



State of Washington

State Advisory Council on Homelessness
Interagency Council on Homelessness

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SACH/ICH Meeting Summary

Kirsten Jewell
SACH Chair

Thursday, July 19, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hilton Hotel, SeaTac Washington

Linda Olsen
SACH Vice Chair

SACH Appointed Members Linda Olsen, Lona Hammer,
Melissa Taylor, Arthur Castleton, Susan Olsen, Tedd Kelleher

Tedd Kelleher
ICH Chair

ICH Agency Representatives

Theresa Slusher
ICH Vice Chair

Tedd Kelleher, Department of Commerce
Isaia Vimoto, Department of Veteran Affairs
Theresa Slusher, Economic Services, DSHS
Sherrie Flores, Children's Administration, DSHS
Liz Prince, Home & Community Services, DSHS
Angie Gogerty, Department of Corrections
Kathy Goeble, State Board of Community & Technical Colleges
Gary Kamimura, Employment Security Department
Melodie Pazolt, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery, Health Care Authority
Myra Baldini, Office of Financial Management
Jim Baumgart, Office of the Governor

Guests

Michele Thomas, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
Paul Purcell, Affordable Housing Advisory Board Representative
John Demboski, Department of Housing and Urban Development
Nick Yuva, Department of Commerce
Cary Retlin, Department of Commerce

Staff

Lori Salzer, Kathy Kinard, Department of Commerce

Joint Meeting 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tedd Kelleher and Kathy Kinard provided an overview of the 2018 Homeless Housing Strategic Plan and Annual Report that include the new house bill 1570 requirements. Commerce will also send a draft to SACH and ICH committee members in September. Tedd outlined the new local plan guidance requirements that will be sent to counties in September too. Counties must submit

updated local plans based on this guidance by December 2019. Plans will be evaluated by Commerce and posted on the Commerce website.

Landlord Mitigation Program Update

Cary Retlin introduced Nick Yuva, the new Landlord Mitigation Program Manager who started Monday. Nick moved to Washington from Portland Oregon where he has years of expertise in private and public property management and housing programs.

Nick will oversee implementation of Section Two of HB 2578, Expanding Rental Housing Options. That bill creates the Landlord Mitigation Program (in addition to adding source of income protections). This program will take the place of the regional program that Supplemental Capital Budget created in 2016 (that Sean Harrington has been running within the Housing Trust Fund at Commerce). Commerce is planning a soft launch of the new statewide program this summer. SACH/ICH was the first part of stakeholder outreach about the program that will continue throughout the fall. More information will be posted on the Commerce website next week.

SACH Workplan update – Linda Olsen, SACH Vice Chair

- SACH members continuing to refine re-entry recommendations along with the Reentry Council
- SACH members continuing to develop an education campaign on homelessness for local communities.

ICH Workplan update – Theresa Slusher, ICH Vice Chair

ICH members are reviewing and understanding who their partners are in working to address homelessness across the state, including formal and informal relationships to the ICH.

The ICH is sharing and discussing Decision Packages, policy proposals each state agency submits to the Governor's office for potential inclusion in the Governor's Budget for the coming legislative session.

[Affordable Housing Advisory Board](#) standing report

AHAB's focus areas in 2018: condo liability reform, Housing Trust Fund requests, reinstating the Public Works Infrastructure account, Buildable Lands/GMA through the Ruckleshaus project), other land use legislation that supports development of housing.

SACH and ICH met separately from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

SACH Meeting Summary

Reentry – members discussed the draft recommendation with Chris Poulos. Kathy will edit the notes and prepare the next draft for the monthly call on August 16th.

Educational campaign – members reviewed a draft PowerPoint and made recommendations. Members will review again during the August 16th monthly call.

ICH Meeting Summary

Office of Homeless Youth Updates – Kim Justice, OHY Director, provided updates regarding the work of the Office and its partners across the state.

- HUD Youth Demonstration Grant Award - Washington State was awarded 2 out of 11 grants from HUD for youth homelessness programs, totaling \$7 million. Snohomish County Human Services Department was awarded a \$2.39 million grant and Commerce's Balance of State Continuum Care was awarded \$4.63 million to support our ongoing efforts in rural communities.
- A Way Home Washington (AWHWA) and the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection (OHY) have released an RFP to launch the Anchor Community Initiative (ACI). The ACI will support local communities to have the necessary resources, policies, and resolve to ensure that no young person is forced to sleep outside or in unsafe conditions due to a lack of capacity. The initial cohort will be four communities.

Decision Packages

The ICH shared and discussed Decision Packages, policy proposals each state agency submits to the Governor's office for potential inclusion in the Governor's Budget for the coming legislative session.

- Economic Services Administration is proposing a child support pass through of \$100 for the first child with a family maximum of \$200 for TANF families
- In partnership with Commerce, ESA also is proposing making those eligible for the Pregnant Women's Assistance (PWA) program eligible for HEN. There was concern expressed around women losing that housing assistance after the delivery of the child. Tedd and Theresa acknowledged the concern and clarified that there is a 90 day window that HEN can be provided after eligibility for the program ends.

Next regular meeting, October 18, 2018 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sea-Tac Hilton

[ICH and SACH webpage](#)

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