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TO: CHG Grantees

SUBJECT: CHG Communications Issue #23

Here is your next installment of "CHG Communications." Please forward all information to your sub grantees. Contact your CHG program manager if you have any questions.

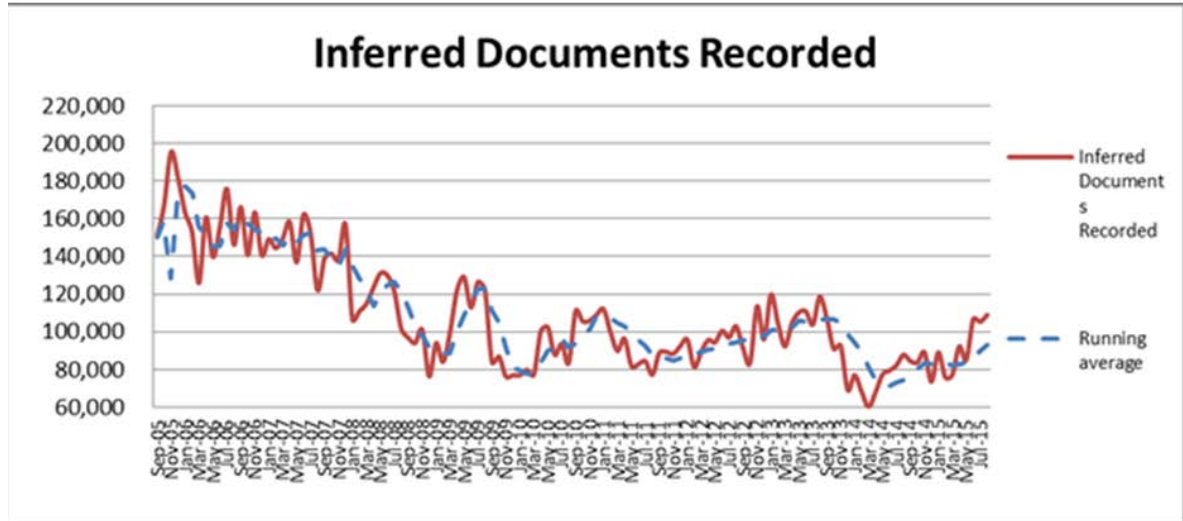
<b>CHG Grant – Important Update</b>	<b>For-Profit IRS Search Update in FAQ</b> There are now two ways to conduct the IRS Search which is an important part of documenting unit ownership. We've included this alternate method in the FAQ which you can find on our website <a href="#">here</a> and also a description at the end of this newsletter.
<b>2016-17 Funding Level Webinar</b>	<b>Funding Webinar</b> Tedd Kelleher presented a webinar on Tuesday September 8 explaining the reasons behind the reductions to CHG funding in the upcoming grant cycle. The webinar was recorded and can be found at <a href="http://www.commerce.wa.gov/chg">www.commerce.wa.gov/chg</a> under the heading Grant Materials. Note that there are several minutes of black at the beginning of the video and that Tedd's voice does not enter until nearly 4 minutes into the recording.
<b>CHG Myth Buster</b>	<b>MYTH: "Social interventions that sounds like a good idea probably make a positive difference."</b> <b>FACT: Good intentions aren't enough.</b>  Here is an article about how well people do at judging what will work: <a href="http://www.vox.com/2015/8/13/9148123/quiz-which-programs-work">http://www.vox.com/2015/8/13/9148123/quiz-which-programs-work</a>  Here is a test of ability to judge if government programs work: <a href="https://80000hours.org/articles/can-you-guess/">https://80000hours.org/articles/can-you-guess/</a>
<b>HMIS</b>	<b>Not sure whether to enter your clients into the HP (Homeless Prevention) or the RRH (Rapid Re-housing) HMIS program? Want to make sure you're entering Housing Status and Prior Residence correctly?</b> Check out the detailed table, attached.  <b>HUD recently released updates to the 2014 Data Standards</b> (effective October 1, 2015 – see list below). We are hosting a webinar on Monday, September 28 <sup>th</sup> to review the changes and how they will impact your data collection/entry. We will also review HUD Update and Annual Assessment data collection changes in HMIS.  <b>The following data elements have been modified or added in the updated Manual and Dictionary:</b>

