

Interagency Council on Homelessness

April 11, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 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

Kathy DiJulio, Assistant Commissioner for Operations Division, Employment Security Department

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

Absent: Kari Burrell, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Theo Yu, Office of Financial Management

Guests: Paul Carlson, Regional Coordinator

Staff: Annie Conant, CTED; Tedd Kelleher, CTED; Anee Brar, ICH staff.

Ten Year Plan Update

CTED staff have been working on updating the *State Ten Year Homeless Plan* which is due this July. The next revision is required to contain estimates of needs and costs related to each of the 18 strategies. Tedd Kelleher presented needs and costs data for strategies 1, 2, and 3 to the ICH.

Next Steps:

- CTED will revise strategy 2 to include jail activity
- ICH members will ask their respective staff to review needs and costs information related to strategies 1, 2, and 3.
- Staff will update the Plan using "track changes" to highlight changes.
- Strategy #14 will be removed from the next version of the Ten Year Plan.

Data Collection, Sharing and Integration

Tedd Kelleher presented an HMIS migration project update to the ICH. The purpose of the migration is to hire a consultant to provide HMIS software, training, and support to Collaboration partners. Once HMIS data are available, CTED will ask DSHS to match our data with agency data and provide CTED with aggregate data broken out by program.

Status: An outside RFP consultant with extensive project management and procurement experience has been hired. The RFP is being refined and is scheduled to be released on May 18, 2007. CTED will select a contractor within two months of the RFP release, and a contract will be executed by August. Data /user migration will begin by next March.

Next steps:

- Staff from each ICH member agency will review the matrix of programs and report which ones capture housing data.

Ten Year Plan Performance Measures

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Act (HHAA) now require counties to be responsible for Ten Year Plans. Prior to HHAA, non-profits and community agencies had the information, now counties are responsible for reporting data. Local governments are now being trained in this process. CTED will have PIT count report ready by June.

Ten Year Plan – One Year Progress Report

Anee provided ICH members with an update and status report on short-term activities for each of the 10 activities in which the ICH played a key role. For a full update, please refer to the PowerPoint presentation.

Project Homeless Connects

Paul Carlson, Regional Coordinator, US Interagency Council on Homelessness attended the ICH meeting and urged ICH members to promote Project Homeless Connects as way to engage community members.

Follow-up

- Paul Carlson will keep the ICH informed of Project Homeless Connects events proposed projects in several Washington counties.
- Paul Carlson will provide ICH members with link to a British video used at a national homelessness conference.
- Paul Carlson will help to facilitate a regional ICH meeting this fall with representatives from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Montana

National Governor's Association

Mary Leftridge Byrd spoke about the re-entry conference call. Three outcomes were identified on the call:

1. bring managers together to talk about re-entry strategies
2. lead a regional symposium across states
3. interagency collaboration

Next steps:

DOC has developed a matrix for interagency collaboration which will be shared with other ICH member agencies.