

## Interagency Council on Homelessness

February 13, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Olympia, Washington

### Present:

Will Graham, Assistant Director for Housing, CTED – Chair

Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Deputy Director, DVA

Jody Becker-Green, Assistant Secretary, DSHS

Peter Antolin, Senior Budget Analyst, OFM

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

Cheryl Boldt (for Sandy Miller, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, WorkSource Operations), ESD

Shannon Walker (for Lisa Salmi, Executive Manager, Facilities and Services Licensing), DOH

### Absent:

Kari Burrell, Executive Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

### Guests:

Cathy Cochran, DSHS Olmstead Coordinator, DSHS

### CTED Staff:

Annie Conant

Tedd Kelleher

Bruce Yasutake

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### **National Conference on Ending Homelessness and Housing Committee workshop debrief**

Peter Antolin, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Anne Fiala and Jody Becker-Green attended the conference. Comments included: more focus is needed on households with high needs and hard to serve populations; and relatively low need homeless people receive the most services and vice versa.

### **Legislative session updates**

DOC – Adding victims witness notification program to HB 2764

OFM – Two bills - Department of Financial Institutions – Counseling for families at risk of foreclosure. This bill was the first one signed by the Governor. Second bill - \$50 million for the Housing Trust Fund with \$10 million targeted to communities impacted by the fall 2007 floods. 2009-2011 revenue forecast out Friday (2/15).

DVA – Twenty-five bills still active.

CTED – Tracking more bills so far this short session than last including:

- Rapid loan response
- Roberts bill did not get out of appropriations
- 2683 – Focus on performance measures
- 1115 – Revised goals on ending homelessness, focus on performance measures and provision for CTED evaluating other State agencies (since removed)
- Re-Entry Housing Pilot Program expansion (since removed)
- 5959 – Transitional Housing, Operating and Rent Program expansion

ESD – No new legislation proposed

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

Discussion points include: timing of agency/possible joint decision packages (May), many/most of the recommendations on the policy changes list entail legislative action, re-categorizing the recommendations – corrections, youth, de-siloing funding, data/reports, tailor responses to fit the ICH charter/purpose, are the recommendations directly related to their ten-year plans?, etc.

### **Next Steps**

Re-categorize and email out the recommendations. ICH members will respond. CTED staff will continue working with the recommendations and prioritizing which ones the ICH would follow-up on. ICH discussions of the recommendations might be handled by conference call, since the next meeting is not until May.)

### **Update**

Work groups will be formed to address the corrections, youth, de-siloing and data recommendations. CTED staff will contact ICH members or their staff to form the work groups. The work groups will complete their work for ICH review by April 15.

### **Agency updates on 2007-2008 State Homeless Plan strategies and tasks**

Updates from the November and December ICH meetings were highlighted in red on the Project Plan that was handed out. Bruce will continue to work with ICH members and their staff as the strategies and tasks are completed.

### **2008 meeting agendas and planning retreat**

All day planning retreat - potential topics:

- Homeless Housing and Assistance Act (including efforts prior to the act)
- ICH mission and history
- McKinney-Vento Act
- Review Point In Time count and other data

- Housing Management Information System overview
- Local homeless program and services network
- ICH member agency homeless programs and services including potential areas for increased collaboration
- Review County recommendation responses
- In-depth review of the 2007 Homeless Plan
- Begin to formulate direction for the 2008 Plan (focus for August and September meetings)

### **Updates and Announcements**

Governor's Disaster Recovery Task Force - Humans Services Action Group – This group is working on a number of things including identifying gaps in service, common resource directory, single points of contact in local offices, one half to one day events to bring the agencies together, etc. A long term recovery organization (LTRO) is being formed.

#### Update:

Jody has emailed the HSAG documents to Bruce and they have been distributed to ICH members for their comment and input. Annie has emailed a CTED update to Jody.