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Opening Plenary, Wednesday, May 13, 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Welcome & Keynote Address

Mayor Marilyn Strickland, City of Tacoma

Marilyn Strickland is serving her second term as Mayor of Tacoma. Her pro-growth agenda focuses on creating family-wage jobs by improving education and workforce training, promoting entrepreneurship, investing in transportation, and attracting international investment. Born in Seoul, she is a graduate of the University of Washington and holds an MBA from Clark-Atlanta University. Prior to elected office, she worked in both the private and public sectors. Mayor Strickland's regional and national board leadership includes Sound Transit, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the Democratic Mayors Association. Strickland has appeared on Meet the Press, National Public Radio, and is a Rose Fellow with the Urban Land Institute. The National League of Cities Women in Municipal Government has recognized her for outstanding local leadership.

Lunch Panel, Wednesday, May 13, 12:25 PM – 1:40 PM

Behavioral Health Reform & Intersections With Homelessness

Moderator

Nicole Macri, Director of Housing Programs, DESC

Nicole Macri is Director of Housing Programs for DESC in Seattle, where she has worked since 2002. DESC is a comprehensive provider of housing and services to chronically homeless adults and a national leader of the Housing First approach. Nicole currently serves as Board President of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and represents the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness as a member of the Governing Board of the local Committee to End Homelessness. Nicole has worked on behalf of people who are homeless, mentally ill, chemically dependent, or victims of abuse for nearly two decades. She has been active locally on issues of homelessness, informing and shaping multiple program developments, policy dialogues, and advocacy efforts.

Panelists

Jane Beyer, Assistant Secretary, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, Behavioral Health & Service Integration Administration

Jane Beyer is serving as Assistant Secretary for Behavioral Health and Service Integration within the Department of Social and Health Services. She joined the department in September 2012. Jane served as senior counsel with the Washington State House of Representatives Democratic Caucus from 1988 through 1994 and again from January 1999 to 2012. In that senior position with the House, she handled a broad range of health care issues including: Medicaid, access to health care, health insurance reform, state health care purchasing, health care liability, patient safety, behavioral health, and long-term care. She also handled human services and criminal justice issues. Jane is an active member of the National Academy for State Health Policy and is on the clinical faculty of the University of Washington School of Health Sciences. From 1995 through 1998, Jane was the Washington State Medicaid Director. She began her work in health law as an attorney with the American Bar Association Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly from 1981 to 1984 and as a legal services attorney in Tacoma from 1984 to 1988. She graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina School Of Law in 1981.

Andi Smith, Senior Human Services Policy Advisor, Governor Jay Inslee's Legislative & Policy Office

Andi Smith joined Governor Jay Inslee's Policy Office in February 2013, after having worked in a similar position for Governor Christine Gregoire. She advises the Governor on an array of human services issues including child welfare, mental health, substance abuse, developmental disabilities, TANF, nutritional assistance, homelessness/housing, as well as veteran's issues. Prior to her work in the policy office, Andi worked for the Washington State House of Representatives as the lead policy analyst for higher education issues. Andi has lived and worked in the Seattle area since 1998 working predominantly in children's mental health, child welfare, and serving at-risk kids and families in educational settings. She worked briefly in "the other Washington" doing analysis and advocacy for the re-authorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. A native North Dakotan, Andi earned her bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and her Master's from the University of Washington.

Dorothy Teeter, Director, Washington State Health Care Authority

Dorothy Teeter brings more than 25 years of experience as a senior health care system executive, public health director, hospital administrator, consultant, and health policy advisor to her appointment as head of the Health Care Authority (HCA) in Washington State. In that position, she and her agency will play a key role in Washington's health care reform changes, including expansion of the state's Medicaid program by an estimated 300,000-plus clients over the next four years and a new wellness-preventive perspective for state employee and retiree health benefits. Staff leadership and innovative thinking have been major themes throughout Ms. Teeter's career. Prior to her appointment as HCA Director by Governor Jay Inslee in 2013, she served as a senior advisor at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation in Washington, D.C., after serving as both Interim Director and Health Officer, and as Chief of Health Operations for Public Health - Seattle and King County.

Workshop Descriptions, Wednesday, May 13, 9:20 AM – 10:50 AM

A1 Health Systems Navigation By Families Of Color In Permanent Supportive Housing

This session will present recent research findings regarding navigation of health care services among families of color residing in permanent supportive housing. Systems change implications and strategies that local programs are using to improve access to health services will also be covered. Participants will be invited to share experiences and contribute to the conversation.

Presenters

Mindy Maxwell, MA, MHP, LMHC, Homeless Family Services Clinical Manager, Valley Cities Counseling

Mindy Maxwell has been employed with Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation for over five years and works in the Homeless Family Services Department. As a Clinical Services Manager, she oversees service delivery in homeless outreach and permanent supportive housing programs for chronically homeless, high-needs families involved in the mental health, chemical dependency, child protective services, and criminal justice systems.

