



NEWS UPDATE – 09-08-2015

➔ **AHC Affordable Housing Candidate Forum – City Council Races: Lakewood, Puyallup, Tacoma**
September 10 – **This Thursday! 4:30 – 6:30** Location: THA Family Investment Center 1720 E 44th Street – Salishan – Tacoma 98405 This is our annual opportunity to interview local candidates about affordable housing for Pierce County.

➔ **‘Geeky’ affordable housing industry pumps \$2.4B into state’s economy**

“...One of the most surprising takeaways is that affordable housing is a big business that encompasses an eclectic line-up of professionals from lawyers and accountants to construction workers. Also part of the mix: for-profit and nonprofit real estate developers.

“Affordable housing is important to the regional economy for more reasons than you might think,” said [Chris Medford](#), president and CEO of **Community Attributes Inc.**, a Seattle economic development consulting firm that recently completed a study outlining the economic impacts of the industry. The impacts totaled more than \$2.4 billion across Washington state last year.

You would think I would have turned tail and fled when I heard the affordable housing business described this way: "It's an odd field. It's very geeky. It's complicated. It's ugly. It's hard to do."

Full story: <http://www.bizjournals.com/seattle/blog/2015/08/geeky-affordable-housing-industry-pumps-2-4b-into.html?s=print>

➔ **City of Tacoma: Access to Information on Paid Leave**

Whether you're an employer or a worker, the City's goal is to provide easy and efficient access to the information you need on Paid Leave. To help forward this goal, the Paid Leave webpage got a major makeover over the last week. The intuitive new layout is intended to help you jump quickly from the [Paid Leave Webpage](#) to the most helpful and relevant information for you. While existing tools like the [Premium Pay Program Application](#) are now easier to locate, new tools and information have also been added to the website:

- Paid Leave [Quick Reference Guide](#): An index of Paid Leave topics and where they can be found within the Ordinance and the Rules.
- An [Online Inquiry Form](#): Submit requests for training, paid leave questions, or reports of violations 24/7.
- Translated [Workplace Notices](#): Information is now available for those who speak Cambodian, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

TRAINING & PRESENTATIONS OFFERED

We aren't relying on just the website to get the word out about paid leave. Presentations and trainings are being scheduled now. Onsite presentations can be tailored to fit the needs of business associations, labor groups, community groups, workplaces, service providers, human resources teams, and others. You can schedule a presentation or training using the [Online Inquiry Form](#) or by calling (253) 591-5306. One-on-one support is available now to help employers with any questions they may have as they prepare to implement Paid Leave, and brochures, flyers, and other educational materials will be available this fall.

Contact Us: paidleave@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5306

www.cityoftacoma.org/paidleave

→ Tacoma Mall Stakeholders

The City of Tacoma's Planning and Development Services Department is hosting a series of public events for the Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan. We hope to hear from you and to see you soon.

Scoping Process: As part of this effort, the City will examine potential impacts and infrastructure needs related to the growth and development of the area through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). One of the first steps in preparing the EIS is a public comment process to ask citizens and organizations for your input on the scope, and on identification of issues which should be considered in the planning process. The City's Determination of Significance (attached) indicates the issues which the City proposes to analyze as part of this effort. Once the Subarea Plan and EIS are finalized, appeals of proposals which are consistent with the plan will be limited. Comments can be provided from Sept. 4 through Oct. 5 in the following ways:

- Scoping Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 5:30 p.m. at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center (4851 S Tacoma Way)
- Written comments
 - Via mail: Elliott Barnett or Molly Harris
Planning and Development Services Department
747 Market Street, Room 345
Tacoma, WA 98402
 - Via email: tacmallneighborhood@cityoftacoma.org

Design Workshops: The City will hold a series of public workshops to develop design concepts and scenarios for growth and development within the neighborhood. All meetings will take place at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center (4851 S Tacoma Way) on the following dates:

- Introductory presentation: Monday, Sept. 21, from 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Presentation of preliminary concepts: Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Final presentation of concepts and scenarios: Thursday, Sept. 24, from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

For more information, visit tacomamallneighborhood.com or contact project staff Elliott Barnett at (253) 591-5389, Molly Harris at (253) 591-5383 or email tacmallneighborhood@cityoftacoma.org.

→ Funding Opportunities – Pierce County

For the first time, in 2015, a series of communications will precede the release of the Pierce County Homeless Housing Program (HHP) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) where we will communicate changes in the delivery of homeless housing interventions and services. We are changing the way we communicate our policy priorities and expectations so you won't need to look for "clues" in the NOFA to know what we are trying to accomplish.

The Homeless Housing and Assistance Program NOFA is now posted on the Community Connections website at www.piercecountywa.org/ccNOFA.

Applications are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015.

HHAP NOFA Pre Release #1: Systems Change Initiative

This message is the first in the series. The topics covered over the next few weeks are intended to help providers thoughtfully consider and prepare for the changes being addressed in the 2015 HHP NOFA. The following topics will be covered:

1. Systems Change Initiative –**Key Aspects of Change**
2. Major Features of the Homeless Crisis Response System (in this NOFA)
 - a. Temporary Housing (emergency shelter and transitional housing)
 - b. Permanent Housing (permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing)
3. Performance Based Contracting

4. Program Capacity

Homeless Housing Program NOFA Pre Release #2 - Key Components of the Homeless Response System

This message is the second in a series of four memos to the community designed to communicate changes in the delivery of homeless housing interventions and services that will be funded through the 2015 Pierce County Homeless Housing Program (HHP) funding opportunity. This second memo will provide a brief description of the housing intervention components of the homeless response system.

