



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meeting Details	Date: 23 January 2024	Time: 1 – 2:30 pm	Location: Webex
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Meeting Notes

I. WELCOME AND AGENDA REVIEW

Eileen Rosa (Special Advisor, ICH) opened the meeting and as an icebreaker, invited attendees to share their word or intention for the year.

Co-chair Sheila Clark (Deputy Administrator for Youth Services, DHS) introduced herself and welcomed the group.

Eileen covered ICH meeting conventions. See slides 2 – 8 for details and feedback on the icebreaker. For ease of reference, these were the topics covered:

- Meeting Agenda
- Intro & Call for Announcements
- Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv and
- Notes on Welcome & Agenda Review

II. SYSTEM CHECK-IN

Three topics were discussed under systemwide check-ins: 1) Constituents Concerns, including Previously Flagged & New/Emerging Concerns, 2) TCP Youth CAHP Updates, 3) DHS Updates.

A. CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Eileen invited all constituents including providers, people with lived experience and advocates to share any New and Emerging Concerns. See slides 10 – 13 for details, including Previously Flagged & Outstanding Concerns.

Comments, concerns, and questions from are captured on slides 11 - 12. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Question on if ICH Full Council nominations, included co-chair for the ICH Youth Committee.
- Flag that at least one youth provider has not been reimbursed by DHS in the last 3 months, with concern for impact on operations.
- Cold Weather Emergency related concerns, including communication of program availability and hours, capacity limit at Zoe Doors Drop-In Center, and the operations of the only youth low barrier shelter.
- Concern reported by outreach on the need for language access and support, especially for the Shelter Hotline and signage for the warming buses, shelter locations.
- Question on if the capacity of youth programs was considered in the estimate of shelter demand in the Winter Plan.

B. TCP YOUTH CAHP UPDATES

Lauren Markovich (CAHP Coordinator, TCP) presented a breakdown of Youth CAHP matches from December and January to date. See slide 16 for details.

There were no questions or specific feedback on this update, however additional detail is noted on slide 17.

C. DHS UPDATES

Sheila shared DHS updates on Provider Contracts and Safety/Security, and addressed concerns from the constituent check-in. See slide 20 for details.

Comments, concerns, and questions from are captured on slides 20. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Shelter related concerns:
 - Report that young adults are going to Adam's Place shelter instead of Sanctuary because it is easier to navigate.
 - Youth are reporting they are assaulted on the way to or at Sanctuary.
 - Flagging the need for a youth-dedicated intervention on upper Georgia Avenue where Casa Ruby was previously located.
- Emphasis on coordination with mental health and substance use services in holistic safety/security response.
- Report that fentanyl is a significant change in what youth are using and outreach is encountering new levels of youth self-neglect.
- Flag for direct youth engagement in development of safety/security recommendations.

III. DISCUSSION

The ICH Youth Committee discussed three main topics: 1) 6-Month Review of FY24 Youth CAHP updates, 2) Annual Calendar & Priorities, and 3) Youth System Mapping.

A. 6-MONTH REVIEW OF FY24 YOUTH CAHP UPDATES

Samantha LeBlanc (CAHP Administrator, TCP) presented a review of outcomes from the Youth CAHP 6-Month Review, including a summary of decisions and next steps. See slides 22 – 28 for the details of the presentation.

Comments, concerns, and questions from are captured on slides 29. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Discussion on resuming backup matches to ensure vacancies are filled more quickly and agencies are accountable for immediate follow-ups.
- Request for program one-pagers to support provider and youth understanding of available housing programs and acceptance of housing match.

B. ANNUAL CALENDAR & PRIORITIES

Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH) covered this ICH Youth Committee Proposed Priorities and Annual Calendar for 2024. See details on slides 31 – 37.

Comments, concerns, and questions from are captured on slide 38. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Emphasis on inclusion of youth voice when establishing priorities.
- Request to define deliverables and standard for reporting outcomes for each priority.

