



Interagency Council on Homelessness

Youth Committee



23 January 2024





Convention for Recording ICH Committee & Full Council Meetings:

- ❖ Recording for purposes of complying with the Open Meeting Act requirements
- ❖ Available for anyone who requests a copy at ich.info@dc.gov.

Icebreaker



Do you have a word of the year or intention for 2024?

Colleagues in other forums have shared:

- ❖ Focus
- ❖ Productivity
- ❖ Hopeful
- ❖ Grounded
- ❖ "Do what you can with what you got...Don't let what you can't do stop you from what you can do!"



Notes on Icebreaker



- ❖ DH: I second focus and productivity
- ❖ SB: Collaboration – reaching out for help, I have found that we have a lot of common mission and goals!
- ❖ BD: Hustle hustle hustle – not just the hustle you know but that you need to be doing!
- ❖ ZW: Transformation
- ❖ MS: Self worth
- ❖ RM: Perseverance
- ❖ KR: Self Care
 - SB: plug for “so much to unlearn” by Maui the Writer
 - ER: second person to recommend that same book this year!
- ❖ ZW: good vibes only
- ❖ KG: Peace – find your peace – peace of mind, bring down your blood pressure



Meeting Agenda



- I. **Welcome & Agenda Review (10 mins, includes 5 min icebreaker)**
 - a) Icebreaker
 - b) Intros & Call for Announcements
 - c) Adopting Meeting Notes & Managing the Listserv
- II. **System Check-In (20 mins)**
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 - b) TCP Youth CAHP Updates (5 mins)
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 - a) Front Door Services WG Mtg: Tuesday, 02/06 from 1 – 2:30 pm
 - b) Next Youth CMTE Mtg: Tuesday, 03/19 from 1 – 2:30 pm (propose cancel to February)



Intro & Call for Announcements



❖ Intros:

- Chat intros for attendees: name, pronouns, org, title/role
- Quick round of hellos from Co-Chairs and ICH staff with formal roles leading or supporting meeting

❖ Callers:

- Use *3 to raise your hands so we can see you
- Use *6 to unmute and introduce yourself
- Allows us to check that your audio works and that you can hear us!

❖ Call for Partner Announcements/Reminders:

- Please “chat” any significant partner announcements, especially those changes/updates that impact the system
- We will make time on the agenda, as appropriate, or include in the notes



Adopting Notes & Managing the Listserv



❖ Adopting Prior Meeting Notes:

- Automatically adopted unless meeting attendees flag issues
- Generally, ICH team sends out meeting notes within a week
- Please review as soon as possible and flag any errors/issues
- If we don't hear back within a week, assuming good to adopt

❖ Managing the Listserv:

- Meeting materials are only distributed to listserv members
- If you are not on the listserv, you will not receive materials
- To join the listserv, email ich.info@dc.gov



Notes on Welcome & Agenda Review



Introductions:

- ❖ **ICH Lead:** Eileen Rosa
- ❖ **Co-chairs:**
 - Gov (DHS) reps Sheila Clark and Sabrina Burrell
- ❖ **Callers:**
 - *95 Dr. Mayaalla (CEWVG)
 - *76 Sabrina Burrell (DHS)
 - *01 Jessica Rubino from LAYC

Feedback on Agenda Review:

- ❖ None received



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Overview of Systemwide Check-In



Purpose:

- ❖ To understand what is top of mind for our government and community reps
- ❖ Reminder that community reps include advocates, business sector partners, constituents with lived experience, and service providers.

Background/Context:

- ❖ Allows us to document shifts in the landscape, identify trends, delegate topics to the appropriate ICH forums, or identify future discussion topics for this forum.
- ❖ We also have previously flagged & outstanding concerns we are tracking.

Limitations

- ❖ For emerging/new concerns, we only have 10 mins, so we kindly request that each person limit their comments to 2 mins so we can hear from at least 5 participants.



New/Emerging Concerns or Updates



- ❖ DM: Did the ICH nominations, include the Youth Committee
- ❖ RW: Youth providers under contract with DHS have not been reimbursed in the last 3 months,
 - Has a significant impact on operations
 - For example, they are behind on payroll or paying front-line staff and not management.
- ❖ PL:
 - Communication – information about availability and hours is coming from young ppl themselves, not from providers or funders; information is piece-meal and not coordinated in advance
 - Cap in DC Door’s capacity
 - Sanctuary hours – why are they not 24/7 during Cold Weather Emergencies? We had to absorb a lot of clients but weren’t ready to accommodate them



