



Ten-Year Plan Forum Program October 19, 2009 ~ SeaTac, WA

Sponsored by the US Census Bureau

9:00-10:00 am Registration in the Northwest Foyer ~ Networking Breakfast in Northwest 1

10:00-10:10 am Welcome ~ Northwest 1
Mia Wells, Executive Director, WSCH
Paul Carlson, Regional Coordinator, US Interagency Council on Homelessness
Will Graham, Assistant Director, Housing Division, Washington State Department of Commerce

10:10-11:00 am Presentation ~ Northwest 1 ~ Department of Commerce Staff

Re-Thinking State Homeless Programs

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11:15-12:30 Morning Breakout Sessions

AM1 ~ Ten-Year Plans in Action: Strategies that Work and Challenges in Implementation
Cascade 1

AM2 ~ Funding and Policy Decisions: Who Makes Them and How?
Cascade 2

AM3 ~ Contracting and Monitoring
Cascade 3

AM4 ~ Practical uses of HMIS
Cascade 4

AM5 ~ Aligning Resources and Systems to End Homelessness
Cascade 5

**12:30-2:00 pm ~ Northwest 1
Lunch and Keynote Address ~ Michael P. Burns, Regional Director, US Census Bureau**

Partnering with the US Census Bureau for the 2010 Census

The Census is just around the corner. April 1, 2010 is Census Day when the U.S. Census Bureau will count the entire population of the United States. One of the most difficult challenges facing the Census Bureau is counting people who are experiencing homelessness. Mr. Burns will relate the plans in place to count people experiencing homelessness and the borderline homeless. He will describe when the enumeration will occur, how the Census Bureau will enumerate people at shelters, abuse centers, mobile food vans, and targeted non-sheltered street locations and job opportunities to work as a census enumerator during the census. You might ask yourself why this Census is so important to ensure we obtain an accurate count? Many programs and grants are funded through federal revenue sharing from the results of the Census head count. The Census is used as one of the fundamental formulae for allocating funds for many grants that provide community services for the homeless.

2:15-3:30 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions

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PM6 ~ Re-Thinking State Homeless Programs (Open to the public)
Cascade 6

Breakout Session Descriptions

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Moderator: Paul Carlson, Region X Director, US Interagency Council on Homelessness

- ◆ Craig Lyons, Council for the Homeless, Clark County
- ◆ Kathy Wahto, Serenity House of Clallam County
- ◆ Greg Winter, Whatcom Homeless Service Center

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

One of the greatest challenges of administering local ten year plans is determining how to administer the funds and who makes the ultimate decisions. Attendees will hear about and discuss successes, challenges, and how they can be addressed.

Moderator: Bill Rumpf, City of Seattle

- ◆ Jackie Anderson, Snohomish County
- ◆ Bill Block, Committee to End Homelessness in King County
- ◆ Cricket Cordova, Benton and Franklin Community Action Council

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Moderator: David Foster, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

- ◆ Troy Christensen, Pierce County Department of Community Services
- ◆ Kirsten Jewell, Kitsap County Regional Coordinating Council
- ◆ Jeff Spring, Washington State Department of Commerce

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.

- ◆ Cindy Burdine, Serenity House of Clallam County
- ◆ David Lewis, City of Spokane
- ◆ Mary Schwartz, Washington State Department of Commerce

AM5 Aligning Resources and Systems to End Homelessness

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- ◆ Jack Peters, US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- ◆ Will Graham, Department of Commerce
- ◆ Toni Johnson, Department of Social and Health Services
- ◆ Donald Lachman, Department of Veterans Affairs
- ◆ Dennis Brown, Department of Veterans Affairs
- ◆ Charles Wend, Department of Corrections
- ◆ Karen Matson, Housing Hope, Everett, WA
- ◆ Dan Ruddell, City of Spokane

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- ◆ Dana Libbey, Salvation Army, Everett
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- ◆ Tedd Kelleher, Department of Commerce
- ◆ Kathy Giglio, Department of Commerce
- ◆ Cheryl Bayle, Department of Commerce