



HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, May 9, 2025
12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Chair: Council Member Anita Bonds, Council of the District of Columbia

AGENDA

12:00 P.M. 1. CONVENE MEETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Anita Bonds, HSPC Chair, District of Columbia

- New Member Introductions
 - City of Fairfax: Stacey Hardey-Chandler
- Other Member Announcements

12:15 P.M. 2. FOSTER PARENT OF THE YEAR APPRECIATION
Jazmin Burroughs, COG Human Services Planner
Dr. Regina Lawson, Co-Chair, COG Foster Care Advisory Committee, Supervisor of Recruitment, DC Child and Family Services Agency
Lisa Roberston, Co-Chair, COG Foster Care Advisory Committee, Foster Parent Recruiter/Trainer, Prince Georges County Department of Social Services

May is National Foster Care Awareness month, and to celebrate the efforts of Resource Parents across the metropolitan Washington region, Jazmin Burroughs, Dr. Regina Lawson and Lisa Robertson will provide highlights of the COG committee's efforts to support children and families through the foster care system.

Committee members will also have a “sneak peek” of a video highlighting the contributions of resource parents in our region during 2025.

HSPC members are encouraged to share local efforts to recruit and support resource parents and protect vulnerable children in their respective jurisdictions.

1:00 P.M. 3. REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS ENUMERATION: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM THE ANNUAL POINT-IN-TIME COUNT

Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager
Sam Kenney, COG Regional Homeless Systems Coordinator

COG has been coordinating the annual enumeration of persons experiencing homelessness, or Point-in-Time (PIT) count, since 2001. Committee members will be briefed on the findings from the 2025 PIT count prior to their release to the media and to the COG Board of Directors.

In addition to sharing the preliminary PIT count findings, COG staff will highlight how COG's Homeless Services Committee is working collaboratively to better meet the needs of unhoused persons through its partnership with Community Solutions, implementing the Built for Zero methodology.

Committee members will have an opportunity to raise specific issues, questions, and concerns that could be shared with the Board of Directors during the upcoming May 14th meeting.

1:45 P.M. 3. JURISDICTIONAL ROUNDTABLE

Anita Bonds, HSPC Chair

What's happening in your jurisdiction? Committee members are encouraged to share upcoming events, pending legislation, or concerns about recent federal actions. Members will also be able to consider how they may want to collaborate on areas of shared concern.

2:00 PM 4. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Friday, July 11, 2025 at 12pm

Upcoming: Joint meeting with the FARM Policy Committee on Friday, September 12th