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Subject: Housing Legislation Examples
Attachments: WSCH Chart MNW 3-12-09-1.doc; 2008wsch chart1.doc

Consortium Partners:

At our May 4th meeting the members asked for examples of proposed policy and legislation from the last two years. I have attached edited charts from Seth Dawson (with his permission) who provides policy support to several housing and mental health organizations. His charts have been revised (by me) to eliminate the column that describes his client's position on the legislation and the 2009 chart was also revised to be updated relative to the status of legislation (primarily whether passed legislation was signed by the Governor) and included bills that appeared on his mental health chart that have housing implications. For details on the legislation one should go to the Legislature's website and using the bill search options/by year insert the bill number. I hope this is helpful as members develop policy proposals to take to the next Consortium meeting on July 23. If other members have examples of past policy proposals they would like to share please do so.

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Summary of WSCH Bills & Legislation and Selected Mental Health Bills Related to Housing (Initially Created by Seth Dawson - Revised by Frank Jose)

HOUSE BILLS	STATUS Updated 5/13/09 by MHD
EHB 1227 (Rep. Springer) Concerning Recreational Vehicles Used As Primary Residences in Manufactured/Mobile Home Communities	Signed into Law
HB 1492 (Rep. Pedersen) Addressing the independent youth housing program	Signed into Law
SHB 1517 (Rep. Darneille) Concerning the restoration of the right to vote for people who were convicted of felonies.	Signed into Law
SHB 1663 (Rep. Goodman) Relocation assistance rights for motel occupants	Signed into Law
SHB 1769 (Rep. Orwall) Housing and dependency matters	Signed into Law
HB 1912 (Rep. Armstrong) Concerning facilities to house sexually violent predators	Died in Senate
HB 2331 (Rep. Darneille) Imposing an additional document recording surcharge to fund certain affordable housing and homeless purposes	Signed into Law

SENATE	STATUS
SSB 5219 (Sen. Carrell) Establishing a focus group to examine the need to provide housing for certain populations at risk of	Died in House Rules, the work group can still be created without the bill and likely will be

being homeless including people with mental illnesses	
SB 5525 (Sen. Carrell) Reinstating/authorizing the 90 day voucher program for releasing offenders	Signed with a partial veto of the section requiring a report from DOC
SSB 5665 (Sen. Berkey) Authorizing a joint self-insurance program for two or more affordable housing entities or nonprofit entities	Signed into Law.

Summary of WSCH Bills & Legislation
 Updated on April 15, 2008 *per* www.leg.wa.gov

**Note that an “f” means the bill has a fiscal note (that it raises or costs money),
 while an “\$” means that the bill carries an allocation of money**

PRIORITY PROPOSALS	STATUS
Increase the Housing Trust Fund by at Least \$50m, as in the Governor’s Proposed Capital Budget	Funded at \$70m in the capital budget!
ESSB 5959 (Hargrove) THOR – Providing assistance to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless	Signed into law. A veto of related language in the operating budget was not a problem. Funded \$2.5m in the operating budget SB 5959 - 2007-08
SB 6335 (Prentice) Concerning the homeless families services fund	Signed into law. SB 6335 - 2007-08

HOUSE BILLS	STATUS
E2SHB 1115 (Miloscia) Creating programs to end homelessness	Died just short of a Senate floor vote and these provisions were not amended onto any other bills HB 1115 - 2007-08
ESHB 1865 (Rep. Williams) Limiting the Obligations of Landlords Under Writs of Restitution	Signed into law. The emergency clause was vetoed HB 1865 - 2007-08
EHB 1956 (Rep. Pettigrew), Prohibiting discrimination based on lawful source of income	Died in Senate Judiciary EHB 1956 - 2007-08

<p>HB 3142 (Lias) Creating the affordable housing and community facilities rapid response loan program.</p>	<p>Signed into law & funded at \$10m</p> <p>HB 3142 - 2007-08</p>
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SENATE	STATUS
<p>SSB 6791 (Hargrove) Clarifying permitted uses of moneys currently collected under the county legislative authority sales and use tax for chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services or therapeutic courts</p> <p>Provides in part that the local sales tax increase option proceeds may be used for housing people with mental illness & chemical dependency recovery</p>	<p>Signed into law.</p> <p>SB 6791 - 2007-08</p>

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