYAL) Marcus Ellis (ONSE) Sheila Clark (DHS) Reggie Black (PFFC, CEWG) Dawn Stewart (Community Connections) Christina Simpson (Children's Law Center) F Matovu (Community Connections)
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