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Mental Health Housing Consortium

July 23, 2009
Policy Priorities

During the policy priorities section of our last meeting, members felt it was important to receive input and feedback from those who were unable to attend.

If you were not present at the July 23, 2009, meeting, please review the chart below and:

- Identify policy priorities you believe the MHHC should pursue;
- Suggest additional policy areas for the MHHC to consider; and/or
- Indicate existing policy groups you are interested in participating on.

Comments and questions should be emailed to me at baynejh@dshs.wa.gov.

Please respond by August 21st.

** The policies in yellow are those that were selected and assigned a lead at the July 23rd meeting.*

	Policy Suggestions	MHHC Volunteers	# of Votes	Group Convener	Sign Up
1	Portability for consumers across RSNs	Dwight McClain Helen Nilon Diane Eschenbacher	3		
2	Allow community based housing and employment services for people served in the public mental health system to be delivered by non licensed providers	Tom Yost Helen Nilon Debra Murray David Tieszen	4	Tom Yost	
3	“Expanded Kelleher Proposal”- Assure that all people with a mental illness discharged from a state institution, including state hospitals or correctional facilities or state operated residential treatment, have a guaranteed and fully financed rent subsidy and community based mental health services provided and in place prior to discharge.	Walt Adam Dan Schaub Rick Herrell Dawn Siaz Dwight McClain Jim Bloss	6	Jim Bloss	

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4	Make community based housing a priority in mental health contracts with RSNs; shift contract emphasis for the MHD-RSN and RSN-provider contracts to outcomes rather than services, and include individual housing stability as an outcome; create contract incentives for meeting outcomes.	Steve Hill Jim Kenney Tom Yost Melodie Pazolt Sue Allen	5	Melodie Pazolt	
5	Flexible funding at provider level to achieve goal of housing stability,	Rick Herrell Melodie Pazolt Sue Allen	3		
6	Fund housing/landlord liaison function		0		
7	Expansion of Housing Connections program	Jim Kenney Toni Johnson Jim Bloss	3		
8	Fund rapidly accessible rent subsidy programs for people with mental illnesses	Dan Schaub David Tieszen Debra Murray Diane Eschenbacher Bud Alkire	5	<i>Jim Bloss</i> (subsumed under #3)	
9 <i>NEW</i>					
10 <i>NEW</i>					
11 <i>NEW</i>					

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