



# Ten Year Plan Forum Program

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Yakima, WA

*Sponsored by the US Census Bureau*

**9:00-10:00 am Registration (Lobby #2) ~ Coffee, Continental Breakfast (Room AB)**

**10:00-12:30 pm Welcome and Morning Topics (Room AB)**

### **The Changing Landscape: Adapting to New Programs and Policies**

Between the Department of Commerce reorganization, 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.

Moderator: Greg Winter, Whatcom Homeless Service Center

- ◆ Jack Peters, US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- ◆ Will Graham, Department of Commerce

### **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.

- ◆ Annie Conant, Department of Commerce
- ◆ Tedd Kelleher, Department of Commerce

### **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.

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| ◆ Will Graham, Department of Commerce                    | ◆ Ray Switzer, Department of Veterans Affairs |
| ◆ Toni Johnson, Department of Social and Health Services | ◆ Charles Wend, Department of Corrections     |
| ◆ Donald Lachman, Department of Veterans Affairs         | ◆ Dan Ruddell, City of Spokane                |
|  | ◆ Lindsey Legaspi, Snohomish County           |

**12:30-2:00 pm Lunch and Keynote Address (Suite 600)**

### **US Census Bureau Presentation**

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 experience 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.

- ◆ Michael P. Burns, US Census Bureau

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## 2:15-3:30 pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions

### **The “Perfect” Plan (Room A)**

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.

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

- ◆ Jerrie Allard, City of Spokane
- ◆ Cindy Algeo, Spokane Low Income Housing Coalition
- ◆ Greg Winter, Whatcom Homeless Service Center
- ◆ Craig Lyons, Council for the Homeless, Clark County
- ◆ Kirsten Jewell, Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council

### **Practical uses of HMIS (Room B)**

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.

- ◆ Sola Plumacher, City of Seattle
- ◆ David Lewis, City of Spokane

### **Funding and Policy Decisions: Who Makes Them and How? (Suite 300)**

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.

Facilitator: Cheryl Markham

- ◆ Judith Gidley, Benton and Franklin Community Action Council
- ◆ Bill Block, Committee to End Homelessness in King County
- ◆ Dean Weitenhagen, Snohomish County
- ◆ Monica Libby, City of Wenatchee

### **Contracting and Monitoring (Suite 400)**

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.

- ◆ Troy Christensen, Pierce County Department of Community Services
- ◆ Pete Munroe, Clark County