

**DESCRIPTION OF THE
EVICTION PREVENTION CROSS-SYSTEM WORKGROUP
FOR THE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
October 21, 2022

Purpose and Functions:

- Information sharing, including relevant news, updates on work, and resources.
- Finding ways to break down barriers for tenants.
- Brainstorming ideas for news ways to help.
- Consultant role for other entities when needed.
- Achieve equity and consistency in how public and private partners' practice.
- Process improvement.
- Helping connect tenants to services; help people with dwindling resources
- Coordinating messaging.
- Looking for upstream policies and practices.
- Looking for protective resources for tenants.
- Coordinating data collection and sharing.
- Flag trends and troubleshoot issues as they arise.
- Share successes.

Frequency:

Third Tuesday of every month from 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

Co-Chairs:

- Sarah Allen, Deputy Director, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services.
- Tom Barnett, Deputy Director, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), Department of Housing and Community Development.

Current Organizational Membership:

- Cornerstones.
- Department of Cable and Consumer Services.
- Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Department of Management and Budget (DMB).
- Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS).
- FACETS.
- Legal Services of Northern Virginia.
- Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance.
- Sheriff's Office.

Committees:

1. *Data Agreements and Partnerships:*

- a. Purpose: To coordinate the collection and reporting of data related to evictions, such as specific household information and counts of writs of eviction, which are used in the coordination of service delivery and a public dashboard online.
- b. Leadership:
 - i. Abdi Hamud, Eviction Prevention and Intervention Manager, NCS.
 - ii. Michelle Gregory, Countywide Data Analytics Coordinator, DMB.

2. *Sequential Intercept Model for Eviction:*

- a. Purpose: Explore the development of a “sequential intercept model”, inspired by the work in the Diversion First initiative, to identify the points at which Fairfax County partner organizations can intervene in the standard processing of evictions, so that families and individuals would not have to lose their housing.
- b. Leadership:
 - i. Maura Williams, Vice President, Housing and Community Services, Cornerstones.
 - ii. Stephanie Carl, Coordinated Entry System Manager, HCD-OPEH.