

State Advisory Council on Homelessness
Meeting Summary
December 15, 2005
Red Lion Hotel - Seatac

Attendees:

Nola Renz, Vice-Chair, Shirley Sutton, Paul Carlson, Annie Conant, Judy Combs, Irene Fruzzetti, Jack Peters, Mary Looker, Melinda Dyer, Tedd Kelleher, and Caryn Horn

Guests: Tina Shamseldin, City of Seattle

Bill Block, King County Committee to End Homelessness.

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

Approval of Meeting Notes from Last Meeting:

No minutes were available from the last meeting.

Report Out from AHAB Meeting:

- Annie announced Tedd Kelleher's promotion within CTED and that he would become the CTED staff for SACH.
- There are no more set asides for housing the homeless..
- A letter has gone out requesting agencies appoint a senior staffer to a sub-cabinet level group since the Governor's interagency council was vetoed..
- Chris Lowell is applying for a vacant position on AHAB. If the Governor makes the appointment, Chris will become the liaison between AHAB and SACH.
- Annie presented a sample of the by-laws used by AHAB for consideration by SACH members. A committee to draft by-laws for SACH will be comprised of Irene Fruzzetti, Tedd Kelleher, Judy Combes, and Melinda Dyer.
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Interagency Council on Homelessness:

- Paul Carlson has been visiting with state agencies to familiarize them with the Interagency Council on Homelessness.
- Stephen Buxbaum has indicated to Paul that an interagency council will form in the Spring, however SACH feels there should be more urgency.
- Moved by Jack Peters that Tedd draft a letter, which Paul will review, to go through AHAB and the Washington State Coalition for Homelessness in early January, expressing this urgency to the Governor. Motion seconded and passed by the membership.

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

- Tedd explained that local 10-year plans need to be passed by counties by 12/31/05. While they do not need to be sent to CTED it is hoped that they will. From these local plans the state will put together the State 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

- A draft outline of the state's plan will begin circulating in January. The final plan is due in July.
- Only Asotin and Klickitat Counties have opted out.
- Point In Time training was recently held in Olympia and Richland.
- Tedd presented a revenue sheet for the Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act.

Presentation on Taking Health Care Home - Tina Shamseldin:

The goals of Taking Health Care Home are:

- removing barriers and transforming current service delivery into more integrated system.
- create permanent supportive housing and increase service dollar investments in permanent supportive housing.
- get government entities to the table.

John Reo, of Advocates for Human Resources, is being brought in to assist with the employment side of homelessness. The funding sources are Gates Foundation (capital), Robert Wood Johnson, and the United Way of King County.

King County Committee to End Homelessness - Bill Block:

- The homelessness plan was adopted by the King County Council in September and is a plan to end *all* homelessness.
- The county felt they needed to put projects on the ground early and to accomplish this, homelessness was divided by population. There is a single adults committee, a youth and young adults committee, and a family committee, with a core of 15 and 10 occasionalists on each committee.
- Using RFP to combine funding sources with a resource development and alignment committee to look at how resources are used and how to increase them.
- Communications committee covers daily press releases, public relations, announcements of projects, and public awareness, etc.
- Each committee has a representative of the homeless or formerly homeless population.
- The upside of the committees is that, at least on the services side, people know each other, the issues, and are starting from a shared understanding of the problems and the obstacles.
- The downside is that there is overlap that needs to be coordinated, competition for resources, and possibly would not be as much “out of the box” thinking.
- Funding is from 2163, the non-profit community, and veterans’, and social services groups in King County.

Information Updates:

After staff shared their updates, Nola Renz gave an overview of the Governor's Executive Commissioner Conference. She explained that there were many things this council is unaware of that are requirements of the position.

- Although an appointee's term may expire they are in that position until a replacement is appointed.

- If an appointee wishes to be considered for another term they must complete a new application for the Governor's office at least one month prior to expiration of their term.
- Anyone interested in an expiring position on the SACH must present their application to the Governor's office three months prior to the term expiration.
- All appointees are required to complete a PDC form A-9.

Planning for Next Meetings:

- Scheduling 2006 meetings
 - Dates suggested for 2006 SACH meetings were 3/16, 6/15, 9/14, and 12/7
 - At this time, a day of the week that is most convenient for SACH members needs to be determined.
- Next agenda topics:
 - Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act (2163)
 - Proposed structure for the homeless plan.
 - Point in time.
 - Interagency council.
 - By-laws.

Meeting Adjourned