

Interagency Council on Homelessness

November 8, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Olympia, Washington

ICH Members Present:

Will Graham, Assistant Director for Housing, CTED - Chair

Peter Antolin, Senior Budget Analyst, OFM

Kari Burrell, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Jody Becker-Green, Assistant Secretary, DSHS

Anne Fiala, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Community Corrections Unit, DOC

Sandy Miller, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, WorkSource Operations, ESD

ICH Members Absent:

Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Deputy Director, DVA

Lisa Salmi, Executive Manager, Facilities and Services Licensing, DOH

Guests:

Cathy Cochran, DSHS Olmstead Coordinator, DSHS

CTED Staff:

Tedd Kelleher

Bruce Yasutake

Introductions, Backgrounds and HMIS expectations

The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) last met September 5. Since that time five of the eight ICH members are new. Personal and professional backgrounds and expectations of the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) were discussed. HMIS expectations include:

- Tracking DSHS data on children and families
- Tracking performance measures, linkages, data sharing
- Reducing siloing and politicizing
- Identifying and increase the available housing opportunities
- Providing ready answers for policy makers
- Tracking people as they move from emergency to transitional to permanent housing
- Would love to get it off of the ground
- Providing data so that policy makers can determine where to invest to provide maximum impact

- Providing data on where we are seeing success
- Tracking recidivism rates, depending on the type of services that were provided

Offender Re-Entry Program Update

(Kathy Giglio) CTED received \$3 million to create housing pilots in counties with Community Justice Centers. Six urban counties are eligible: King, Pierce, Yakima, Spokane, Clark, and Snohomish. The funds will provide grants to organizations that offer supportive housing and services for jail and prison offenders who are under supervision and are referred by the DOC. CTED will be evaluating the program over 3.5 years to determine if the RHPP has an impact on recidivism for high risk or high need offenders exiting correctional institutions.

Timeline: RFPs are currently being reviewed. Awards will be announced in December and contracts issued in January.

2007-2008 State Homelessness Project Plan Strategies and Tasks

DSHS, ESD, DOC and CTED strategies and tasks were discussed. CTED staff will update the Project Plan based on the information provided at the meeting as well as the information Alfie emailed prior to the meeting. CTED will follow up with all after the meeting to clarify tasks. Lisa Salmi, DOH will be emailed regarding Strategy 12, Task 12.9.