



Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time/Location: April 12, 2007 - 9:00– 10:30 AM - Courthouse Room # 514

WCHAC Members Present: David Cahill, Gail DeHoog, Regina Delahunt, Laura DeRose, John Harmon, Nancy Larsen, Sue Parrott, Paul Schissler, Gary Tomsic,

WCHAC Members Absent: Michele Hall, Ronald Buchinski, Rebecca Johnson, Carole Wells

Whatcom County Health Depart Staff/Guests: Gary Williams, Human Services Supervisor

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Who
1. Review the December 14, 2006, February 8, 2007 and March 8, 2007 minutes.	The December 14, 2006, February 8, 2007 and March 8, 2007 Minutes were reviewed.	The December 14, 2006, February 8, 2007 and March 8, 2007 WCHAC Minutes were approved as written.
2. Final 2007 Point in Time Count Report	Gary presented the Final Point in Time Homeless Count report. The report is also on the County web site.	

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<p>3. HGAP TSA Update – Motion #010407-3 Year Commitment of 2163 funding</p>	<p>The technical specifics for the State contract have been received. Greg Winter has been contracted with the County to develop the contract. The HGAP workgroup drafted a Whatcom County Homeless Services Center (WCHSC) logic model and project budget in a handout for Board members to review.</p> <p>The budget amounts in the handout are based on CTED accepted formulas, state standards and realistic expectations of available funds.</p> <p>The motion supports the request to County Administration and Council to commit county held 2163 funding for three years to support the County \$1.4 million CTED HGAP grant and development of the Whatcom County Homeless Service Center.</p> <p>There was discussion and clarification regarding budget amounts, line items and fund origination.</p>	<p>Motion #01/04/2007</p> <p>Action requested: Commitment of County held homeless housing funds to support Whatcom County HGAP project for three years.</p> <p>Motion: The Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee recommends that the County authorize the use of all available homeless housing funds to support the Whatcom County (HGAP) Homeless Grant Assistance Program for three years. Available funds exclude funds reserved or designated for homeless housing administrative and planning activities.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded to accept Motion #01/04/2007 as written. Discussion was called for.</p> <p>Passed by a vote: (Yea 9) (Nay 0) (Absent 5) (Abstention 0)</p> <p>The recommendation will be forwarded to the County Council on April 24, 2007 with Motion #01/04/2007 for consideration/acceptance.</p>
<p>4. Balance of State Advisory Committee Report</p>	<p>The meeting was focused on the current McKinney/Vento application process. There is a very tight timeline for submission deadline of May 2nd. And meetings continue in order to meet this deadline. The city has supported the effort by appointing a consultant to assist with the application process. There are a few challenges with the current recipients that are being ironed out.</p>	

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5. Legislative Updates	<p>As of this morning HB1359, Creative Affordable Housing for All is on the Senate docket today to determine a designated housing fee that will be between the amounts of \$2.00 or \$8.00. This fee could potentially bring in between \$88,000 to \$350,000 Information on the results should be available this afternoon.</p> <p>HB1450 Income Tax Exemption for very low income is still alive and before the Senate today.</p>	
6. Report to the Small Cities	<p>The Housing Resource Coordinator should be going out to the small cities talking with landlords to identify rental barriers as well as doing mitigations to develop a resource of landlords throughout the county who understand the services and supports available to them. The Behavioral Health Triage Center will provide contact to the Housing Services Center for referred clients on a 24/7 basis if housing is an issue. Gary will be providing a presentation to the Small Cities Mayors about the housing services. Support of the smaller communities is a part of the strategic vision.</p>	
7. USICH Summit	<p>Gary had an opportunity to attend the interagency council on homelessness at the federal level for a two-day conference. He shared the major points of interest with the members. Based on the information that Gary received, Whatcom County is in step with national practices.</p>	

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8. Planning Update for WCHSC	<p>Part of the County contract with Cornerstone Strategies, Greg Winter is to revise the Ten-Year Plan, which was last revised in December 2005. It will be revised to incorporate all the HGAP projects into the plan. It will than be resubmitted to the County Council for approval and then submitted to State as our updated County Plan. This should be completed in the next 3-4 months.</p>	
9. Other	<p>Gail DeHoog announced that she is changing employment and will be resigning her position as Chair with the WCHAC. Bylaws state that if the Chair resigns the Vice-Chair will step into the position. However, if the Vice-Chair declines, an election will need to take place. The Vice Chair was not present to accept or decline.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding Gail remaining on the WCHAC Board as a member. Gary will check with the Executive office and Gail will discuss the issue with her new employer and it will be determined at the May meeting whether or not Gail will continue on the Board as a member.</p> <p>The replacement of the Chair position will also be addressed at the May 3, 2007 WCHAC meeting.</p>	<p>Gary to contact the Executive's office to discuss the issue of Gail continuing on the WCHAC Board as a member.</p> <p>Gail will discuss continuing as a WCHAC Board member with her new employer.</p> <p>Revisit the appointment of the WCHAC Chair position at the 5/3/07 WCHAC meeting.</p>
Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>9:00 - 10:30 AM 2nd Thursday—May 10, 2007 Courthouse, Room #512</p>	