	<p>Modified 3.17 Time on the Streets, Emergency Shelters or Safe Haven</p> <p>Modified 4.11 Domestic Violence</p> <p>New 4.14e Bed Night Date</p> <p>New 4.35a Commercial Sexual Exploitation (Used only by RHY)</p> <p>New 4.35b Labor Exploitation (Used only by RHY)</p> <p>New 4.44 HP Screening Score (Used only by VA)</p> <p>New 4.45 VAMC Station Number (Used only by VA)</p> <p>New 4.47 T-cell and Viral Load (Used only by HOPWA)</p> <p><b>Who should attend? Everyone! If you can't make it, please email <a href="mailto:taliam.scott@commerce.wa.gov">taliam.scott@commerce.wa.gov</a> and you will be provided with a recording of the session.</b></p> <p><u>Please register for 2014 HMIS Data Standards Updates on Sep 28, 2015 1:00 PM PDT at:</u></p> <p><a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4893771593021247745">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4893771593021247745</a></p> <p>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.</p>
<p><b>CHG Important Information</b></p>	<p><b>Save the Dates!</b></p> <p><b>Statewide Balance of State Meeting October 26 and Grantee Forum October 27</b> at Suncadia in Cle Elum, Washington. <a href="#">Register here for the Grantee Forum</a> on October 27<sup>th</sup>. You can also find a discounted room rate for Monday night the 26<sup>th</sup> at the registration link.</p> <p><b>2016 Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness May 11-12</b> at the Spokane Convention Center in Spokane, Washington. <u>Workshop proposals are due October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.</u> More information available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

Update:

## Document Recording Fees\* Dashboard

The number of documents recorded directly impacts the amount of funding available. Below is a dashboard providing a statewide roll-up of a month-to-month view, this may vary by county.



\*In 2006, the legislature passed the Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act which created the “document recording fee” as the revenue source to address homelessness in our state. Fees are collected by county auditors when a legal document is recorded such as deeds of trust, leases, mortgages and other items related to property ownership. Sixty-six percent of the fees are retained by local governments for homeless housing activities as directed in county plans and thirty four percent are remitted to the state Home Security Fund, which funds the Consolidated Homeless Grant. The current fee is \$48 per document.

Resources

### **Who to Call in Other Counties**

Ever need to refer a household to a homeless provider in another county? See the link on our [website](#) to a [list of coordinated entry agencies](#) in each county, under the heading “Looking For Assistance.”

### **DSHS Employment Pipeline – resource for housing stability planning**

The Employment Pipeline connects any DSHS client with employment opportunities. One year of post-employment support is also provided. Check out the new flyer:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SESA/publications/documents/22-1560.pdf>

### **Effective Community Based Solutions to Encampments**

To end homelessness for everyone, we must link people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including people sleeping and living in encampments, with permanent housing opportunities matched with the right level of services to ensure that those housing opportunities are stable and successful. It is only through the provision of such opportunities that we can provide lasting solutions for individuals and communities. Across the country, many communities are wrestling with how to create effective solutions and provide such housing opportunities for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Check out this [link](#) for more information.

- The formation of encampments do not represent an end to homelessness; rather encampments are an indication of a critical need to create more effective local systems for responding to unsheltered homelessness.
- Strategies that make encampments an official part of the homelessness response system can distract communities from focusing on connecting people to permanent housing solutions and create costs to ensure safety, security, and well-being.
- People sleeping in encampments are diverse and interventions must address a range of needs,

	<p>challenges, and goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The forced dispersal of encampments is not an appropriate solution and can make it more difficult to achieve lasting housing and service outcomes to its inhabitants.</li></ul> <p><b><u>SOAR and Coordinated Entry</u></b></p> <p>Have you been thinking about how to incorporate disability related questions into your coordinated entry system so a person can be referred to a SOAR trained case manager for further services? Check out this <a href="#">link</a> for recommended questions and process.</p>
<b>Good Reads</b>	<p><b>Two important reports that use your HMIS data and cross match it with DSHS data to provide valuable reports on the populations we assist.</b></p> <p>To view this newsletter in a browser, visit: <a href="http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=dshs-research-rda;146b7b75.1508p">http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=dshs-research-rda;146b7b75.1508p</a></p> <p>To ensure that this newsletter is delivered to your inbox, add <a href="mailto:DSHS-RESEARCH-RDA@LISTSERV.WA.GOV">DSHS-RESEARCH-RDA@LISTSERV.WA.GOV</a> to your address book.</p> <p><b><u>Impact of Housing Assistance on Outcomes for Homeless Families</u></b></p> <hr/> <p><u><a href="#">An Evaluation of the Ending Family Homelessness Pilot</a></u></p> <p>The Ending Family Homelessness (EFH) pilot program, which began in April 2013, provides rapid re-housing and other services to homeless families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). We examined outcomes over a 12-month follow-up period for EFH participants relative to three separate statistically matched comparison groups: those in non-EFH rapid re-housing, those in transitional housing, and those who remained homeless. Compared to TANF parents who remain homeless, EFH participants are significantly more likely to remain on TANF, progress along the WorkFirst program continuum from barrier removal to employment, be employed, and have higher average annual earnings. They are significantly less likely to be sanctioned while on TANF, experience a return to homelessness, or be arrested.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/node/18947/">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/node/18947/</a></p> <p><b><u>Predicting Homelessness among Low-Income Families on TANF</u></b></p> <hr/> <p>This report identifies key risk and protective factors associated with the start of a new homeless spell among parents receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Three key findings emerged: 1) recent homelessness puts families at increased risk while receipt of public housing serves as a strong protective factor, 2) criminal justice, behavioral health, and family violence issues increase the risk of future homelessness, and 3) income from work earnings or public assistance can buffer parents from homelessness, while being sanctioned for non-compliance with TANF requirements can place them at increased risk.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/node/18950">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/node/18950</a></p>

