

Pursuant to Local Law 207 of 2017 to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to the responsibilities of the interagency coordinating council, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services respectfully submits the report below.

This report presents a summary of the activities and recommendations of the interagency coordinating council, commonly referred to as the IHAC (Interagency Homelessness Accountability Council). As Local Law 207 requires, this report is accompanied by an annual breakdown of each member agency's expenditures for housing and services to the homeless in the adopted budget.

Members and Structure

Pursuant to Local Law 207, the Mayor designated the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services to serve as the chairperson of the IHAC. As written in the Law, the members of the IHAC include Commissioners and senior staff from the following agencies:

- Administration for Children's Services
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Department of Housing Preservation and Development
- Department of Social Services
 - Department of Homeless Services
 - Human Resources Administration
- Department of Youth and Community Development

In addition to the members listed in the Law, the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services made the following agency additions to the IHAC:

- Center for Innovation through Data Intelligence
- Department of Correction
- Department for the Aging
- Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
- Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence
- Mayor's Office of Operations
- New York City Health and Hospitals
- New York City Housing Authority
- New York City Police Department
- Office of the First Deputy Mayor
- Office of the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development
- Office of Thrive NYC

A full list of the representatives for each agency can be found in the appendix to this report.

The members listed above meet as a full group on a quarterly basis. The meetings for CY 19 took place on the following dates in City Hall:

- March 27, 2019
- July 11, 2019
- October 31, 2019

Due to scheduling conflicts, the December meeting had to be rescheduled for early January 2020. Following that meeting, there will still be the regular four quarterly meetings in 2020.

At the first quarterly meeting of the first calendar year of the IHAC in March 2018, the following goals of the IHAC were identified, which remained the focus of the IHAC's meetings in 2019:

1. Maximize the City's resources to build, maintain, and strengthen a coordinated system to support New York City's homeless
2. Identify and better serve people at risk of entering the homeless system
3. Focus on the needs of unique populations within the homeless system, including youth, families with young children, the elderly, and formerly justice-involved individuals
4. Promote permanent housing

In the first year of the IHAC, three workgroups were created and met regular basis to formulate recommendations for three priority populations either at risk of or already experiencing homelessness: individuals at Rikers, youth and young adults, and parents and babies. By the end of 2018, each of these workgroups had developed recommendations that moved into the implementation phase in 2019. Therefore in 2019, the IHAC shifted focus to cover additional topics, either discussing new and important data and research to inform practice, or to bring agencies together to address time-sensitive issues in a coordinated manner. An overview of the focus of each of the 2019 meetings of the IHAC is included here:

The March 2019 meeting focused on a presentation by the Center for Innovation and Data Intelligence of their study on aging homeless. Funded by the New York State Health Foundation, and in collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania and New York University School of Medicine, the study focuses on the shelter and health care use of older homeless adults in New York City. The report forecasts the future of the aged homeless population in New York City (specifically those 55 years of age or older), outlines one approach to consider the scope and cost of this future aged homeless population, and suggests a range of policy interventions. It was one of three studies, with companion projects in Boston and Los Angeles County. This meeting offered an opportunity for our member agency commissioners to take a deep dive into this important research, and to create opportunities for collaboration between DHS, DFTA, and health-focused agencies such as H+H and DOHMH to best meet the needs of this growing population.

The July 2019 meeting focused on addressing the immediate needs of students in temporary housing, in two parts. The first half of the meeting involved a call to action from DOE leadership in the Office of School Food regarding summer meals. Attendees were given information about this important initiative and asked to take several action steps to get the word out about this program and improve uptake for the last two

months of summer, when meal usage historically dips. The second half of the meeting provided an overview of existing collaborations between DOE and DHS to better support students in temporary housing, including transportation initiatives and services to improve attendance rates for this population. DOE and DHS requested support from other related agencies, such as ACS and DYCD, to further strengthen these joint efforts.

The October 2019 meeting focused on DFTA's Home-Sharing program. The program helps link adult "hosts" with extra room(s) in their homes or apartments with appropriate "guests" to share their space. One of the match-mates must be age 60 or older. In 2019, DFTA launched a new partnership with DYCD to serve homeless youth through this program for the first time, while also exploring potential collaborations with DHS and HRA. DFTA presented at the IHAC meeting to share background on the program and identify additional opportunities for agency partnerships. As a result of the meeting, DFTA has begun conversations with HPD, DVS, and MOCJ both to identify additional potential hosts and determine how these agency's populations may benefit from the program as guests.

The fourth meeting, to take place in early January 2020, will feature a presentation by the Center for Innovation through Data Intelligence in collaboration with Health + Hospitals, the Department of Social Services, and the Department of Correction. The presentation will cover the overlap between high utilizers at H+H with individuals who have a history of criminal justice involvement and/or homelessness. This data-match will allow these and other related agencies to strengthen collaborations to better serve individuals with multi-system involvement, including determining how best to connect them to supportive housing resources.

APPENDIX

I. Budget (TO COME, THIS IS FROM LAST YEAR)

Agency	Description	Planned FY 20 Expenditures (as of Adopt 20 budget) \$ in Ms
DHS	Shelter services, administration and support for homeless adults, families, and street homeless individuals	\$ 2,061.8
HRA	Homeless prevention, rental assistance, legal services, services for domestic violence survivors and persons living with HIV/AIDS	\$ 914.0
ACS	Housing assistance for former foster care youth	\$ 6.1
DOHMH	Supportive housing, newborn home visiting for homeless families, housing for persons with HIV/AIDS	\$ 234.9
HPD	Supportive housing and rental assistance to formerly homeless	\$ 289.4
DOE	Students in temporary housing and related services	\$ 38.9
Total		\$ 3,545.1

II. Members and Attendees

Chair:

- Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services – Dr. Raul Perea-Henze

Mandated Executive Committee:

- DSS – Commissioner Steve Banks
+ First Deputy Commissioner Molly Murphy
+ Deputy Commissioner for Intergovernmental Affairs Erin Drinkwater
- DHS – Administrator Joslyn Carter
- HRA – Administrator Grace Bonilla
+ First Deputy Commissioner Gary Jenkins
- HPD – Commissioner Louise Carroll
- DYCD – Commissioner Bill Chong
- ACS – Commissioner David Hansell
+ First Deputy Commissioner Eric Brettschneider
- DOHMH – Commissioner Oxiris Barbot
- DOE – Chancellor Richard Carranza
+ Deputy Commissioner of School Climate & Wellness LaShawn Robinson
+ Senior Executive Director, Office of Community Schools Chris Caruso

DM HHS additions to Executive Committee:

- ENDGBV – Commissioner Cecile Noel
- NYCHA – Chair Gregory Russ
+ Executive Vice President for Community Engagement and Partnerships Sideya Sherman
- NYPD – Commissioner Dermot Shea
+ Deputy Commissioner for Collaborative Policing Theresa Tobin
- H+H – President and CEO, Dr. Mitchell Katz
+ Senior Vice President for Managed Care Matthew Siegler
- CIDI – Executive Director Maryanne Schretzman
+ Director of Policy and Research Eileen Johns
- DOC – Commissioner Cynthia Brann
- DFTA – Commissioner Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez
- DVS – Commissioner James Hendon
+ Assistant Commissioner for Housing and Support Services Nicole Branca
- MOCJ – Director Elizabeth Glazer
- Operations – Director Jeff Thamkittikasem
- Office of ThriveNYC – Executive Director Susan Herman
- Office of the First Deputy Mayor – Senior Advisor Freya Rigterink
- Office of the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development – Senior Advisor Amy Boyle