New/Emerging Concerns or Updates Contd



- ❖ **DHS clarifications/updates:**
 - DC Doors operations are returning to normal, and we hope to be more communicative.
 - For Cold Weather Emergencies, we are learning how to leverage the larger network of single adult resources to meet the needs of young adults better
- ❖ **SB:**
 - Incident with Venezuelan youth
 - Need to facilitate communication with shelter staff and shelter hotline
 - For example, need signage outside, but it's not sufficient because our clients don't have phones and don't have funds for metro
 - How are we supporting communication that we are full in a different language?
 - SMYAL is ready and willing to support this conversation
 - How do we then manage demand for language access and ensure folks are using the language access lines
- ❖ **RB:**
 - Was the capacity of youth programs taken into account in the estimate of demand for shelter beds during the Winter?
 - How do we understand the capacity and utilization of youth programs as part of Shelter Capacity?



Previously Flagged & Outstanding Concerns



Constituents were particularly concerned about and have asked significant questions related to the following:

- ❖ **Hypothermia/Cold Weather Operations** – communication on operational shifts including availability of warming buses.
- ❖ **Safety/Security** – closely tied to opioid and juvenile violence emergency; most significant UIR category across homeless service programs
 - Front Door Services WG
- ❖ **Availability of Behavioral Health Resources and Guidance for Escalating Concerns & Preventing Crises** – concerns about instances where police is called and/or CRT not available; tracking FD-12s during hypothermia
 - Behavioral Health x Homeless Services



Notes on Systemwide Check-Ins



Feedback:

- ❖ **FL: ...**

Other Comments/Q&A:

- ❖ **Q (FL): ...**

- ❖ **A (from Agency/Org): ...**



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Matches

- **December 2023**

- 11 matches
 - TH, RRH and PSH
- 3 unassigned
 - No contact

- **January 2024**

- 19 matches
 - TH, RRH, Joint TH to RRH, and ETH
- 4 unassigned at this time
 - Declined based on location, not appropriate for housing resource, no contact

Notes on TCP Youth CAHP Updates



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DHS Updates

- Upcoming Solicitations
- Safety/Security

Notes on DHS Updates



DHS Updates

❖ **Delayed Payments:**

- Contracts are in the works; we expect those to be signed by the DHS Director in short order.
- For those with signed contracts, if you don't have a purchase order, please contact me directly so we can make sure

❖ **Safety/Security Updates**

- With some enhancements, DC Doors is open
- Safety/security training delivered by Kim Baxter (DHS Security SME) at the Front Door (Sanctuary and Day Centers). Additional follow-up with providers and Kim to be scheduled around measures implemented since her training and to think through what makes sense for security personnel. To include a walk-through to evaluate how they are receiving the additional security personnel

Comments/Q&A

- ❖ **SB:** seeing our youth going to Adam's Place vs Sanctuary because Adam's Place is much easier to navigate. Youth are reporting that they are assaulted on the way to Sanctuary or at Sanctuary. We need a youth-dedicated intervention in upper Georgia. Where Casa Ruby was located was critical and we have yet to fill that hole in the system.
- ❖ **RM:** Gratitude for a holistic response to safety/security needs! Can we increase the emphasis on mental health and substance use services?
- ❖ **SB:** echoing what RM is flagging. Fentanyl is a significant change in what youth are using. Young adults are neglecting themselves in ways that we have not seen before on the outreach fronts.
- ❖ **AW:** want to support the engagement with young adults around safety/security.

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Youth CAHP 6 Month Review Outcomes

JANUARY 23, 2024

ICH YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Case Conferencing Approved Recommendations

• Modify Criteria #5:

- **Previous:** “The individual is diagnosed or observed to have a severe mental health condition, present with evidence of self-neglect, and/or is at a high risk of harm/victimization.”
- **Now:** The client has one or more unmanaged Severe Mental Illness (SMI), Exceptionally Medical Vulnerabilities (EMV) or Substance Use Disorders (SUD) that directly impacts daily activities and ability to maintain housing.
 - EMV: 1. End -stage renal disease (dialysis dependent) 2. Paralysis that impairs Activities of Daily Living (such as stroke, trauma, etc) 3. Congestive Heart Failure with exacerbations 4. Active cancer diagnosis/treatment 5. Difficult to control Insulin - Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (IDDM) 6. AIDS poorly controlled 7. Severe vision impairment 8. Severe respiratory illness such as severe COPD with O2 requirement 9. Major Neurocognitive disorder (formerly called dementia) causing severe impairment 10. Severe neurodegenerative disorders such as ALS and severe MS 11. Other potentially life - threatening conditions/illnesses that can be controlled or improved through stable housing
 - SMI: Axis I - Disorders Usually Diagnosed in Infancy, Childhood or Adolescence; Delirium, Dementia and Amnestic and Other Cognitive Disorders; Substance-Related Disorders; Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders; Mood Disorders; Bipolar and Related Disorders; Depressive Disorders; Anxiety Disorders; Somatoform Disorders; Factitious Disorders; Dissociative Disorders; Sexual Dysfunctions, Gender Dysphoria, and Paraphilic Disorders; Feeding and Eating Disorders; Sleep Disorders; Impulse-Control Disorders; Adjustment Disorders; Neurodevelopmental Disorders; Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders; Trauma- and Stressor-Related Disorders; Medication-Induced Movement Disorders and Other Adverse Effects of Medication
 - Axis II - Paranoid Personality Disorder; Schizoid Personality Disorder; Schizotypal Personality Disorder; Antisocial Personality Disorder; Borderline Personality Disorder; Histrionic Personality Disorder; Narcissistic Personality Disorder; Avoidant Personality Disorder; Dependent Personality Disorder; Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder; Personality Disorder Not Otherwise Specified; Intellectual Development Disorder

Case Conferencing Approved Recommendations

- **Removal of Waiting Lists:**

- **Previous:** All case conferences, if all criteria is met, moves forward to be presented to the community, regardless of the amount of vacancies submitted and the housing intervention in which the case conference was recommended for.
- **Now:** If all criteria is met for the case conference referral, then the case conference will **only** move forward to the community **if** we have a vacancy for the housing intervention in which the case conference was recommended for.

Case Conferencing Approved Recommendations

- **New Process:**
 - 1. CAHP Coordinator will review case conferences in the order in which they were submitted on the Wednesday before the upcoming match meeting.
 - 2. CAHP Coordinator will look at the case conferences submitted alongside of the vacancies available on Wednesday before the upcoming match meeting.
 - 3. Case Conferences will **only** move forward if there is a vacancy available for the housing resource they are recommending.
 - 4. Approved Case Conferences will be sent to community on Thursday for review prior to the match meeting.
 - 5. If a Case Conference could not move forward due to no vacancies for that housing intervention, then the CAHP coordinator will email the provider that submitted the referral letting them know that the case conference will be held on Case Conference tracking sheet until a vacancy becomes available. The case conference referrals that did not move forward due to no vacancies will be reviewed by earliest submission first when a vacancy becomes available for that housing intervention.
 - Note: Case Managers will still be notified if the Case Conference is denied and the reasoning behind that denial (if not due to vacancy). This is no change from the previous process.

Pre Check Approved Recommendations

- **Alleviating Outdated Data:**

- Previous: One BNL was used for two match meetings and was capturing youth that were no longer engaging with the system at the time of the match meeting.
- Now: A new BNL will be built and used for each match meeting.

Pre Check Approved Recommendations

- **New Pre Check Submission Process:**

- Providers will have two opportunities to complete pre checks within one month.

- **Step 1:**

- CAHP Coordinators will build BNL and apply prioritization to the list to prepare a prep list of clients that may come up for a match in the next match meeting.
- CAHP Coordinator will email list of clients to outreach, shelter and transitional housing CAHP liaisons to have a pre check completed on the Friday that is two weeks before the upcoming match meeting.

- **Step 2:**

- Providers will complete the pre checks for the clients that were on the list sent to them by the Friday at 5pm before the upcoming match meeting on Tuesday.

- **Step 3:**

- CAHP Coordinator will input pre check information into the BNL on the Monday before the match meeting on Tuesday.

Pre Check Update

- There was a recommendation to add questions to the pre check in regard to housing living environments and locations, however, we will not be adding any new questions at this time.
- Rather, due to the low number of submissions of pre checks, we would like to encourage more providers to submit pre checks, so that we are able to gather more beneficial data to show what types of questions we should be adding or omitting.
- The CAHP Coordinator will begin to share data in each policy meeting on the number of pre checks sent out versus the number of pre checks completed.