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**For Profit IRS Search Update (also in FAQ)**

Below is an example of another way to document that an entity is NOT a nonprofit. You need to do this when you find a business name after conducting the County Parcel Search. The original method is also still valid so choose the procedure that works best for you.

1. Down load the entire database of 'charitable' organizations (this can take a minute or two.) Commerce suggests you document a procedure that you do this every 6 months and save to a desktop.  
<http://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/forwardToPub78Download.do>
2. Control + F and type the name of the property owner as stated on assessor's report
3. Print screen if no results are found:

010911416 Riverton Church of Christ|Coquille|OR|United States|PC  
 010911523 Island Cooperative Preschool|Bainbridge is|WA|United States|PC  
 010912516 Pregnancy Aid|Kent|WA|United States|PC  
 010912823 Martin Luther King Jr Family Outreach Center|Spokane|WA|United States|PC  
 010913407 Okanogan County Senior Citizens Association|Okanogan|WA|United States|PC  
 010913590 Tri-Cities Chaplaincy|Kennewick|WA|United States|PC  
 010914637 A Legacy of Equality Leadership and Organizing|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010914769 Feminist Karate Union|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010915627 Seattle Chinese Athletic Association|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010916176 Asian Counseling and Referral Service|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010916177 North Gate City Church|Kelso|WA|United States|PC  
 010916534 Cornish College of the Arts|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010916536 Skagit Recovery Center|Mount Vernon|WA|United States|PC  
 010917079 Youthcare|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010917467 Othello Co-Operative Preschool|Othello|WA|United States|PC  
 010917547 First Church of the Narrow Way|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010918046 Eternal Temple of Truth and Light|Kent|WA|United States|PC  
 010918048 Christian Aid Center|Walla Walla|WA|United States|PC  
 010918619 Alternatives to Hunger|Bellingham|WA|United States|PC  
 010921517 North Pacific Fishing Vessels Owners Assoc|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010921955 Discover|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010922425 Love T|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010922727 Global|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010925225 Montesa|Montesano|WA|United States|PC  
 010925426 Mobile|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010925802 Walla Walla|Walla Walla|WA|United States|PC  
 010926461 Kingst|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010926839 Northp|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010926916 Sun Co|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010926917 Bethel|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010927067 Hillyar|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010927902 Puget Sound Labor Agency Af|Cio|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010928202 Onalaska Community Preschool Inc.|Onalaska|WA|United States|PC  
 010928817 Yakima Neighborhood Health Services|Yakima|WA|United States|PC  
 010929364 Orcas Island Childrens House|Eastsound|WA|United States|PC  
 010930008 Bible Baptist Church of Oak Harbor|Oak Harbor|WA|United States|PC  
 010930009 Orcas Center|Eastsound|WA|United States|PC  
 010930123 Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Assn Inc.|Oak Harbor|WA|United States|PC  
 010931164 King Street Preschool|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010931169 Velocity Swimming|Wenatchee|WA|United States|PC  
 010931421 Institute for Washingtons Future|Lynnwood|WA|United States|PC  
 010933023 Community Frameworks|Spokane|WA|United States|PC  
 010933629 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church|Everett|WA|United States|PC  
 010933802 Alpha Supported Living Services|Bothell|WA|United States|PC  
 010934552 Community Day Center for Children|Seattle|WA|United States|PC  
 010934793 Odessa Parent Preschool Cooperative|Odessa|WA|United States|PC  
 010934983 Cedar Valley Senior Center|Auburn|WA|United States|PC

