



## Consumer Advisory Council Meeting Summary

April 20, 2011

### Consumer Advisory Council members present:

Anthony	Jaclyn	Margaret
Dara	Daniel	Nancy

### Members absent:

Ariyetta	L atrice
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### Community present:

Gretchen Bruce	Kristine Gullin	James Wlos
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### Welcome and Introduction.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Dara. The approval of the March 16, 2011 minutes was tabled due to the lack of a quorum. Gretchen shared that the IAC appreciated the CAC comments on housing in the March minutes.

### Public Comment

James Wlos made a comment about how it is illegal to be homeless. Dara elaborated on this stating she had read news article title that a homeless woman was arrested for enrolling her child in school. Dara did not read the whole article, but Gretchen said she would research the article and report back.

Jaclyn announced that PSKS is working with a documentary film maker on homeless young adults, 18 – 24 age group, that needs volunteers for scenes. For more information visit the Invisible Youth website.

Gretchen announced that the United Way Community Resource Exchange is scheduled for April 22 at the Qwest Event Center.

Dara announced that DSHS has a free cell phone program for recipients and that there's also a program called Assurance Wireless. Gretchen will be working on a resource list of cell phone plans.

### Feedback from Governing Board, Funders Group and Interagency Council

The discussion at the April 11 Funders Group meeting included:

- Working on a NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) explaining what they are funding, criteria and how to apply. Funds will be for the year 2012.
- Mid Plan Review planning and how to incorporate the results into the NOFA if possible.

Governing Board will be meeting May 25 and will hear the Mid Plan Review report.

The discussion at the April 4 IAC meeting included:

- The VA spoke about the Five Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness
- Presentation of the family initiative and roll-out including
  - Coordinated entry process
  - Working with family agencies to coordinate together
  - Realign practices
  - Required use of Safe Harbors (HMIS)

### March Meeting Minutes

A quorum was present by the end of committee feedback. The March 16, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### Mid Plan Review

Gretchen announced there was a typo in a recent charrette announcement regarding transportation. The first shuttle will leave the Tukwila Light Rail Station promptly at 8:40am. The light rail takes about a half hour from downtown to Tukwila.

The process will be that the experts will have a dialogue on their topic, the community will be able to comment after the experts are done. There will be three dialogues a day. Charrette days are April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The roll-out will be April 28 and will include recommendations based on what was heard and where the dollars are.

**Five Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness**

The vets plan started with the federal plan to end homelessness which outlines a timeline for four populations. Chronic homelessness in 5 years, veterans homelessness in 5 years, families in 10 years, youth & young adults in 10 years while learning more on best practices. The Veteran’s Administration then created its own plan and challenged each state’s VA to create a five year plan.

The Five Year Plan to End Homelessness Among Veterans in King County is organized around a framework of six pillars:

1. Outreach and Education
2. Treatment
3. Prevention
4. Housing and Supportive Services
5. Employment, Income and Benefits
6. Community Partnerships

The challenge will be “catching” veterans before they reach homelessness. They are trained to be self-sufficient and will use up all resources before asking for help.

Dara feels it is important to incorporate the whole family in help and services. She shared her experience of growing up with a father suffering from PTSD.

Nancy asked if the feds are giving information that they have so that individual states don’t have to do the research again. This is a joint effort and everyone is learning, sharing and moving forward together. Currently, we are still in the partner learning phase.

**Legislative Session Update**

Housing Trust Fund	Hoping to get \$30 - \$60 million. A lot of the money is for working poor and immigrants across the state.
HMIS (Safe Harbors)	Giving verbal informed consent over the phone is moving forward. This will allow clients to be entered into HMIS once they contact 411 and will need to sign a form stating they consented verbally once they meet with caseworker.
Document Recording Fee	Still need a hearing, Rep. Hunter is resistant.
Disability Lifeline	The House is keeping the funding with a lot of policy changes.
Stadium Tax	No one wants to touch.
Harassing Homeless People	PASSED – is now a hate crime.

**May CAC Agenda**

- Mid Plan Review results

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Respectfully submitted, Kristine Gullin, CEH Staff