

## Interagency Council on Homelessness

December 12, 2007

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Olympia, Washington

### Present:

Will Graham, Assistant Director for Housing, CTED – Chair (partial)

Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Deputy Director, DVA

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

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

Sandy Miller, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, WorkSource Operations, ESD

### Absent:

Peter Antolin, Senior Budget Analyst, OFM

Kari Burrell, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Jody Becker-Green, Assistant Secretary, DSHS

### Guests:

Cathy Cochran, DSHS Olmstead Coordinator, DSHS

### CTED Staff:

Annie Conant

Tedd Kelleher

Bruce Yasutake

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### **State Legislative and Policy Changes Recommended by Counties**

Recommendations from individual county 10-Year Plans to End Homelessness and from county annual reports required by the Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act\* were discussed. The recommendations came from stakeholders, community members, service and housing providers who participated in the development of the plans. The recommendations were grouped into 3 categories:

1. Policy Changes Only
2. State Law Changes (No funding increases)
3. New State Funding

2007-2008 State Homeless Plan Strategy and Task numbers are listed in the far left column when applicable and an initial attempt to identify the ICH member agencies that the recommendations pertain to are listed.

## **To Do (Update):**

The 2007-2008 Homeless Plan, Strategy 12 and the associated actions direct the ICH on the plans:

12 Strategy 12 - Collect and analyze data on homelessness utilizing the data to evaluate progress on outcomes, improve decision-making, and expand public education.

### **12.13 The ICH will review and respond to formal county requests for state policy changes communicated via local plans and annual reports.**

12.13.1 Compile requests

12.13.2 Draft responses with state agency staff

12.13.3 ICH review/approval of draft responses

ICH member staff will work on the recommendations and before the May 14 meeting will email their responses to CTED. This information will be compiled and emailed to ICH members one week prior to the next ICH meeting.

### **2008 ICH Meeting Schedule**

The ICH will meet quarterly in 2008, starting with the February meeting. Two meetings will be held in the summer, with the focus on creating the 2008-2009 State Homeless Plan.

### **Update:**

The following meeting dates have been scheduled (9:00-Noon):

February 13

May 14

August 13

September 10

December 10

\* The Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act (often referred to as “2163”) requires an annual report to the Governor and Legislature on progress made toward implementing the state and local ten-year homeless plans. CTED is required to establish a process for local governments to report progress ([RCW 43.185C.110](#)). The [State Ten-Year Homeless Plan](#), broadly defines the performance measurement information we will be collecting from local governments as part of the annual reporting process.

All meetings have been scheduled at CTED, Davis-Williams Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor conference room. Alfie Alvarado-Ramos invited the ICH for a summer meeting at the new DVA housing facility in Retsil, near Port Orchard (DVA can provide transportation): [http://www.dva.wa.gov/veterans\\_home\\_retsil.html](http://www.dva.wa.gov/veterans_home_retsil.html).

### **Updates and Announcements**

Offender Re-Entry Pilot Project (RHPP) – A press release announcing the awards was just announced. (This has been forwarded to the ICH.)

Homeless Grant Assistance Program (HGAP) – Tedd gave an update on the HGAP awards.

Disaster Response – Annie gave an update on CTED's involvement with the State's response to the flooding, as did the ICH members.

National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference – The conference will be held February 7-8 at the Sheraton Hotel in Seattle:

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/1858>

CTED will register and pay for ICH members to attend the conference.

### **Update:**

The ICH has been invited to a House Housing Committee workshop featuring five speakers who are here for the NAEH Conference (1:30-3:20 p.m.) and the following invitation only Governor's reception (4:0-5:15 p.m.)

Shelter Licensing – Kathy Giglio reviewed the history and current status of the Department of Health's rulemaking activities. There are new people at the table now. The State Board of Health requested that the current rules be looked at. The group that is looking at this will report back to the Board by June, 2008 with a January, 2009 implementation date for the changes. Potential changes being discussed include a registration only process, no extra or annual inspections and a separate fee structure.

### **2007-2008 State Homelessness Project Plan Strategies and Tasks**

Updates from the November ICH meeting were highlighted in red in the Project Plan that was handed out. Bruce will follow-up with individual ICH members or their assistants, in addition to relevant CTED staff to further update the plan before the next meeting in mid-February.