



## HOMELESS SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 7, 2020  
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### AGENDA

**10:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Tom Barnett, Co-Chair*

- New Co-Chair announcement (Kristy Greenwalt, District of Columbia ICH, with assistance from Elisabeth Young, TCP)

**10:05 A.M. 2. REGIONAL RACIAL EQUITY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS NEXT STEPS**

*Tom Barnett, Co-Chair, Elisabeth Young, Co-Chair Alternate, Hilary Chapman, COG staff, and All Participants*

Committee members will review the project timeline and next steps in the procurement process, including participation in the process to review proposals and select a contractor.

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**10:30 A.M. 4. REGIONAL COMPACT TO END HOMELESSNESS**  
*Tom Barnett, Co-Chair, Elisabeth Young, Co-Chair Alternate, Hilary Chapman, COG staff, and All Participants*

COG's Human Services Policy Committee is forming a regional compact to end homelessness.

Committee members will review the proposed timeline and discuss the proposed mission, vision, and categories of action items and provide guidance on its development.

**Questions for Committee members to consider and discuss:**

- What metrics or milestones do we want to use to measure progress in improved regional coordination?
- How can we use this platform to lift up issues and demonstrate the collective need for resources to the region's elected officials?
- Suggested changes to the categories below?

*See the following page for more details.*

**11:15 A.M. 5. 2020 PIT COUNT PREPARATIONS**  
*Tom Barnett, Co-Chair, Elisabeth Young, Co-Chair Alternate, and All Participants*

Committee members will have an opportunity finalize the date for the 2021 Point-in-Time count. The recommendation for a date in the last ten days of January is **Wednesday, January 27, 2021**.

Committee members will have an opportunity to share strategies and questions regarding the unsheltered portion of the 2021 count.

**11:30 A.M. 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, AND OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS**  
*Tom Barnett, Co-Chair, Elisabeth Young, Co-Chair Alternate, and All Participants*

Committee members will have an opportunity to share any announcements or other local CoC updates with their jurisdictional peers.

**11:45 A.M. 7. ADJOURN**

**Next Regular Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10am**  
**Next Regional COVID-19 Coordination conference call – Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 10am**

## Human Services Policy Committee Proposed Items for Regional Compact:

- **VISION:** To create a cross-jurisdictional, client centered approach to ending the experience of homelessness by identifying and breaking down barriers to get people the resources they need.
  - **MISSION:** By openly sharing and analyzing data across jurisdictions, we can identify gaps in both emergency shelter and housing and effectively advocate for resources to bring an end to homelessness in the Washington metro region.
1. DATA SHARING:
    - Explore expanding a data sharing agreement held by Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and the District of Columbia, to include all COG jurisdictions to participate. This would allow jurisdictions to share Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data across the region.
  2. REGULAR REPORTING & CASE COORDINATION:
    - Develop a regional protocol to ensure consistent reporting. This may include the development of a regional dashboard to share information (i.e., bed utilization, turn aways, client seeking shelter from other jurisdictions).
    - To specifically address veteran homelessness, develop point of contacts within each jurisdiction who could connect veterans with the services they need.
  3. BY-NAME TRACKING
    - Build regional operational protocols to better track individuals being turned away at shelters. This information would show the need and capacity for each jurisdiction.

## NEXT STEPS IN HSPC JOURNEY TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

- Prior to HSPC's final 2020 meeting in November, draft up a regional agreement.
- The draft agreement will be shared with HSPC members the first week of November for comment. This draft will be shared with the COG Board on 11/12. The HSPC will meet on 11/13 to provide a further review of the compact and allowing for additional feedback.
  - Recommendation to bring the mission, vision and the items before the board in November as a draft.
- Executive Director Chuck Bean recommends introducing it in a presentation to the COG board, and then bring it back at a subsequent meeting. Key to this is optional engagement. It is a coalition of a willing that what makes this possible. Timing for first COG Board presentation is January 2021.