The first topic, Systems Change Initiative-Key Aspects of Change (HHP NOFA Pre Release #1 Key Aspects of Change) was made available the week of August 3. Topics covered through these communications over the next few weeks are intended to help applicants thoughtfully consider and prepare for the changes being addressed in the 2015 Pierce County HHP funding opportunity.

Ctrl + Click to follow link [Key Components of the Homeless Response System](#)

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/37815>

Performance-Based Contracting

Pierce County has been spearheading a system change initiative with the goal of transforming the collection of existing homeless projects and services into a system that quickly and effectively resolves the crisis of homelessness. Our approach in the County is consistent with the federal Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act that, among other things, requires communities to measure their performance as a coordinated system, in addition to analyzing performance by specific projects or housing interventions. The County has been encouraged by federal and local funders to regularly measure its progress in meeting the needs of people experiencing homelessness in the community and to be able to report this progress.

In 2016, the County will be phasing in performance based contracting. All funded projects are expected to meet the performance targets detailed in the table below. County staff will assess each project's results on a monthly and quarterly basis using HMIS and other data, such as invoices. The County acknowledges that some of the targets may be a stretch, especially as we move to serving a higher need population, and will work with providers to help them be successful.

Link to [HHP NOFA Pre Release #3 Performance Based Contracting](#)

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/index.aspx?NID=3715&ART=8434&ADMIN=1>

If you have any questions please e-mail Rae Anne Giron at rgiron@co.pierce.wa.us

➔ EVENTS

MDC Annual Breakfast

September 29 Hotel Murano Bicentennial Pavilion

Doors open 7 am

Program begins at 7:30 am

Tickets are free

Bellwether Housing: Closer to Home Breakfast

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Grand Lobby at Benaroya Hall – Seattle

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. networking & registration

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. program

The suggested donation amount is \$200.

RSVP: To participate as a Table Captain (table seats 10) or to register for the event, please contact events@bellwetherhousing.org or 206-957-2700

Project Homeless Connect

October 28, 2015, Tacoma Armory

715 S 11th St. Tacoma, WA 98405

If any agency would like to attend the event they can visit www.pchomelessconnect.com to reserve a spot.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Alanna Rodgers, Director of Community Relations, alanna@soundoutreach.org - 253.593.2111

➔ **Statewide Homeownership Affinity Group** at Housing Washington Conference

Spokane Convention Center

Tuesday October 6th 10:05am - 11:00am

Room 206D

Please feel free to share this meeting invitation with other homeownership folks!

Note:

We will not have time for any lengthy discussions - So this will be a briefing session. For those that are interested in having further discussions on any of the topics - there is a plan for follow up meetings at another time.

Briefing Session

1. Welcome - Marty Kooistra
2. Introductions (5 min)
3. HTF (10 min) - Tony To
Update from last session
Additional funding in HTF - going forward HO representation for WLIHA Board - A committee to work with WLIHA -build relationship as a committee to help educate legislators
4. T/A group with Commerce- PAT?
Update & Current priorities - Linda Hugo & Maureen Fife (5 min)
5. Proposal to host HUD, HTF WSHFC, City, USDA-statewide funders convening?- Marty (5 min)
6. Condo Issues -update and call for committee members -Marty / Tony (5 min)
7. Homeownership Messaging:
Data refresh - Marty (2min)
Who will be our champions? Senate / House side - Tony (5 min)
8. Pre & Post purchase counseling (5 min) Marc Cote & Dave
Resource cuts
Who are the players now?
New Tools
9. How do we want to continue stakeholders / affinity group? - Marty (10 min)
10. Open Forum? (5 min)

Karen Carlson-Bunce - Program Administrator - Homeownership Division

Washington State Housing Finance Commission

1000 2nd Ave #2700 Seattle, Wa 98104

206-287-4413 direct 1-800-767-4663

Karen.Carlson-Bunce@wshfc.org

➔ **AHC Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards * Save the Date! October 22, 5 – 7**



➔ **Nominate a person, organization, or group for an Affordable Housing Award in: Advocacy, Community Impact, Innovation, or Sustainability**

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/events/2015%20Award%20Nomination%20FORM.pdf>

➔ **Sponsor our 5th Annual Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards Celebration contact connie@tpcahc.org for sponsorship levels & benefits**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SERVICES TRAINING

Safety. Healing. Empowerment.

TRAINING APPROACH

Presented from the historic context of gender inequality and the many intersections between violence in the home and in the greater society, this training provides specific information on what domestic violence is and how we can all work together to keep victims safe and hold perpetrators accountable through a coordinated community response.

WHO?

- Anyone interested in working in the field of domestic violence service provision
- Those working toward certification as a perpetrator treatment provider
- Anyone who works in the social service field

WHY?

Domestic violence exists in all communities regardless of affluence, education, race, religion, ethnicity, ability, or orientation. Everyone can be a first responder for a friend, family member, neighbor, or acquaintance that may be experiencing domestic violence.

FALL 2015 TRAINING DATES

Monday, October 19th–23rd
8:30am to 5:00pm

Questions please call 253.272.4181

RATES

\$275 professional rate

\$150 student rate

For students, please provide proof of enrollment with registration

Check, Purchase Order and Visa/MasterCard accepted

REGISTER

for this training at
ywcapiercecounty.org/education

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca

24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline **253.383.2593**

ywcapiercecounty.org   

→ JOBS

MDC – Making a Difference in Community

<http://mdc-hope.org/how-to-engage/jobs>