

Interagency Council on Homelessness

February 7, 2007

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Olympia, Washington

Attendees:

Alfie Alvarado Ramos, Deputy Director, Department of Veteran's Affairs

Blake Chard, Deputy Secretary, Department of Social and Health Services

Will Graham, Assistant Director for Housing, Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (ICH Chair)

Mary Leftridge Byrd, Deputy Secretary, Community Corrections Division, Department of Corrections

Mary Looker, Primary Care Office Manager, Department of Health

Peggy Zimmerman, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Human Resources and Services Division, Employment Security Department

Absent: Theo Yu, Kari Burrell

Staff: Lynn Davison, Common Ground; Tedd Kelleher, CTED; Anee Brar, ICH staff.

Guest: Representative Mark Miloscia

ICH members discussed future direction of the ICH workplan with major revisions to the March and April topics. The two main focus areas for the ICH will be: data collection and measurement; and discharge planning and re-entry. Therefore, the workplan through July has been adjusted to reflect these priority areas.

ICH members discussed a communications strategy to communicate these changes to stakeholders. The first edition of the ICH newsletter highlighted these changes with a cover letter from Will Graham. Stakeholders are encouraged to write letters to provide suggestions and ideas for ICH members.

A discussion of pending legislation included HBs 1115, 1874, 1921, and 1922 as well as SB 5070. In an effort to focus on discharge planning and re-entry, a re-entry workgroup consisting of staff from DOC, DSHA, DVA, and CTED was formed. The workgroup was charged with researching a few re-entry options for the ICH members to pursue in the next few months. The discharge planning workgroup met on February 21, 2007 and developed recommendations for ICH members to consider.

Tedd Kelleher made a presentation to the ICH members on data collection and measurement and demonstrated the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This segment of the meeting was also attended by Rep. Mark Miloscia.