

Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless Meeting Summary – July 9, 2014, 10:00am-12:00pm

Flyers, sign in sheets and handouts at:

http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp_docs/

Announcements during Introductions:

- The Longview Housing Authority has openings for low income housing in their Lilac Place Apartments in Woodland. The fact sheet and application will be on the Council for the Homeless website.

Hot Topics, Discussion:

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance <http://wliha.org/>

2015 Legislative Agenda is under development. A survey inviting input will be emailed and posted soon. Likely priorities are the Housing Trust Fund, protecting and improving the HEN program, expand tenant protections, and create the mechanism for core services in PSH to be covered by Medicaid.

- Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day is Tuesday, February 17, 2015
- Annual Homelessness Conference will be in Tacoma and tentative date is May 13-14

The Housing Action Fund is the political arm of the WLIHA. Their focus is identifying housing champions throughout the state, endorsing candidates, and advocating for issues. <http://housingactionfund.org/>

Andy Silver, Council for the Homeless: Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee

The CoC Steering Committee was formed as part of our process of meeting HUD's requirements for CoCs across the country to formalize their structures and operations. The Steering Committee is charged with monitoring and evaluating funded projects and evaluating community needs, trends, and opportunities.

The committee held its first policy vote. In order to improve the rate that people exiting shelter access housing before reaching their shelter time limit, 50% of our community's rapid rehousing openings will be prioritized for people exiting shelter.

Another steering committee focus is a convening a process to determine shared vision, goals, and outcomes within the homeless services system. Kevin Hiebert is facilitating a community engagement process to inform this work.

List of Steering Committee members is at <http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/continuum-of-care-coc-steering-committee/>

Kevin Hiebert, Council for the Homeless: Weighing in on priorities around homelessness

Kevin facilitated a discussion about strengths of our community's work on homelessness and potential areas of focus for the coalition. Kevin is at who@councilforthehomeless.org