



2020-2021 Continuum of Care Governance Charter Summary of Revisions

Purpose:

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that local communities annually review and update the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter. This document provides relevant background and context and provides a summary of proposed changes for the 2020-2021 required annual review.

Background:

The [current CoC Governance Charter](#) was first adopted in December 2013 and subsequently and significantly revised in March 2019 through a six month process to restructure the committees, update to reflect current priorities, and align with *proposed* amendments to the Interagency Commission on Homelessness enabling legislation regarding the membership composition of the Commission.

In July 2020, the Montgomery County Council passed [Bill 7-20, Interagency Commission on Homelessness – Membership and Duties](#). As such, the primary proposed changes outlined in this document are to ensure that the Governance Charter is fully aligned with the final enacted legislation.

Review and Approval Process:

The following outlines the process for approving the updates to the Governance Charter:

Step	Who	Timeline
ICH Governance Committee reviews and updates Charter	Governance Committee Members	November 2020
Discussion and Endorsement from the Interagency Commission on Homelessness	ICH Commissioners Majority vote, quorum of 51% of voting members in attendance	Full Commission meeting 12/9/2020
CoC members review and vote to adopt changes	Voting Members as outlined in the Governance Charter (pg 5), which includes active individuals and organizations serving on the CoC committees, subcommittees, and workgroups.	January 2020

Summary of Revisions

Section	Revision
Background and Purpose	Additional explanatory language added to further clarify the goals and purpose of the CoC.
Interagency Commission on Homelessness	Changes to align with final ICH legislation, including adding designee to ex-officio members, clarifying that members of the general public are appointed by the County Executive directly, adding member of hospital and healthcare to list of public members, and reducing the number of general public members to two from three.
CoC Governance Chart	Replace graphic with updated one from 2020