



NEWS UPDATE – 10-27-2009

THA Dinner & Discussion on Hillside Terrace Plans: Invitation
<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/10-29%20THA%20Invitationpdf.pdf>

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Annual Meeting
November 23rd, 3PM to 4:30PM
YMCA's Opportunity Place, Jennings Room
2024 3rd Avenue, Seattle (in the Belltown area between Lenora and Virginia. [See map.](#))

This is an opportunity to learn about our state legislative agenda, hear about our expanded federal policy effort, vote for new and renewing Board members and more. Save the date for now and watch for more details soon.

Hope to see you there – Rachael Meyers, Executive Director WLIHA

PS-Make sure your membership is up to date before the 23rd. Not sure? Contact Celia at 206-442.9455 ext. 201 or celia@wliha.org.

Memo 10-26-2009

Subject: Gates Fdn/End Family Homelessness

Dear Homeless Advocates:

We have a wonderful opportunity to use Gates Foundation resources to partner with King and Snohomish counties and end family homelessness in our communities. There have been positive efforts in this arena so far, but we have not yet been able to create a system that addresses the many needs of homeless families in the most effective manner.

I have the benefit of providing a fresh set of eyes to this ongoing problem. I can see that it's time to change things up, which hopefully will have the result of energizing participants and empowering them to think boldly and creatively.

As a result, I am reorganizing Pierce County's leadership on this project due to a number of factors, including but not limited to the recent WESTAT, Inc. report as well as conversations with the Gates Foundation and local stakeholders. The WESTAT report cited concerns about leadership and advocacy. It also expressed a concern that "Community Services does not invite community agencies into a meaningful role in the planning process." Director Tom Hilyard assures me the Pierce County Community Services Department will take the necessary steps toward a renewed commitment to this project, which includes ensuring that outside agencies have a meaningful role.

Troy Christensen will be the project lead for Pierce County, and he will report directly to the Executive's Office. Troy is a consensus builder and uniquely qualified to lead this program. The Gates Foundation also

has expressed confidence in Troy's skills and abilities. Troy will lead all future Steering Committee meetings and facilitate Phase II and III.

This project carries great promise for our community. It's a priority of my administration, and I appreciate everyone's willingness and determination to make it a success.

Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Executive

Email 10-27-2009 **THA to apply to become Moving to Work Agency**

Dear Community Stakeholder

Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) is preparing an application to become a Moving to Work agency. We will compete with several other housing authorities nationwide who will also submit Moving to Work (MTW) applications. We believe we have a good chance for a successful application. MTW status would be very valuable for THA. Among other advantages, MTW would:

- Allow more flexibility in how we spend federal monies.
- Allow THA to give incentives to families with children where the head of household is working, seeking work or is preparing for work.
- Provide ways for THA to increase housing choices for low-income families.
- Help us reduce costs and achieve greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures.

THA will hold three meetings with public housing residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and community stakeholders. At these meetings, we will discuss our MTW plans. We hope you will join us for these discussions.

Tuesday, November 3 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 5 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 12 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

All three meetings will take place in Salishan at the International Place Social Hall, 1701 East 44th Street (Tacoma). We will provide Cambodian, Vietnamese, Russian, Spanish and Korean language interpreters at the meetings. If you have questions about the meetings, please call me at 207-4455.

Cordially,

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**Changes coming for DSHS clients with Provider One:
Announcement**

[http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone/Clients.htm#October 23, 2009 -
_Important_ProviderOne_Schedule_Announcement](http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone/Clients.htm#October_23,_2009_-_Important_ProviderOne_Schedule_Announcement)

More information

[http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/10-27-
2009%20DSHS%20changes.doc](http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/10-27-2009%20DSHS%20changes.doc)

Another Fake HUD website: We've just heard news of another fake HUD website – just wanted you all to be aware of it, in case you get questions from customers. www.fhamodification.com is NOT affiliated with HUD. HQ is aware and investigating.

Thanks! -Rachel

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Veterans Housing Needs in Pierce County

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