

**Meeting Notes**  
**June 14, 2006**

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# State Advisory Council on Homelessness

**Attendees:** Cecil Cheeka, Judy Combes, Melinda Dyer, Kim Eads, Joe Ingram, Megan Karch, Mary Looker, Gary Barnett (for Jack Peters), Nola Renz, Bill Block, Kari Burrell, Tom Pinella, Annie Conant, Diane Christie, Lupita Gutierrez-Parker, and Kathy Wahto.

**Interested Parties:** Corine Knudsen

**Guests:** Ken Stark and Jami Bodonyi

**CTED Staff:** Caryn Horn

**Opening Remarks and Introductions:** The group introduced themselves around the table and three new members were introduced: Diane Christie of Share representing the Non-Profit Group, LuPita Gutierrez-Parker of the Yakima County Coalition for the Homeless representing the Non-Profit Group, and Bill Block of the Committee to End Homelessness representing the business community.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the March 17, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

**State Homeless Plan:** Lynn Davison explained the process of the State 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. On June 13 and 14 workshops were held to gain guidance and input from stakeholders. A draft of the plan is due out June 30 and another round for stakeholder input will be held July 11 and 12. The final plan must be completed by July 26, 2006. A letter from SACH to the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness was presented to council members. Recommendations regarding the state plan were also sent to the Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB) for their June 21, 2006 meeting. Discussion on the outline of the plan followed with recommendations by SACH members to make the plan stronger, including retaining resources when homelessness is reduced.

**Interagency Council on Homelessness:** The council has met once and although there is not enough time to complete a document for recommendations to the state plan, priorities of 1) prevention, 2) data, and 3) housing with and without supportive services, were set. The council is gathering data and looking at other state plans as models for the Washington State Plan. It is also looking at performance measures to be included in their recommendation.

**Mental Health Transition Grant Update:** Ken Stark reviewed the Mental Health Transformation Grant he oversees in the Governor's Office. The goal is to have coordination

and collaboration among DSHS, CTED, and other state agencies so that housing and employment can be a part of the mental health focus. Issues currently being looked at are 1) better collaborative strategic planning to implement the plans they are making, 2) currently no consistency on who is eligible for mental health assistance, and 3) most of state funding is for treating people at the critical stages of their mental illness, not prevention which treats people before they reach the crisis stage. Ken suggested that SACH could help by educating the Transformation Work Group (TWG) about what funding sources are available for housing and who they should collaborate with.

**Sound Families Evaluation:** Jami Bodonyi gave a presentation on the Sound Families initiative and evaluation. The evaluation involves following families who have been through the process to leave homelessness and are interviewed at 6 month and 12 month intervals to determine their status as they exit the program. The evaluation includes housing, employment, stability, school-age children, family assets, quality of life, and services after exit. The final part of the evaluation is devoted to project lessons.

**Member Updates:** Members gave updated information on the activities of their organizations.

**Planning for Next Meetings:**

- Next Agenda Topics
  - Update on 10-Year Plan
  - Point in Time Count
  - Draft policies and procedures
  - Interagency Council update
  - Membership discussion

**Adjourned**

[SPECIAL SACH MEETING: June 30 9:30-12:30 at the Red Lion Hotel, Seatac, to discuss the state homelessness plan.](#)

The next regular meeting will be October 11, 2006, at the Red Lion Hotel, Seatac.

Remaining meetings for SACH are October 11, 2006, and December 7, 2006. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**