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July 7, 2023

Supplemental Documents
from the
Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights
meeting held on
June 28, 2023 11:00am

Regarding:

R2023-0001022

Vasquez, Andre 40th Ward

Call for monthly hearing(s) by Committee on Immigration and Refugee Rights regarding city response to migrant crisis



Welcoming New Arrivals to Chicago

June 28, 2023

★ Current Situation

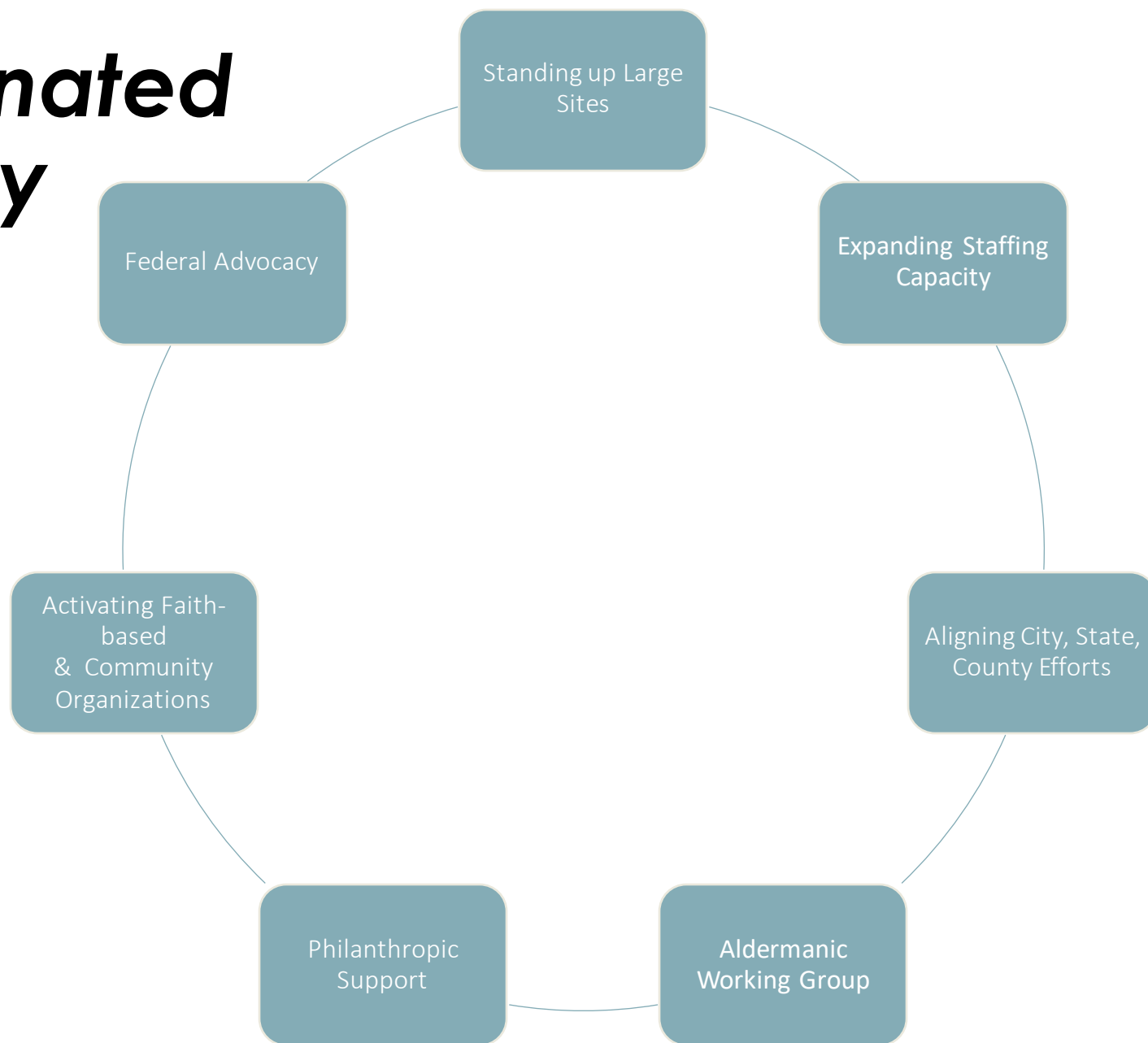
- More than ~10,500 new arrivals since August 31, 2022
- 30 buses arrived since May 9, 2023
 - 14 buses arrived from June 16-27
- There are **4,988** residents in 12 shelters and **650+** awaiting placement as of June 27, 2023
- Resettlement Services began April 17, 2023. As of June 27, 2023:
 - **189** *moved to permanent housing*
 - **440** *signed leases and in process of moving in*

