

State Advisory Council on Homelessness
Meeting Summary
September 28, 2005
Red Lion Hotel - Seatac

Attendees:

Chris Lowell, Chair, Nola Renz, Megan Karch, Janice Konestes, Kathy Wahto, Doreen Cato, Shirley Sutton, Woody Woodson, Rose Anne Jacobs, J. T. Wilcox, Maggie Morris, Paul Carlson, Annie Conant, Judy Combs, Cathy Cochran, and Caryn Horn

Opening Remarks and Introductions: Chris welcomed everyone present and introductions were made around the table.

Recognition for Doreen Cato, outgoing SACH Chair:

As outgoing Chair, Doreen was praised for her work for the homeless and her contributions to the State Advisory Council on Homelessness. She was presented with a crystal plaque and a letter from the Governor.

Approval of Meeting Notes from Last Meeting:

Moved/Seconded/Passed to accept meeting notes from last meeting.

Executive Order:

- Annie outlined the changes in the new Executive Order to be presented for the Governor's signature.
 - Focus on developing and tracking a 10-year plan to end homelessness.
 - Expanding membership to 25 appointees.
 - Representatives from state agencies and OSPI serve as Ex-Officio members rather than voting members.
 - Meet quarterly.
 - Serve as principal resource for AHAB and the Governor's senior leadership group.
 - A sub-group of SACH will meet annually with Governor to report on progress on the state's 10-year plan.
- Paul made the recommendation that the new Executive Order be presented to the Governor as part of the packet which includes recommendations for the Interagency Council. So moved/seconded/passed.

Update on Homelessness Housing & Assistance Act (2163)/AHAB/SACH:

- Annie explained the use of the recording fee and what is expected of each. The due date for CTED's guidelines is mid-October and the due date for county 10-Year Plans is December. CTED was able to send the guidelines to counties in September.
- Technical Assistance resources are available to help smaller counties work on their 10-Year Homeless Plans.

- A question arose about counties combining and Annie explained that it strengthens programs when their funding is pooled. At this time King County and the city of Seattle are working together as are Pierce County and Tacoma.
- SACH members should be working with their agency heads to get someone to the interagency council. It's up to the membership to stress the importance of their input.
- Chris made a recommendation that between now and December there should be a teleconference between all departments, Annie, and Stephen to discuss planning. This will need to follow protocol.
- Chris's name has been put forth as liaison between AHAB and SACH.
- There will be a briefing on the Interagency Council plan at the next meeting.

Information Updates:

- A calendar of SACH activities from this point forward was requested.
- The Governor has invited the SACH to Governor Gregoire's Executive Commissioner Conference to be held December 13, 2005, at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The Governor will host a reception at the Executive Mansion at 4:00pm.
- Members gave updates.

Planning for Next Meetings:

- The next meeting will be December 15, 2005, at the Red Lion Hotel, Seatac.
- Nola will chair the 12/15 meeting since Chris will be unavailable.