Notes on Youth CAHP 6-Month Review



Additional details of TH, RRH, and PSH matches from TCP:

- ❖ **December:** 7 TH, 1 RRH, 2 PSH.
- ❖ **January (so far):** 6 TH, 9 ETH, 1 Joint TH to RRH, 3 RRH

Q&A:

- ❖ **Q (SB, SMYAL):** I miss backups! They were helpful when matches did not follow through. I feel TH/ETH beds would fill faster. Without the backup, organizations wait until match meetings to indicate that matches are not working out. Meanwhile, with the backups, they moved faster on those.
- ❖ **Q (SC, DHS):** Can we study un-assignments or matches that don't work out? If not right now, ensure utilization is a priority area for this year.
- ❖ **A (SL, TCP):** We haven't done back-up matches in several years. Let's wait until the CAHP process's annual review before we move toward backup matches.
- ❖ **Feedback (SB, SMYAL):** if we don't do back-ups, how can we help clients with matching? Can we develop a 1-pager to help our clients with navigation?
- ❖ **A (SB, DHS):** the experience with back-ups was disheartening

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Purpose & Background/Context



Purpose

- ❖ Orient Youth Committee to ICH proposed Annual Calendar, Priorities and Workplan for 2024.

Background or Context

- ❖ WG Priorities and Workplan to guide agendas and track shifts, to inform Annual Update.
- ❖ Informed by feedback to date in areas of:
 - Identifying system needs
 - Managing/expanding capacity
 - Expediting exits
 - Maintaining/improving quality of services



Proposed Priorities



1. Ending and preventing youth homelessness in the District
2. Targeting and prioritizing dedicated resources
3. Improving service delivery to clients



Ending and Preventing Youth Homelessness



Project Ideas

- ❖ Understanding demand versus supply of dedicated housing resources
- ❖ Understanding the housing and service needs across the system
- ❖ Understanding progress, including the impact of shifts in the landscape

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Project in Action

- ❖ High-level analysis of the BNL that identifies:
 - Prevalence of assessments – meaning, how many young adults are assessed vs not?
 - Recommendation for housing interventions – meaning, number of young adults assessed that are recommended for One Time Assistance vs RRH vs PSH



Targeting and Prioritizing Resources



Projects

- ❖ Reviewing and adopting CAHP prioritization and case conferencing criteria, processes, and procedures, and
- ❖ Leveraging available HMIS and the CAHP data (ideally a CAHP dashboard) to assess inflow, outflow, and general system improvement opportunities for expediting matching and lease-up.

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Project in Action

- ❖ 6-Month Review of the CAHP System – already underway!



Improving Service Delivery



Projects

- ❖ Identifying strategies/options for expediting matching to and delivery of housing navigation services associated with dedicated programs;
- ❖ Mapping dedicated youth subsystem resources with a focus on appropriate points of contact and pathways for escalating concerns to support
 - 1) navigation/transition between homeless service programs/interventions/subsystems and
 - 2) care coordination with adjacent systems like Behavioral Health, and
- ❖ Mapping client experience and addressing constituent grievances related to the matching and housing process, especially concerning the quality of case management services.

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Project in Action

- ❖ Addressing Safety/Security Concerns – in partnership with Front Door Services Workgroup. Join the 02/06 ICH FDS WG meeting!



Approach to the Work



Need to advance on priorities while tracking and responding to real time and emerging concerns

Deliverables

- ❖ Workplan, complete with milestones and metrics
- ❖ Contributions to legislated mandate and other deliverables:
 - Comments to the Mayor's Proposed Budget,
 - Winter Plan,
 - Annual Update,
 - HUD CoC NOFO and Federal Opportunities

Limitations to planning vs implementing recommendations:

- ❖ Opportunity is to inform decision-making by DHS and the District Government
- ❖ We are not the decision-making body or operating the program!



Proposed Schedule for 2024



- Standard meeting recurrence is 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1 – 2:30 pm.
- Strategic breaks proposed throughout the year for catch up and ICH dedicated report writing.
- Documenting shifts in the landscape throughout the year.

Month	Date	Notes
January	01/23	January meeting pushed to 4th Tuesday due to proximity to MLK Holiday.
February	02/20	Proposed break, invite to 02/06 Front Door Services WG
March	03/19	
April	04/16	Budget Engagement for youth-specific resources dedicated to homeless services including DHS, CFSA, DCPL, DYRS, and OSSE as appropriate
May	05/21	Proposed break to allow ICH team to focus on Comments on the Mayor's Proposed Budget.
June	06/12	Note: Youth CAHP breaks in June.
July	07/10	
August	08/14	Proposed break to allow ICH team to focus on the 6-Month Review of Annual Update.
September	09/17	
October	10/15	
November	11/19	Proposed break to allow breathing room at fiscal year transition, following adoption of Winter Plan.
December	12/17	Note: Youth CAHP breaks in December.



