



HOMELESSNESS AND COVID-19

Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA) Zoom Webinar
Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021
7:30 P.M. To 8:30 P.M.

The Feb. 11, 2021, webinar on Homelessness and COVID-19 at 7:30 p.m. is the first of six 1-hour Zoom webinars organized by the Dupont Circle Citizens Association (DCCA) to educate residents of the Dupont and broader communities about topics concerning single people who are homeless and unhoused in the Dupont neighborhood. The intent of DCCA's six webinars running through March 25th is to help residents think differently about the issues so that they are better equipped to help/lobby/volunteer or otherwise engage to support progress toward ending chronic homelessness. Recorded versions of the webinars will be shared online for subsequent viewing via YouTube or other platforms.

Panelists at the 1-hour webinar on Homelessness and COVID-19 on Feb. 11th will discuss how COVID-19 affects single people without homes who are living on the street in tents or in shelters, how the DC government, community groups, and health care providers have responded to the COVID-19 crisis in this population, and what improvements should be made going forward.

The three panelists who will share their perspectives on what has transpired since the COVID-19 pandemic hit back in March and how systems might be improved are the following:

- 1) Reggie Black, a person who has experienced homelessness, who serves on the Interagency Council on Homelessness, and who is the author of numerous articles for Street Sense, including an article on the impact of COVID on DC's homeless community and protective interventions
- 2) Catherine Crosland, M.D., who is Unity Health Care's Medical Director for Homeless Outreach Services, who manages over 10 homeless outreach clinics, and who has provided clinical care for people experiencing homelessness in settings ranging from street-based clinics to street outreach medicine
- 3) Dena Williams Hasan, from the DC Department of Human Services (DHS), who is currently the Director Policy and Program Support at DHS, and who previously led DC's State Health Innovation Plan and programs that integrate behavioral, physical and acute health care and social services for chronically ill Medicaid recipients

The Homelessness and COVID-19 panel will be moderated by Joanne Garlow, an NPR computer programmer who volunteers at N Street Village and is also engaged in ongoing work to end homelessness by the social justice ministry of Foundry United Methodist Church.