



# Interagency Commission on Homelessness Quarterly Commission Meeting

Rockville Memorial Library  
21 Maryland Avenue, First Floor Conference Room  
Rockville, Maryland 20850  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 | 3:30-5:30 p.m.

# Interagency Commission on Homelessness (ICH)

## Structure, Function, and Membership

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- “Tremendous progress on reducing homelessness has occurred in those communities that have organized themselves to prevent and end homelessness.
- This means that they have set goals,
  - identified needs and gaps,
  - developed strategies to meet these needs and gaps,
  - created public-private investment in the strategies,
  - monitored progress, and
  - adjusted the course, when needed.
- Successful implementation occurs when there is broad support for the strategies—this is evidenced by the
  - involvement of business and civic leadership,
  - local public officials,
  - faith-based volunteers, and
  - mainstream systems that provide housing, human services, and health care.”

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) “Opening Doors”

# Interagency Commission on Homelessness

## ICH (CoC Governing Board)

Operations Committee

Strategic  
Planning  
Committee

Families with Children  
Workgroup

Adults without Children  
Workgroup

Youth Workgroup

Coordinated Entry  
Leadership

Crisis Response  
Workgroup

Employment  
Workgroup

Veterans Workgroup

Medicaid Workgroup

Landlord Recruitment  
and Retention

HMIS Workgroup

Allocation Committee

Resource Development  
Committee

Communications  
Workgroup

Performance Review  
Committee

# ICH Objectives

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- Set policy and advocacy priorities
- Ensure all County, State, and Federal funds are maximized
- Engage and educate the community
- Promote partnerships with private organizations, businesses, and foundations
- Determine performance standards
- Develop a strategic plan to execute the goals of ending homelessness for all populations

# Committees

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**Operations:** Implement and execute the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

**Strategic Planning:** Develop, monitor, and update the strategic plan to end homeless for all populations

**Performance Review:** Use data to develop and monitor performance standards for all project types and overall system performance

**Resource Development:** Identify alternative funding sources through partnerships with private organizations, businesses, and foundations

**Communications:** Create an overall communications strategy to engage and educate the community

**Allocation Committee:** Use data to apply equity principles to funding decisions and allocation of existing resources

## Workgroups

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The Operations Committee determines the workgroups and assigns responsibilities to execute the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan

Workgroups collaborate with all Committees to develop policy and procedures and set standards of care for the Continuum

Workgroup membership includes all stakeholders including those that are not direct providers of homeless services

# ICH Current Membership

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## Appointed Ex-officio Members

- Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Chief, Services to End and Prevent Homelessness
- Chief, Behavioral Health and Crisis Services
- Director, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Assistant Chief of Field Services for the Montgomery County Police Department
- Representative of the County Executive Office
- Director of the Family Justice Center

# ICH Current Membership

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## Ex-officio Members

- Member of the County Council selected by Council President
- Executive Director, Housing Opportunities Commission
- Director of Student Services, Montgomery County Public Schools
- Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg or representative
- Mayor of the City of Rockville or representative
- Mayor of the City of Takoma Park or representative
- Representative of U.S. or MD Department of Veteran Affairs
- Montgomery County Sheriff or representative
- A member of the County Legislative Delegation selected jointly by the Chairs of the House and Senate Delegations



# ICH Current Membership

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## Other Members

- Five representatives from the Continuum of Care
- Four members of the public – one person must be someone with lived experience of homelessness

# ICH Membership USICH Recommendations

**Secretaries and Commissioners (or their Representatives) from the following Departments, Agencies, and Resources**

- Housing and Housing Finance
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- Veterans Affairs
- Office of Management and Budget
- Social Security/ Disability Determination
- Managed Care Entity
- TANF
- County Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Public Safety
- Education
- Labor/Employment Services
- Welfare
- Medicaid
- Transportation
- Child, Youth, and Family Services
- Health and Human/ Homeless Services

## ICH Membership USICH Recommendations

**State Councils should include non-state and community stakeholders as part of the Council. These are critical members as they add grassroots perspective to the Council.**

- Local Elected Officials
- United Way and Philanthropic Groups
- Business and Corporate Representatives
- People with first-hand experience of homelessness (currently or formerly)
- Local Continuum of Care Representatives
- Providers of Homeless Services, including Veteran - serving Groups
- Advocacy Group Members
- Faith-Based Representatives

## Things to Consider

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- How should the work of the committees and/or workgroups be communicated to ICH?
- Are these the right workgroups? Is anything missing?
- Is the current ICH membership sufficient to achieve the objectives of the commission?



