

# State Advisory Council on Homelessness

**Attendees:** Melinda Dyer, Joe Ingram, Judy Combes, Cathy Cochran, Kim Eads, Tom Pennella, Jean Kim, Marilyn Highberg, Diane Christie, Kathy Wahto, Judith Gidley, Megan Karch Nola Renz, Annie Conant, Julie Bruce for Jack Peters.

**Interested Parties:** Mia Navarro

**Guest:** Anne Fiala, DOC

**CTED Staff:** Tedd Kelleher, Jennifer Turin, Anee Brar, Caryn Horn

## **Opening Remarks and Introductions:**

Introductions were made around the table and Vice-Chair Nola Renz introduced the guests, Anne Fiala from the Department of Corrections and Julie Bruce from HUD sitting in for Jack Peters.

## **Approval of Meeting Notes from Last Meeting:**

The meeting notes were corrected with changes as follows:

- On page 4, paragraph 3, remove “more fund in 2008”
- On page 4, under “Offender Reentry Programs”, paragraph 1, Judith Gidley noted that Benton County also has a CJC although it was noted later in the meeting that theirs is a county CJC, not state.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the meeting notes as corrected.

## **Recommendations to Governor:**

The Council reviewed the recommendations and some changes were advised.

- There was concern about the first bullet “combining” programs in one RFP. Annie explained that this was more for state agencies.
- In the second bullet it was suggested that “especially in youth programs” be deleted since homeless programs are not just for youth and that they are usually young adults. As young adults they would not be served by DSHS. Once aged out of foster care, they would need to apply for assistance through another program.
- It was also suggested that in bullet three “Include” be changed to “Invite” since OSPI does not report to the Governor.
- Cathy will send Annie additional narrative so this can be finalized. Melinda will also send statistics and background information on homeless kids.
- Kim asked that a response date be included so we know when to expect a response. Her suggestion was “We would appreciate hearing your response at the next meeting.”

## **State’s 10-Year Plan Updates:**

Tedd reviewed the DRAFT State Plan Chapter 2. One suggestion was to simplify the application process. Tedd will take suggestions until Monday, July 30.

### **CTED Offender Housing Program:**

This program is the result of ESSB 6157 providing CTED with resources for re-entry housing. A meeting is scheduled for the last week of August for interested parties regarding a draft of how this program would work. SACH members will receive a copy of the letter Kathy Giglio sent to interested parties. This program is only available to counties with state Community Justice Centers: Clark, King Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Yakima. An RFP should be released near the end of September and awards announced possibly by the end of November, although the timeframe may be pushed a little. The program will start up by January 2008.

### **Homeless Grant Assistance Program (HGAP) Update:**

This program is mandated by 2163. Eight projects in 10 counties are being brought on by the end of July with funding of \$9.6 million. The goal is to reduce homelessness within 10 years. The 2006 HGAP awards were reviewed along with a comparison of the 2006-2007 application processes and the proposed changes for the upcoming round. Contracts should be executed by 2008 for the Fall 2007 round. Tentatively, a Spring 2008 round may also be scheduled. A new target for the Fall 2007 round is innovative projects for the hardest to serve.

### **Member Updates:**

- Annie announced that a stakeholder meeting is being held August 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Red Lion Hotel for the Independent Youth Housing Program. This program is tenant based rental assistance for youth aging out of foster care. CTED is working with DSHS on program evaluation.
- Melinda announced that McKinney-Vento grant funding went to 17 programs out of 31 applications.
- Judy announced that DOC presented their GMAP on community supervision to the Governor's office on June 27. The critical component of re-entry is how the level of services can be carefully calibrated to risk and need.
- Kathy announced that Serenity House is opening a 15 unit permanent housing project.
- Anee announced a joint ICH/AHAB meeting in September.

### **Planning for Next Meetings:**

- **Schedule**
  - The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, at the Red Lion Seatac. A proposal was made that four meetings be held prior to short legislative sessions, and an additional meeting be scheduled prior to long legislative sessions as shown below.
  - Proposed 2008 SACH meeting dates and topics:
    - 2/08 What's happening in the current session.
    - 5/08 Review/discuss legislation just passed.
    - 7/08 Make recommendations for next session.
    - 9/08 Focus on progress in state and local 10-year plans.
    - 11/08 Prepare for upcoming legislative session.
  - Proposed 2009 SACH meeting dates:
    - 2/09, 5/09, 7/09, and 9/09.
- **Next Agenda Topics**
  - Draft bylaws with executive committee. Determine plan and authority

**Next SACH meeting will be September 7, 2008, Red Lion Hotel Seatac, 18220 International Blvd, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Olympic Room. Lunch will be a South of the Border buffet.**