Notes on Annual Calendar & Priorities



Feedback:

- ❖ **AW:** Maybe it's me. But I feel like discussing priorities and not what we have been working on is a waste of time regardless of who is or is not President. I have been in these settings for too long and we're not REALLY discussing what priorities we've been working on. If you all want youth to participate in these settings, something must change for youth to be involved. We continue to talk about system mapping and how these settings have too many priorities already.
- ❖ **AH:** How will the invite occur for participants to the Front Door Service Work Group?
- ❖ **MN:**
 - What is the purpose of working on Deliverables if there is no outcome?
 - We also need to be thinking about being accountable and relaying outcomes on a quarterly basis?

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Roadmap for Discussion



- ❖ Purpose & Background
- ❖ System Mapping
 - What we are mapping
 - Why we are mapping
 - Types of information to facilitate navigation

Key questions to think through as we go:

- ❖ What are we missing specific to the youth system?
- ❖ Does this approach cover the types of concerns and gaps you are seeing?

What questions do you have?

Purpose & Background/Context



Purpose

- ❖ Today's conversations – define “system mapping”
- ❖ For system mapping – Orient and locate the youth subsystem within the larger network of resources, especially single adult and family subsystems

Background or Context

- ❖ This is the first conversation specific to system mapping, but we have some levels of information readily available
 - CAHP Policies and Procedures ← just wrapped 6-Month Review
 - KPIs ← FY23 queued up for 01/30 Strategic Planning CMTE
- ❖ Always thinking about how system mapping can inform:
 - Decision making – at individual, provider and agency, leadership levels
 - Budget formulation
 - Gaps and shifts in the landscape



What are we mapping?



❖ **Dedicated Resources/Systems**

- Each subsystem will engage in system mapping for their dedicated resources in Workgroups – single adults, families, Veterans
- This Youth CMTE is the place for mapping the Youth subsystem.

❖ **Adjacent Resources/Systems**

- ICH is using CMTEs for mapping adjacent systems – Housing CMTE for mapping the housing process in partnership with DCHA and BHxHS WG for mapping behavioral health resources in partnership with DBH

❖ **Pathways and Flow** or relationship between resources, including

- Expectations for how people are moving through programs or how programs are teaming to address service or housing needs vs
- Reality – Actual referrals and flow through the youth-dedicated resources and adjacent system



Why map dedicated resources?



To navigate/coordinate resources youth subsystem including:

- ❖ **Front Door** – outreach and day centers
- ❖ **Temporary Housing** – ES, TH, ETH
- ❖ **Permanent Housing**
 - **Assistance:** Prevention, diversion, short and long-term rental assistance
 - **Services:** short- and long-term attainment/navigation and sustainment



Why map adjacent system?



So, we can support our consumers navigate critical resources and services, including:

- ❖ Income
 - Benefits
 - Employment
 - Entrepreneurship
- ❖ Health Care
 - Complex medical health needs
 - Behavioral Health resources
- ❖ Crisis Response
- ❖ Other systems of care:
 - Domestic Violence
 - Justice System
 - Foster Care
- ❖ Other affordable housing resources:
 - DCHA waitlists



What kind of info facilitates navigation?



Likely need to think in layers for components of dedicated resources and pathways/flow:

- ❖ Hours of operation
- ❖ Intake/referral parameters
- ❖ Capacity and utilization
- ❖ Eligibility/targeting
- ❖ Points of Contact
- ❖ Escalation and Grievance Protocols
- ❖ Others?



Summary



Reminder that the end goal is a comprehensive system map layered with resource inventory and system processes, that:

- ❖ For the Youth subsystem
 - More clearly details components affecting system flow
 - Serves as launch point for job aides, process shifts, communication materials

- ❖ For the CoC as a whole
 - Indicates what an ideal resourced system looks like for each subpopulation
 - Standardizes how we track progress and shifts in the landscape

- ❖ For adjacent subsystems
 - So adjacent subsystems know how to navigate homeless resources and vice-versa



Notes on Youth System Mapping



Feedback:

- ❖ **PL (SB):** Is there room to learn from our youth who have not successfully stabilized in the system for years? Can we prioritize mapping their experience?
- ❖ **MN (CEWG):** It makes sense for the system. However, House the Homeless, bottom line!
- ❖ **AW (SHY YAB):** there is a lot happening in the Adult Subsystem and culture that we need to dismantle.
- ❖ **Private chat:** Also need to connect gap for 25 – 30 year olds
- ❖ **SB (DHS):** Training is super vital. Teaching the adult system how to work with our youth and teaching youth providers how the adult systems works

