

**WCCH Steering Committee Meeting Notes**  
**September 17, 2007 (8.30am-9.03am)**  
 Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authority Conference Room

Attending	Thad Allen, Gail de Hoog and Gary Williams
Absent	Riannon Bardsley, Julie Foster, Katie Franks, John Harmon, Jackie Mitchell, Peter Theisen and Kay Ziels
Recorder	Kathy Reed
Agenda Item	Discussion Notes
Review of HGAP Project	<p>The Opportunity Council is negotiating with the county to develop the administrative services contract which is expected to be approved on October 7.</p> <p>On September 14, the Whatcom Countywide Housing Advisory Task Force voted to support the Coalition's efforts to secure (a) 1359 funds for supplementing additional secondary elements of the HGAP program; (b) \$40,000 from the Flex Fund Budget to pay for clients' non-housing needs, such as transportation to workplace; and (c) \$50,000 from the Shelter Fund Budget for short-term housing when other resources are exhausted.</p> <p>CTED has given the Homeless Services Center (HSC) permission to use its HMIS system. This will save the HSC \$51,500 in start-up costs.</p>
2060 RFP 07-77 Awards	Six entities submitted responses to the RFP, totaling \$370,000. After evaluating the applications, a committee comprised of Alan Ashton, Gary Tomsic and Gary Williams awarded the \$115,000 as follows: the Lake Whatcom Treatment Center (\$35,000), Lydia Place (\$10,000), New Way Ministries (\$40,000), and Catholic Archdiocese Housing Authorities (\$30,000).
2060 O & M	The Operations & Maintenance <i>Request for Proposal</i> will be issued September 19, with a submission deadline of October 16.
Presentation for Oct. 4th Mtg.	Tina McCloud of the Fair Housing Washington (FHW) will make a presentation on the topic of ending illegal housing discrimination.
Youth Work Group	The group is developing a list of the area's organizations and agencies that work with youth. Their next meeting will be on October 18.
Project Homeless Connect (PHC)	<p>The idea for a PHC Day originated in Portland, but is now held throughout the country. Professionals volunteer their time to provide a number of services to the homeless community, including: day-of legal assistance, referral for more complicated cases, immunizations, medical care, telephone calls, mental health counseling, drug and alcohol addition counseling, limited vision assistance, acute dental care, benefit and housing counseling, employment assistance, personal hygiene packs, warm lunch, and veterinary care/food/water for pets.</p> <p>Bruce Johnson (Whatcom Counseling &amp; Psychiatric Clinic) is hoping to coordinate a PHC Day in Bellingham. Gary said the County Health Department and Homeless Coalition have agreed to be sponsors.</p>
DOC Transition Funding	A letter was sent to the State Advisory Council on Homelessness, requesting its support of a resolution in the legislature to rescind the cut in funding.
Very Sad News	Letters of condolence will be sent to the families of Derek Flickinger who passed away on August 21, and Lyle Stork who passed away on September 15. The committee discussed their many accomplishments and how very much they will be missed by the community.
Date of Next Meeting	October 15, 2007 - 8.30am-9.45am

