



NEWS UPDATE 04-24-2015

## → WA State Legislative Session UPDATE

News & legislative agenda from Washington Low Income Housing Alliance:

Go to: WLIHA Bill Tracker for info on Lead & Support items → <http://wliha.org/2015-bill-budget-tracker>

There are still significant differences between the Senate and House budgets that we need to address. Locally we are concerned about TANF, State Food Assistance, Housing Trust Fund, Mental Health Funding, and 2-1-1 Service funding.

## → Pierce County Council meeting 04-28, 3 pm

The Executive and Council will present National Association of Mental Illness – Pierce County with a joint proclamation declaring May 2015 as Mental Health Month in Pierce County. Bob Winslow will accept the proclamation and he hopes to be able to say a few words asking the Council to adopt the 0.1% mental health and chemical dependency (MHCD) sales tax.

NAMI would like concerned citizens to fill the chamber to demonstrate public support for improved County services for families and individuals impacted by mental illness and for adoption of the MHCD sales tax.

Pierce County Council meets every Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 in the County Council Chamber, Room 1035 (10th floor) of the County-City Building located at 930 Tacoma Avenue South in Tacoma.

## →EVENTS

- **2015 Associated Ministries GALA – 05-02**

Associated Ministries is blossoming in the sunshine of a new spirit. The harmony of many voices—our community of faith and goodwill—celebrates the rhythm of renewal. We invite you to our Spring Gala and Auction:

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Museum of Glass, 1801 Dock Street, Tacoma 98402

6:30p.m. Reception - 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Live Auction

\$100 per person Sponsorship and Table Captain opportunities still available!

2015 AM Gala Registration Page: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/AM2015Gala>

- **UWT Urban Lecture Series – 05-12**

New Deal Ruins: Race, Gentrification, and the Dismantling of Public Housing in the United States  
Dr. Edward G Goetz, University of Minnesota. He serves as the Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs and co-Director of the University-Metropolitan Consortium. He is a leading national expert on housing policy and planning, neighborhood revitalization and the politics of urban and regional planning.

6 – 7 pm William Philip Hall, UWT, Tacoma

For more information: 253-692-5753 or [eventuwt@uw.edu](mailto:eventuwt@uw.edu)

This lecture is FREE, but registration is required: [www.tacoma.uw.edu/urban/lecture](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/urban/lecture)

- **The Washington State Nonprofit Conference**

409 people from all around the state have already committed to attending the Washington State

Nonprofit Conference on May 13th and the pre-conference tracks for Finance and Program Design on May 12th. This year there are even more opportunities to network. Attend three workshops and a table conversation in addition to the plenary sessions. Visit the nonprofit sandbox for connections and resources. Don't miss out. Join your colleagues, sponsors, exhibitors, and presenters and enjoy a day of learning, inspiration and fun. <http://www.wastatenonprofitconference.org/>

- **25th Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness**

**May 13 and 14, 2015 Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center**

The 2015 conference will bring over 600 homelessness providers and advocates from across the state to exchange innovative ideas, best practices, and grow the movement to end homelessness in Washington. Program and registration online at [www.wliha.org](http://www.wliha.org)

- **Bellwether's Parker Apartments**

**Opening 50 affordable homes in Queen Anne**

**May 21 – 3:30 – 6 pm 2701 Third Ave West, Seattle 98119**

**RSVP: Julie Lombardo [jlombardo@bellwetherhousing.org](mailto:jlombardo@bellwetherhousing.org)**

## ➔ Housing-related job openings

**Associated Ministries hiring Executive Director**

Link to the position profile: <http://www.hagelsearch.com/#!associatedministries/cyda>

**WLIHA hiring Operations and Finance Administrator**

Full job announcement at [www.wliha.org/jobs](http://www.wliha.org/jobs)

**Washington State Budget & Policy Center is seeking a new Executive Director**

<http://budgetandpolicy.org/about-us/jobs-and-internships>

## ➔ Transportation News

### PSRC

**Negotiations on transportation package -** The House Transportation Committee advanced a transportation package last week with a bipartisan vote. Negotiations with the Senate are in swing. We've put together information, including a balance sheet <http://www.psrc.org/assets/12455/BalanceSheetComparison.pdf> and project list <http://www.psrc.org/assets/12456/ProjectListComparison.pdf> so that you can see the differences between the House and Senate. We are getting closer to the finish line.

**Status report on our fragile system -** We released a status report

<http://www.psrc.org/assets/12452/PSRC2015StatusReport.pdf> on the regional transportation plan, which we are required to do every two years. One of the findings: The region's transportation system is increasingly fragile and often strained beyond capacity across all major modes of travel. It's designed to help all of our partners make the case for the investments we need.

### Sound Transit

**Sound Transit applauds House Transportation Committee bill with full authority for regional transit expansion.** The chair and vice chairs of the Sound Transit Board issued the following statements following the Washington State House Transportation Committee's passage of a transportation package that includes the full \$15 billion requested authority for regional voters to consider a comprehensive Sound Transit 3 ballot measure.

<http://www.soundtransit.org/About-Sound-Transit/News-and-events/News-releases/House-Transportation-Cmte-bill-for-transit-expansion>