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 - a) DACL/DCOMBUDS: Preventing LTC Residents from Unsafe Discharges ***NEW***
 - b) DC Council: Performance Oversight Hearings Schedule ***NEW***
 - c) DHCD: Public Hearing for FY23 CAPER ***NEW***
 - d) DHS: Rent Reasonableness for FRSP & Career Map ***NEW***
 - e) IRS: Get Ready for Filing Season 2024 ***NEW***
 - f) MWCOG: Regional Fair Housing Plan ***NEW***
 - g) TCP: HMIS Visibility Updates & ROI Reminder ***NEW***
 - h) TCP: Study on Housing Insecurity in DC ***NEW***
 - i) TMEH: Talitha Koum Bridge TH Program ***NEW***
- V. Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)



Preventing LTC Residents from Unsafe Discharges ***NEW***

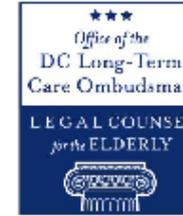
Overview

- ❖ Office of the D.C. Long-Term Care Ombudsman efforts to prevent long-term care (LTC) facilities from unsafe discharges to shelters.
- ❖ Facilities include nursing homes, assisted living residences, community residence facilities.

To ensure that resident rights are protected, if you learn of any resident who was forced to move to a homeless shelter or to the streets by their long-term care facility, please contact the Office of the DC Long-Term Care Ombudsman immediately. Please share with your networks, clients and colleagues!

Contact Information:

- ❖ 202-434-2190
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Important Notice For Shelters Receiving Residents Discharged from Long-Term Care Facilities

The Office of DC Long-Term Care Ombudsman is a federally mandated program that advocates for the rights of residents in long-term care facilities in the District of Columbia. These facilities include nursing homes, assisted living residences, and community residence facilities.

As advocates for residents' rights, we ensure every resident receives proper and safe discharges from their long-term care facility. This means no resident should be forced into a homeless shelter by their long-term care facility.

To ensure that resident rights are protected, we need your help. If you learn of any resident who was forced to move to a homeless shelter or to the streets by their long-term care facility, please contact our Office immediately.

If our Office confirms the resident was illegally discharged, we can advocate for the resident to be readmitted to their previous residence or work to have them relocated to another facility that can properly meet their needs.

Our Office is happy to meet with groups who serve the unhoused population to provide information about the rights residents have in long-term care facilities, and the importance of a safe discharge. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 202-434-2190.

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DC Council: Performance Oversight Hearings ***NEW***



Please find the schedule of all (*)Agency Partners and relevant hearings to the work of the ICH. For locations, online viewing, and to sign up to testify go to dccouncil.gov

DC Council Committee on	Agency	Date	Time
Health	*Dept of Behavioral Health (Public Witnesses)	Monday, January 29th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Judiciary & Public Safety	*Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency	Wednesday, January 31st	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Health	*Dept of Behavioral Health (Govt Witnesses)	Wednesday, January 31st	9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Housing	Office of Returning Citizens Affairs, Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizens Affairs	Wednesday, January 31st	2 PM – 6 PM
Executive Administration & Labor	Dept on Aging and Community Living, Commission on Aging, Age-Friendly DC Task Force	Thursday, February 1st	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Recreation, Libraries, & Youth Affairs	*D.C. Public Library	Wednesday, February 7th	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Judiciary & Public Safety	*Dept of Corrections	Wednesday, February 7th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Executive Administration & Labor	*Office of the City Administrator	Wednesday, February 7th	2 PM – 6 PM

DC Council: Performance Oversight Hearings ***NEW***



Please find the schedule of all (*)Agency Partners and relevant hearings to the work of the ICH. For locations, online viewing, and to sign up to testify go to dccouncil.gov

DC Council Committee on	Agency	Date	Time
Joint Hearing with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and • Hospital & Health Equity 	Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services and Dept of Health Care Finance	Thursday, February 8th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Facilities & Family Services	Office of Disability Rights, Dept on Disability Services, Office for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing	Monday, February 12th	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Judiciary & Public Safety	*Metropolitan Police Department	Tuesday, February 13th	2 PM – 6 PM
Housing	*Dept of Housing and Community Development & Housing Production Trust Fund	Thursday, February 15th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Recreation, Libraries & Youth Affairs	Dept of Youth Rehabilitation Services	Thursday, February 15th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Executive Administration & Labor	*Dept of Employment Services (Public Witnesses)	Wednesday, February 21st	9:30 AM – 6 PM

