



03/19 YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Updated: 26 March 2024

Purpose	Forum for ending and preventing homelessness amongst young adults aged 18-24.		
Details	Date: 19 March 2024	Time: 1 – 2:30 pm	Location: Webex Link
Attendees	Participants: 46	Organizations: 18	Detailed list below meeting notes
Key	■ Areas of Concern or Risk	■ Opportunities for Improvement	■ Progress/Trends to Celebrate

I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW

As meeting participants gathered, Theresa Silla (Executive Director, ICH) opened the meeting with an icebreaker on strategic planning for subpopulations. Co-Chair Sheila Clark (Deputy Administrator for Youth Homeless Services, DHS) introduced herself and welcomed attendees. The community co-chair position for the Youth CMTE is currently vacant.

Feedback on the icebreaker is captured on slides 8 - 11. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- Recommendation to create new workgroups for subpopulations such as domestic violence and returning citizens rather than strategic plans.
- Concern that there will be a loss of focus and momentum for funding new housing resources for the youth subpopulation without a dedicated strategic plan.
- Flag that data and reporting on youth subsystem needs to better account for youth experiencing housing insecurity i.e. doubled up and couch surfing.
- Concern that the current homeless system focused on Housing First resources may disadvantage youth because of the HUD definition of literally homeless.
- Feedback that youth need a specific set of interventions that are different from the single adult system.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Agenda Icebreaker on Strategic Planning for Subpopulations Intro & Call for Announcements Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv and Notes on Welcome & Agenda Review 	2-7

II. SYSTEMWIDE CHECK-IN

Two topics were discussed under systemwide check-ins: A) Constituent Concerns and B) Agency Partner Updates.

A. CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Eileen Rosa (Deputy Director, ICH) invited meeting attendees to flag any new or emerging concerns. Director Silla shared the Constituent Concerns Tracker with the group.

Comments and questions are captured on slide 17. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- [REDACTED] Concern about case management in shelters and that clients are being skipped for referrals in Youth CAHP matching because no one from shelters is participating in CAHP matching meetings.
- [REDACTED] Barriers to obtaining IDs especially for individuals who are undocumented, making it more difficult to lease up and obtain benefits.
- Reflection on the structure and scope of the Youth Advisory Board in PG County.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Systemwide Check-In• New/Emerging Concerns or Updates• Constituent Concerns Tracker• Previously Flagged & Outstanding Concerns	13-16

B. AGENCY UPDATES

Agency Updates consisted of updates from OSSE on the Advanced Technical Center and Homeless Education Program, DHS on shifts in youth programs, and TCP on CAHP updates related to pre-checks and matching.

Comments and questions are captured on slide 24. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- [REDACTED] Provider flag and request to DHS to postpone youth system age-out policy implementation based on the timeline to recomplete ETH contracts this year.
- Question on the number of people this will impact in the immediate.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OSSE Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Apply Today: OSSE's Advanced Technical Center• DHS Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Youth System Program Shifts○ Youth System Age Out Implementation Timeline• Youth CAHP Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What's New○ Pre-Checks○ Matching○ What's Next	19-30

III. DISCUSSION

Two topics were discussed under updates: 1) Deadline, Milestones, and Metrics, and 2) Expediting Matching and Move-In.

A. DEADLINE, MILESTONES, AND METRICS

Director Silla presented work plan components and went over the priorities for the committee.

Comments and questions are captured on slide 39. Topic areas are summarized here for easy reference:

- ■ Concerns about how funding will impact the work plan.
- Question on when results from the Homeless Youth Count (HYC) will be available.

Next step: Request for additional comments and feedback via email to ich.info@dc.gov.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose & Background/Context• Workplan Components & Expectations• *Reminder* Priorities for Youth CMTE<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ending & Preventing Youth Homelessness○ Targeting & Prioritizing Resources○ Improving Service Delivery	33-38

B. EXPANDING MATCHING AND MOVE-IN

Director Silla briefly referenced this discussion topic, however, there was not enough remaining meeting time to cover in detail.

Reference Materials		
PPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose & Background/Context• Notification of Vacancy & Matching• Post-Match Process	41-43

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Eileen briefly highlighted announcements from across the Continuum of Care (CoC).

Reference Materials		
PPT	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DHS: Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)• ICH: Budget Engagement Sessions• Youth Homelessness Matters Day Event: Save the Date.	45-48

VI. SUMMARY & ADJOURNMENT

Eileen adjourned the meeting and reminded the group of the ICH Budget Engagement Sessions in April and the next Youth Committee meeting in May.

Next Meeting	Date: 21 May 2024	Time: 1 – 2:30 pm	Location: Webex Link
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Participant List		
Aaron White (YAB/CEWG)	Elisabeth Young (TCP)	Rebecca Desta (SJP)
Aisha Barnes (Mary Elizabeth)	Erin Whelan (SMYAL)	Regine Elie (Healthy Babies Project)
Andrea Zimmermann (OSSE)	Jakia Carroll (PFFC/CEWG)	Robert Warren (PFFC/CEWG)
Annemarie Cuccia (Street Sense)	Janethe Pena (DC Doors)	Roxanne Murray (Echelon)
Beth Johnson (PFFC/CEWG)	Jennifer Joyce (DHS)	Sabrina Burrell (DHS)
Candyce Coates (TCP)	Jill Carmichael (ICH)	Samantha LeBlanc (TCP)
Chris Cole (PFFC)	Kass Greene (DHS)	Sheila Clark (DHS)
Cornell Kinard (DHS)	Kristin J. Adams (DHS)	Stefanie Bradley (DHS)
Cybele Yadiberet (Healthy Babies Project)	Lauren Markovich (TCP)	Synclaire Gilkesson (SMYAL)
D'vontay Hope (Wanda Alston)	Michelle Maccado (DHS)	Tasheen Stallings (OSSE)
Daisean Foster (ICH)	Ms. Naomi (PFFC/CEWG)	Theresa Silla (ICH)
Daniel Rico (Sasha Bruce Youthwork)	Nicole Broome (OSSE)	Tom Fredericksen (TCP)
Debby Shore (Sasha Bruce Youthwork)	Nicole Lee-Mwandha (OSSE)	Zina Williams (DHS)
Eileen Rosa (ICH)	Rachel White (DC Kids)	Carlyssa Winstead (LAYC)
	Rachel Metz (DC Kids)	Reggie Black (Serve Your City)
	Rachelle Ellison (PFFC/CEWG)	Sierra Barnedo (SMYAL)