# Coordinated Entry System (CES)

# HUD Coordinated Entry

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- USICH establishes Opening Doors (2010)
  - Goals to end veteran and chronic homelessness, family homelessness and youth homelessness, all homelessness
  - CES is central to Opening Doors
- CoC Program Interim Rule (2012) sets basic CES standards
- CES Notice 17-01 (January 23, 2017) establishes additional requirements
  - [HUD Coordinated Entry Notice CPD-17-01](#)
  - [HUD Coordinated Entry Process Self-Assessment](#)

## Meeting Compliance and Designing the Right System

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- CoCs must submit to HUD CES policies and procedures by January 2018
- This document should outline core elements of the system and how they function now
- Montgomery County will phase more comprehensive CES over the next three years

# Core Elements of Coordinated Entry System

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- Access
- Assessment
- Prioritization, and
- Referral



## Coordinated Entry System Notice – Minimum Requirements

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1. Be easily accessed
2. Cover entire geographic area
3. Be well-advertised
4. Include a comprehensive, standardized assessment tool
5. Provide an initial, comprehensive assessment
6. Include a written policy to address needs of persons fleeing Domestic Violence

# NEXT STEPS

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1. Expect some contract changes:
  - Discrimination language
  - Reasonable accommodation requirements,
  - Grievance requirements and deliverables
  - Eligibility review and deliverables
2. Draft CES Policies and Procedures focused on Phase 1 will be sent to Operations Committee for review and discussion next week
3. End of the month CES Policies and Procedures sent to CoC for comment period
4. Approved by MC ICH in January



# Youth Homelessness in Montgomery County



# Corporation for Supportive Housing Technical Assistance: Fiscal Scan

# Montgomery County Fiscal Scan Technical Assistance

**Purpose: To collect and analyze resources and funding supporting the homelessness response system in the Montgomery County CoC. The project seeks to address the following questions:**

- What is the full scope of resources committed to homelessness assistance in Montgomery County? How much is contributed through private philanthropy and local, state and federal government? What activities do these resources support?
- How do we better utilize the specific resources we have? What gaps can be filled through better alignment of all of the existing resources? How can we educate funders on ways they can better support organizations and the overall efforts of the CoC?
- How effective are our investments currently? What are our costs relative to our outcomes?

# Timeline

Task	Lead	Deadline
Create survey form and instructions to collect comparable financial information from providers	CSH	Final by 12/8
Provide outcomes data for FY17, provider contact list, and any other related information	HHS	12/8/17
Review project at ICH meeting and send initial email to providers informing them of the project	HHS	12/13/17
Send out email request to providers with deadlines for submission and contact info for questions	CSH	12/14/17
Collect financial information from providers, communicate with provider staff as needed	CSH	1/10/18
Input financial information into NAEH Spending Plan tool	CSH	1/24/18
Research and summarize key characteristics of each funding source (major restrictions, requirements, priorities, total contributed within the system, etc.)	CSH	1/24/18
Revise existing Homeless Systems Evaluator Tool with updated outcomes and financial information	CSH	1/24/18
Draft Spending Plan report/analysis, including Funding Source Summary, and detailed agenda for workshop submitted to DHS	CSH	2/2/18
Present and discuss results to ICH, CoC, and funders to include information on best practices and county priorities. Facilitate workshop to gather feedback on analysis, potential conclusions, and recommendations.	CSH DHS coordinate invites and logistics	1/2 day the week of 2/12-2/16
Create summary of analysis and recommendations	CSH	3/2/18
Present Summary to ICH	CSH	Mid-March ICH meeting



# The Nadim Khan Memorial Homeless Resource Day

# Guest Statistics

- Discussion of Handout







# Announcements