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DC Council Committee on	Agency	Date	Time
Facilities & Family Services	*Child and Family Services Agency	Wednesday, February 21st	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Housing	*Dept of Columbia Housing Authority	Thursday, February 22nd	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Facilities & Family Services	*Dept of General Services (Public Witnesses)	Monday, February 26th	9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Executive Administration & Labor	*Dept of Employment Services (Govt Witnesses)	Tuesday, February 27th	1 PM – 5 PM
Whole	*Office of the State Superintendent of Education (Public Witnesses)	Wednesday, February 28th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Housing	DC Housing Finance Agency, *Interagency Council on Homelessness, *Dept of Human Services	Thursday, February 29th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Facilities & Family Services	*Dept of General Services (Govt Witnesses)	Thursday, February 29th	2 PM – 6 PM
Whole	*Office of the State of Superintendent of Education (Govt Witnesses)	Friday, March 1st	9:30 AM – 6 PM

DHCD: Public Hearing for FY23 CAPER

The DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) wants feedback on the District's FY 23 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The FY 2023 CAPER will report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) how the District spent its federal funds. To read the draft document, visit <https://dhcd.dc.gov/> or request a hard copy by sending your name and address in an email to DHCD.OTD@dc.gov

Opportunities for Feedback:

- **In person:** 01/22 @ 6:30 pm, DHCD's Housing Resource Center, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE. For more information and to register [click here](#).
- **Online:** If you are unable to attend in-person, the virtual public hearing will be available via Zoom; **please register to confirm your participation** in order to receive the link.
- By email: opm.questions@dc.gov

Comment Deadline: Friday, 02/09 at 5 pm.



NOTICE

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) invites you to comment on:

The 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

- How the District spent federal affordable housing funds
- Progress made against goals

REVIEW THE DOCUMENT

Visit dhcd.dc.gov. For a hard copy, email dhcd.otd@dc.gov or call (202) 442-7239. Include your name and mailing address.

SUBMIT COMMENTS

- At the public hearing
- By email to opm.questions@dc.gov
- By mail to Colleen Green, Director, DHCD
1800 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20020
- Leave a voicemail at (202) 442-7239

COMMENT DEADLINE

DHCD must receive your comments by **Friday, February 9, 2024 – 5 p.m.**

ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, January 22, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
DHCD Housing Resource Center
1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20020

Translation services at the hearing:

- Spanish interpreter
- American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter
- Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (800) 201-7165

For Amharic, Chinese-Mandarin/Cantonese, French or Vietnamese interpreters, email opm.questions@dc.gov or call Tilla Hall at (202) 442-7239 by: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16. You must be pre-registered.

REGISTER HERE



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Rent Reasonableness for FRSP & Career Map ***NEW***

- Effective January 1, 2024, all rent reasonableness determinations for Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (FRSP) and Career Mobility Action Plan (Career MAP) will be exclusively completed through AffordableHousing.com.
- This tool, introduced by the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) for their Housing Choice Voucher Program and the Local Rent Supplement Program, compares proposed rents to those of similar unassisted units in the marketplace.

IRS: Get Ready for Filing Season 2024 *NEW*



The IRS is Hosting a FREE Workshop on Filing Federal Taxes

❖ The Workshop will be sharing helpful tips and reminders that will help individuals have a successful filing season.

❖ Get Ready for Filing Season 2024

- January 26, 2024
- 10 AM – 11 AM EST
- [Registration Link](#)

Get Ready for Filing Season 2024

Join us for a **FREE** 1-hour virtual workshop where we provide federal tax filing season information. During this session, you will learn about:

- Various tax filing options
- The Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN)
- Online tools for taxpayers
- Tax credits available for families
- Various payment options
- Communicating with the IRS in other languages
- And more.....

There will also be live Q & A.

This workshop is being brought to you by your local IRS Stakeholder Liaisons in Washington, DC and Virginia.

Friday, January 26, 2024
10:00 am EST – 11:00 am EST

[Register Here](#)

This event will take place on Microsoft Teams. Please log in at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the event.

This event **will not** be recorded.

Questions? Email us at:
cl.sl.area.3@irs.gov

MWCOG: Regional Fair Housing Plan *NEW*



Eight Area Governments Finalize Regional Fair Housing Plan

- ❖ COG announced the completion of the Regional Fair Housing Plan, with the eight participating jurisdictions submitting their portions of the plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in December.
- ❖ The plan includes:
 - Analysis of impediments to fair housing choice across the region and provides
 - Strategies to increase access to safe and affordable housing,
 - Increase investment and resources in priority areas, and
 - Create more inclusive communities.
- ❖ COG will now support jurisdictions as they seek to implement the strategies identified in the plan to prevent housing discrimination and address the root causes of housing inequity in the region.
- ❖ Link to the plan - [Regional Fair Housing Plan](#)



HMIS Visibility Updates & ROI Reminder ***NEW***

On 10/01/23 TCP implemented critical system updates and workflow changes:

- Updated HMIS Privacy Notice, Release of Information (ROI), and Policies and Procedures
- Shift to entry/exit workflow for day centers, outreach and singles shelter sites to understand movement throughout the system and to improve reporting on system outcomes

It is imperative that front line and case management staff are trained on the new process, sharing information about the ROI with program participants, and sending the signed document to TCP for records to be opened.

