



## Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

**Meeting Date/Time/Location:** August 10, 2006 9:00– 10:30 AM - Courthouse Room # 514

**WCHAC Members Present:** David Cahill, Gail DeHoog, Regina Delahunt, Laura Derose, Gary Tomsic, Carole Wells

**WCHAC Members Absent:** **Andy Byrne, Ronald Buchinski, John Harmon, Rebecca Johnson, Nancy Larsen, Sue Parrott, Paul Schissler, Sigfried Stillman**

**Whatcom County Health Depart Staff:** Gary Williams, Human Services Supervisor, Pat Fisher, Clerk

**Also in attendance:** Michelle Hall, Clinic Director, Whatcom Counseling and Psychiatric Clinic

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/Who</b>
<b>1. Review June 6, 2006 minutes</b>		It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the June 6, 2006 WCHAC Minutes as written.
<b>2. Report on the County Phase II CTED Pilot Planning workgroup</b>	<p>The State has announced that State held 2163 funds are going to be distributed in an RFP process. At the last meeting it was the understanding that State would request a draft proposal in July to select counties to participate in the RFP process. At this time that process has been delayed but could be requested as early as the end of August. If the draft proposal is called for prior to the next meeting information will be forwarded to members electronically for comment and input.</p> <p>The RFP is anticipated for release in late October or early November and funds released in January 2007. The amount is \$1-3 million for 1-5 years.</p>	

	<p>The Draft Concept Paper of the Whatcom County Homeless Housing Program Action Plan was shared with the members for comment and discussion. Gary discussed the highlights of the Draft Concept Paper with the members. Input from WCHAC will be included in the Phase II Plan. After some discussion and clarification it was the general consensus to accept the plan so far. The State 10-Year Homeless plan can be found at: <a href="http://cted.wa.gov">http://cted.wa.gov</a></p>	
<b>3. 2163 Phase II Plan Revision</b>	<p>If Whatcom County is not selected to participate in the CTED Pilot Project RFP, Phase II Planning will continue with revisions to the Homeless Housing Plan and presented to Council by late October, early November.</p>	
<b>4. Repair &amp; Retention RFP's</b>	<p>The R&amp;R RFP is 2060 funds. Gary is currently writing the RFP for release. The R&amp;R funds do not affect the Phase II Planning process. There is a hold on the Operations funds until the Phase II Planning process is completed. The funds will be coordinated with 2163 funds and the RFP will be tailored on the new plan and agreed upon priorities</p>	
<b>5. Capital RFP</b>	<p>The Capital RFP is on hold. There are changes being made in the county the RFP process and once these are complete the RFP process will proceed. It is anticipated that the RFP will be released by the end of 2006 or early 2007 which will coordinate with the State and tax credit rounds.</p>	
<b>6. Other</b>	<p>A. Andy Byrne has resigned from the WCHAC and has recommended Michelle Hall, Clinical Director of Whatcom Counseling and Psychiatric Clinic, as a replacement member. Michelle has submitted her application to Pete Kremen/County Council for approval.</p> <p>B. Sigfried Stillman will be excused from attending WCHAC meetings until further notice.</p> <p>C. Gail updated members on HB 2418, which is a combination of several other HBs that were not making it through session. The State released their plan and they are taking 40% of these funds and funneling them into Emergency Shelter Assistance Program to be used for prevention. Whatcom County would receive \$23,000.</p>	

<p><b>6. Other (cont.)</b></p>	<p>The remainder of the 60% is out for RFP for rental vouchers. This information will be shared with any other qualifying agencies and if they choose to apply for the RFP and a target population can be identified to use these funds, Opportunity Council would consider administering the program.</p> <p>D. The City of Bellingham has presented a letter of recommendation to City Council and Mayor's office to fund part of a Continuum of Care position. That application will be submitted as part of the City budget process. Whatcom County will be doing a similar process, forwarding a recommendation to the County Executive and County Council to closely match the City funds.</p>	
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:00 - 10:30 AM</b>  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday—September 14, 2006</b>  <b>Courthouse, Room #512</b></p>	