

WCCH Steering Committee Meeting Notes
October 15, 2007 (8.31am-9.03am)
 Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authority Conference Room

Attending	Thad Allen, Riannon Bardsley, John Harmon, Gail de Hoog, Jackie Mitchell, Gary Williams and Kay Ziels
Absent	Julie Foster, Katie Franks, and Peter Theisen
Recorder	Kathy Reed
Agenda Item	Discussion Notes
Review of HGAP I Project	The County Council approved the contract last week. Administrative services contract negotiations with the Opportunity Council are proceeding.
RFP for O & M	The Operations & Management <i>Request for Proposal</i> is due October 16. An application review committee, comprised of Michelle Hall, Paul Schissler and Kay Ziels, will review the responses and make their recommendation to the Coalition at the November 1st meeting.
2060 RFP 07-77 Awards On Hold	Due to questions concerning possible impact of the Lake Whatcom Treatment Center's new water line on the watershed area, all awards have been put on hold at this time.
Community Training	Representatives from several Portland Homeless Programs will conduct a community training workshop on November 5, 1pm-5pm at St. Luke's Health Education Center. The workshop is open to the public.
HGAP II	Jennifer Moon and Greg Winter submitted the county's application on October 12. There are two sections to the proposal: (1) providing housing for ex-offenders utilizing a master lease model, and (2) providing case management assistance to the county jail. The awards, based on applications only (no interviews), will be announced in December.
Youth Planning Work Group	They are developing recommendations for increasing services to the county's homeless youth. Their next meeting is October 18.
Project Homeless Connect (PHC)	Alan reported that the PHC Day in Tacoma on October 10 was a huge success with 400 homeless individuals attending. Bruce Johnson (Whatcom Counseling & Psychiatric Clinic) and Teresa Meurs (Catholic Community Services) are organizing a PHC Day in Bellingham, tentatively scheduled for February 8, 2008.
Other	<p>A contract is being negotiated with Greg Winter and Jim Cozad to coordinate the county's Point in Time homeless count in February of 2008.</p> <p>Gail suggested that the Coalition create a fact sheet/Q&A sheet that would address the various types of prevention and treatment services available in Whatcom County. An excellent educational tool, the information sheet would concisely outline the cost benefits of providing these services in the efforts to end chronic homelessness.</p>
Date of Next Meeting	November 19, 2007 - 8.30am-9.45am