- Access the documents online: <https://community-partnership.org/dc-hmis-standard-operating-procedures/>
- HMIS Training: <https://community-partnership.org/hmis-training/>
- TCP is also working to update CAHP processes and VI-SPDAT packet.

Email hmis@community-partnership.org to submit completed ROIs and/or any questions/concerns.

Study on Housing Insecurity in DC ***NEW***

- The Community Partnership would like to announce new research from the Urban Institute on housing insecurity in the District. The study was a collaboration between The Community Partnership and the Urban Institute and is among the first to attempt to define and measure the scope of housing insecurity in the District.

Goal

- The Community Partnership sought the assistance of the Urban Institute to conduct the research to better understand housing insecurity and to inform our approach in delivering resources to households in need of stabilization to prevent an experience of homelessness. The Urban Institute conducted a representative survey of District households using a comprehensive definition of housing insecurity to estimate the number of people facing different forms of insecurity.

Findings

- The research finds that 12% of the District's population – or an estimated 82,452 residents – do not have stable housing, the majority of whom are in Black and Hispanic households. Black residents make up 41% of the city's population but 68% of those facing housing insecurity, and Hispanic residents represent 7% of the city's population but 14% of the housing insecure population. In contrast, while white residents comprise 40% of District's population, only 9% of people experiencing housing insecurity are white. Additionally, the study found an estimated one in four children under the age of 17 who are accompanied by at least one adult are experiencing housing insecurity (24%) even though they make up just 15% of the population. And an estimated one in five transition age youth ages 18 to 24 are experiencing housing insecurity (12%) even though they represent 7% of the population of the District overall.

Acknowledgement

- The Community Partnership would like to thank the D.C. Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), the ICH Consumer Engagement Work Group, the ICH Youth Advisory Board, staff from the D.C. Department of Human Services, and others from our provider community who participated in focus groups that helped to shape the study.
- We invite you to [read the research report](#) and we look forward to our continued partnership in working to ensure that all District residents have safe, stable, and affordable housing!

TMEH: Talitha Koum Bridge TH Program ***NEW***



Mission: Our mission is to provide safe and stable housing, guidance, and training to young women and their children who need support, especially those who are transitioning out of the foster care system, so that they become resilient, having a sense of holistic well-being that empowers them to be accountable and self-sufficient for themselves and their children.

TMEH uses a Two-Generations (2Gen) approach in facilitating its work, which recognizes whole family units to consider the variety of pathways for promoting positive, pragmatic, and effective outcomes for everyone. This family-centered lens helps to immediately identify whole families' needs and goals to inform integrations and alignments to programs that serve them, which maximizes long-term impact for families and their communities.

For questions or to request an application: Aisha Barnes J.D., Program Manager. ABarnes@MaryElizabeth.org

Eligibility Requirements:

- ❖ Mothers aged 21-25
- ❖ Must be enrolled in school/working or be willing to enroll in an education/work program.
- ❖ Children must be 5 or under at the time of application.
- ❖ Local to DC, Maryland, or Virginia
- ❖ Must submit a TB screening, Drug and Alcohol test.

Program Provisions:

- ❖ Safe and stable housing- providing a 2 Bedroom, fully furnished apartment in Northeast, D.C.
- ❖ Access employment programs and work training certifications.
- ❖ Budgeting and financial literacy education.
- ❖ Specialized mentorship and career readiness opportunities.
- ❖ Parenting and child development curriculum.
- ❖ Trauma informed care and mental health support.
- ❖ Length of stay dependent on age at the time of admission

Addn'tl Community Announcements



- ❖ DBH Performance Oversight Hearing is on Monday!
- ❖ Peace Day is coming up
 - Planning is underway with mutual aids for the 4th annual event

Meeting Agenda



- I. Welcome & Agenda Review (10 mins, includes 5 min icebreaker)
- II. System Check-In (20 mins)
- III. Discussion Items (55 mins)
- IV. Announcements & Reminders (as needed)
- v. **Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)**
 - a) Front Door Services WG Mtg: Tuesday, 02/06 from 1 – 2:30 pm
 - b) Next Youth CMTE Mtg: Tuesday, 03/19 from 1 – 2:30 pm (propose cancel to February)



