

Interagency Council on Homelessness

August 8, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Olympia, Washington

Attendees:

Alfie Alvarado Ramos, Deputy Director, Department of Veteran's Affairs;
Kari Burrell, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor;
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); Anne Fiala for Mary Leftridge Byrd (DOC)

Absent:

Kathy DiJulio, Assistant Commissioner for Operations Division, Employment Security Department; Mary Leftridge Byrd, Deputy Secretary, Community Corrections Division, Department of Corrections; Theo Yu, Office of Financial Management; Mary Looker, Primary Care Office Manager, Department of Health

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

Draft report accepted

Workplan

Work-one-on-one with ICH members' staff to identify staff members responsible for specific action items. Finalize and present for signature, which will be a mechanism for tracking initiatives and progress over the course of the next year.

Next Steps:

- Present workplan to ICH members for signature

HGAP application

Tedd highlighted major changes for the 2007 round of applications. There was also discussion on including a living wage aspect to the next application. While there is disagreement on the definition of the term self-sufficiency, communities can propose their own definitions. CTED will consider how to incorporate this measure into projects. The next round will total approximately \$15M, with one round in the fall and another in the spring. In the Spring, HGAP applications will run concurrently with HTF; HTF for capital funding and HGAP for operating and services.

In terms of process, we will be looking to use ICH member agencies to review components of HGAP applications, similar to last time. There was concern about sustainability of projects – the expectation is that HGAP projects will be rated on project sustainability. An option will also be to consider reduced awards in the second and third years, gradually tapering off funding.

Updates

Independent Youth Housing Program

CTED and DSHS staff are working closely to develop and implement the foster youth program. Program Manager Cheryl Bayle met with stakeholders at the SACH meeting on May 31 to discuss program details.

Timeline: Finalize program design in July; release the RFP in August; RFP responses due in September; and contracting to begin in November.

Offender Housing Program

CTED has received \$3.9 million to create an offender transitional program to establish a minimum of two pilot sites in communities that have Community Justice Centers. Currently, CJs are located in King, Pierce, Yakima, Spokane, Clark, and Snohomish counties. CTED has been conducting site visits with providers in order to develop program guidelines. Applications will be sent in September. The Local Government division at CTED is required to establish pilot community transition coordination networks (CTCN) to help offenders find services that might be available from the county.

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Mental Health Housing Plan

Blake Chard mentioned that DSHS is currently reviewing the Mental Health Housing Plan developed by contractor Common Ground. A revised draft is schedule to be released in the fall which would provide details on implementation.

Next steps:

- Awaiting DSHS approval to release Mental Health Plan

HMIS

CTED is working with DIS to release the HMIS RFP to select a vendor. DIS has asked for some additional requirements. CTED has added those additional requirements, and awaiting DIS approval to release the RFP.