B. YOUTH SYSTEM MAPPING

Eileen introduced the approach to Youth System Mapping, including:

- What are we mapping?
- Why map dedicated resources?
- Why map adjacent systems?
- What kind of information facilitates navigation?

Details of the presentation are included in slides 40 – 46.

Comments, concerns, and questions from are captured on slides 47. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Recommendation to include experience of youth who have not successfully stabilized and/or are now being served in the adult system.
- Flag to include considerations for adults aged 25 – 30.
- Reminder that housing stabilization is the bottom line.
- Training and information sharing is vital so that each subsystem understands the constraints and resources.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Eileen quickly highlighted Announcements and Reminders from across the CoC and partner organizations. See slides 48 59 for details. The list of topics is also included here for easy reference:

- DACL/DCOMBUDS: Preventing LTC Residents from Unsafe Discharges
- DC Council: Performance Oversight Hearings Schedule
- DHCD: Public Hearing for FY23 CAPER
- DHS: Rent Reasonableness for FRSP & Career Map
- IRS: Get Ready for Filing Season 2024
- MWCOG: Regional Fair Housing Plan
- TCP: HMIS Visibility Updates & ROI Reminder
- TCP: Study on Housing Insecurity in DC
- TMEH: Talitha Koum Bridge TH Program

V. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

Eileen adjourned the meeting and reminded the Committee of the break in February.

Next Meeting	Date: 19 March 2024	Time: 1 – 2:30 pm	Location: Webex
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Participant List (62 Participants, 30 Organizations)

Ami Angell (The h3 Project)	Leslie-Ann Byam (DBH)
Aaron White (CEWG)	Marquita Smith (DHS)
Aldo Hurtado (LAYC)	Michelle Maccado (DHS)
Alexis Johannessen (The h3 Project)	Ms. Naomi (PFFC/CEWG)
Ambus Harper (DBH)	Najiba Hlemi (DCFAPAC)
Angela Jones Hackley (CHDC)	Nicole Lee-Mwandha (OSSE)
Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense)	Nikila Smith (CEWG)
Beth Johnson (PFFC)	Pamela Lieber (Sasha Bruce)
Bianca Faccio (Sasha Bruce)	Qaadir El Amin (PFFC/CEWG)

<p> Bryan Diaz (DCPS) Candyce Coates (TCP) Chelsey Brown (CHDC) Cybele Yadiberet (Healthy Babies) Daisean Foster (ICH) Damion McDuffie (DHS) David San Lorenzo (SMYAL) Davonne Ford (DYRS) Debby Shore (Sasha Bruce) Dr. Mayaalla MuQaddim Abdullah Al Saud (CEWG) D'vontay Hope (Wanda Alston) Eileen Rosa (ICH) Erin Byrne (DCCADV) Fernanda Huffman (LAYC) Jessica Rufino (LAYC) Jill Carmichael (ICH) Kandice Louis (DASH) Kass Greene (DHS) Kelvin Robinson (Mary Elizabeth) Kevin Bauer (SMYAL) Larry Villegas-Perez (DC OHR) Lauren Markovich (TCP) </p>	<p> Queenie Featherstone (PFFC/CEWG) Rachel White (DC Kids) Rachelle Ellison (PFFC/CEWG) Rainer Rodriguez (SJCS) Reginald Black (PFFC/CEWG) Regine Elie (Healthy Babies Project) Robert Warren (PFFC/CEWG) Roxanne Murray (Echelon) Sabrina Burrell (DHS) Samantha LeBlanc (TCP) Sheila Clark (DHS) Sierra Barnedo (SMYAL) Sophie Thackray (SJP) Stefanie Bradley (DHS) Synina Pugh (ICH) Tasheen Stallings (OSSE) Tawana R. Stewart (EON) Theresa Silla (ICH) Tom Fredericksen (TCP) Tymesha McManus (CHDC) Vanessa Till (Americorp) Zina Williams (DHS) </p>
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