Countries of Origin

- Venezuela
- Russia
- Guatemala
- Colombia
- El Salvador
- Afghanistan
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Ecuador
- Angola
- Peru
- Congo
- Honduras
- Ethiopia
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Dominican Republic
- Argentina
- Pakistan
- Costa Rica



Coordinated Strategy





Standing up large sites

- Identifying City property
- Capacity for no less than 200
- Shelter format
- Decompress Police Stations

Expanding Staff Capacity

- Evaluating viability of continuing contractual Staff
- Expanding resettlement case management
- Outmigration and moving support
- Establishing volunteer management system

Aligning City, County, State Efforts

- State FY24 Budget Contribution
- Regular planning meetings with State
- Exploring additional County assets
 - Health Care
 - Transportation
 - Supplies



Aldermanic Working Group

- Weekly briefings
- Leverage leadership
- Share lessons learned

Philanthropic Support

- Replenish Mutual Aid resources
- Secure funds for wrap around support and legal services by CBOs
- Infrastructure

Faith & Community Based Organizations

- Call to Service
- Home Stays
- Solidarity/Coalition efforts between New Arrivals and Unhoused Chicago Neighbors



Federal Advocacy

- Consistent Engagement with Illinois Delegation
- Leverage Federal Executive Board when applicable
- Jointly coordinate with State for 2nd round of Federal funding
- Urge support for work authorization to assure sustainability of resettlement

Situation at Police District Stations

- Upon arrival, new arrivals can request an SR number from 311. The SR number must be renewed every 72 hours
- Food
 - Greater Chicago Food Depository, CBOs and coordination from mutual aid networks
- Access to showers
 - City coordinates showers runs to park districts and use of Shower Up units
- Medical Cases
 - Coordination led by Chicago Department of Health with support from mutual aid networks and other partners



Situation at Shelters

- Intake process and access to existing case management support:
 - Outmigration – Catholic Charities
 - Resettlement – Catholic Charities
 - Legal - Legal Aid Society and partners
 - Health – Mental health screening and appointment for health screening in partnership with Cook County Health
 - City Key
 - Chicago Public Schools enrollment

Situation at Shelters

- Youth Programming Opportunities
 - Chicago Public Libraries: on-site "Storytime," and visits from licensed therapists from SkyART, who provide art therapy and free art supplies.
 - Early Head Start enrollment: Parents with children 0-2 years old can sign up; the program provides on-site, individualized 90-minute sessions with parents, child, and a parent educator.



Situation at Shelters

- After School Matters
 - To provide opportunities for youth ages 6-21 at the Inn of Chicago, starting early July. In addition, 2 community organizations currently provide programming to youth in the Piotrowski Park shelter, including soccer and baseball camps 2-3 times a week. Lastly, several DFSS-funded agencies will prioritize migrant youth and children 0-5 who are interested in programming at their locations (more details to come).



Other Updates

- **Language**
 - Moved away from the respite concept and are considering all locations temporary shelters.
- **30-Day Notice**
 - No distribution of the 30-day notice. Paused while planning for resettlement resource expansion.
- **Incoming support services**
 - Topics for programming to include enrichment activities, mental health, family support networks, legal rights, workplace rights, job readiness, housing, and more.



Other Updates

- **Volunteer System**

- Integrate community volunteers into shelter operations to assist contracted staff with donation sorting, food distribution, and other non-essential duties that aid flow of shelter operation.