

Subject: Regarding HSW subcommittees
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Dear Homeless Strategies Workgroup:

I recently heard that possibly your subcommittees have not been meeting over the last two weeks. If this is true, during this time that the workgroup itself is not meeting, and when it is still extremely dangerous for unsheltered community members to be sleeping outside, with their suffering and level of crisis impacting the broader community, it seems vital that workgroup committees be making progress on their specialty solutions.

I understand and am grateful that workgroup members all have their own related work in the community that they are doing, but group members working together to address specific gaps in sheltering solution components would advance progress that otherwise will likely not come to fruition.

I also understand that during this time, some people in County and City agencies will be assembling some materials for information that workgroup members feel is important for their goals. But I hope that workgroup members who are not directly involved in this will imminently reach out to each other to gather to work on communications, funding strategies, and interim housing/sheltering in various categories.

I could not find a recent or finalized copy of subcommittee members posted on the HSW meeting materials page. I ask that Ms. Halka or the appropriate person please point me to where I can find that, or send me a copy. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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