

WSCH Ten Year Plan Forum Draft Program

9:00-10:00 am Registration, Coffee, Continental Breakfast

10:00-11:00 am Welcome and Panel Discussion

The Changing Landscape: Adapting to New Programs and Policies

Between HB 2331, the trend towards prevention and rapid re-housing, and changes to McKinney through the HEARTH Act, there are a lot of changes going on. In this session, attendees will hear about these changes and discuss ways to prepare for and implement them.

11:15-12:30 pm Morning Breakout Sessions

AM1 The “Perfect” Plan

Hear from successful jurisdictions on the essential components of a good plan: what works and what doesn't, how to determine and implement the best homeless interventions for your community, how to revise your plan, reporting outcomes, and more.

AM2 Funding and Policy Decisions: Who Makes Them and How?

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AM3 Contracting and Monitoring

For many counties, contracting with nonprofits is an entirely new undertaking. Hear from seasoned jurisdictions about effective contracting and monitoring practices, and take advantage of the opportunity to explore how you can make it work in your community. This session will also discuss the State's role in contracting and monitoring under HB 2163.

AM4 Practical uses of HMIS

So HMIS is finally up and running statewide. What now? This session will explore practical ways to use HMIS data in your community to create policies, programs and practices that will help you end homelessness.

AM5 Aligning Resources and Systems to End Homelessness

As you know, people experiencing homelessness seek many types of assistance besides housing, and many of these mainstream services already exist in our communities. This session will explore ways to collaborate with these systems locally and at the state level to maximize existing resources and improve outcomes for people working to achieve stability and self-sufficiency.

AM6 Re-Thinking State Homeless Programs

Hear about the new direction for homeless programs being formulated at the Department of Commerce for the 2011 – 2013 biennium and learn about the drivers for change. Learn in more detail about a consolidated approach to contracting, what programs may be impacted and the rationale for change. Also learn about the new requirements, minimum standards and matching funds that are being contemplated at the state level. This new direction calls for vigorous and extensive community input. It's the beginning of a major improvement process and an ideal time to come together as partners to end homelessness. The bottom line is to ensure that these changes support local implementation of 10 year plans and contribute to real and significant progress in the fight to end homelessness.

**12:30-2:00 pm Lunch and Plenary Session
US Census Bureau**

2:15-3:30 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions

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