Anna Markee, Senior Manager, Building Changes

Anna Markee has over ten years of experience in public policy and program management specializing in housing, health, and human services. She manages initiatives that advance integration of homeless services and health. She has worked in both government and nonprofit settings, including as an aide to elected officials, and she began her career in direct service. Anna has a BA in Politics from Whitman College and is pursuing a Master of Public Administration at the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs.

Annamaria Gueco, MS, EdS, Supportive Housing Senior Department Manager, Sound Mental Health

Annamaria Gueco has been employed with Sound Mental Health for over seven years and works in the Integrated Services and Supportive Housing Programs. As a Senior Department Manager of Supportive Housing, she oversees services in homeless outreach, transitional, and permanent housing programs for chronically homeless individuals and families involved in the mental health, chemical dependency, and criminal justice systems.

Sarah Oppenheimer, Doctoral Candidate, University of Washington

Sarah Oppenheimer has worked as both a practitioner and researcher in homelessness, housing, and public health services for over a decade. She is currently a doctoral student in public policy at the University of Washington where her research explores the intersections between housing status and health outcomes. She is also the Senior Research Analyst for the King County Housing Authority.

A2 Improving Housing Stability For Survivors Of Domestic Violence – 1.5 CEU

Do you interact with survivors of domestic violence in your work? Are you unsure of what service strategies work for survivors experiencing homelessness? Wondering what approaches work for survivors from diverse communities of color? Well, this workshop is for you! Learn from experts in the field on community approaches to improving housing stability for survivors of domestic violence.

Moderator

Kendra Gritsch, Program Specialist, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Kendra Gritsch has been active in the movement to end domestic violence and homelessness for over eight years and has worked as a domestic violence advocate, housing case manager, and homeless prevention provider. Kendra currently works for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Domestic Violence Housing First Project, which identifies innovative approaches to supporting survivors of domestic violence who are facing homelessness. She holds an MSW from the University of Washington.

Panelists

Nikki Finkbonner, Victims of Crime Coordinator, Lummi Victims of Crime

Nikki Finkbonner is a Lummi Nation enrolled member and a Klamath Nation descendent, and she has been the Victim of Crime Coordinator for the Lummi Victims of Crime for over ten years. She is the current President of Women Spirit Coalition and serves on the Domestic Violence Hope Card Study Committee, Bellingham Whatcom County Commission on Domestic Violence, the Victim and Children Committee, and the Law and Justice Committee in Whatcom County. She has been awarded the Bonnie Runner Achievement Award and the Women Spirit Envision Award for advocacy and an outstanding commitment to eliminating domestic and sexual assault in native communities.

Karen McKeen, Deputy Director of Services, Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County

Karen McKeen is the Deputy Director of Services at Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. Karen has worked with DVS over ten years as a staff member and volunteer on the Board of Directors. She holds a BA in Women's Studies and has over 20 years of experience working in Human Services.

Pradeepta Upadhyay, Director of Operations & Strategic Initiatives, Interim Community Development Association

Pradeepta Upadhyay provides leadership for administrative, technology, and direct program services at Interim CDA. Prior to joining Interim CDA, Pradeepta worked extensively with immigrant and refugee communities at the Nonprofit Assistance Center as both a Board Member and Director for Development and Community Capacity Building and as Executive Director of API Chaya. Prior to immigrating to the U.S., she developed and implemented health care, domestic violence prevention, workers' rights, and other important programs for women in her native home of Kathmandu, Nepal.

Maria Williams, Housing Program Manager, LifeWire

Maria Williams is the Housing Program Manager for LifeWire in Bellevue, Washington. She has worked in the anti-violence movement for over ten years, and she strives to specialize in advocacy practice and housing needs for marginalized populations who are facing violence, specifically chemically dependent women, immigrant families, and queer folks. Maria works to build cohesive staff teams based on a trauma-informed advocacy approach, and she provides technical assistance to both domestic violence and housing programs across the country that are creating trauma-informed programs.

Steve Yago, Director of Housing Management, Everett Housing Authority

Steve Yago is the Director of Housing Management at the Everett Housing Authority. Affordable housing is Steve's passion, and he has over 20 years of experience in

asset management, of which, eight years are in affordable housing. During this time, his team has implemented operational strategies that safeguard our affordable housing mission and fiscal performance over the long term. Steve enjoys working with other community partners to provide housing to marginalized populations.

A3 Improving Access To Housing For People With Criminal Records – 1.5 CEU

A large and growing number of people in the U.S. have a criminal record, creating a lifetime barrier to accessing stable housing. This session will address problems with screening reports, how and why to give housing applicants an opportunity to correct or explain their records, and how people with criminal records can be housed responsibly.

Presenters

Amy Fitzgerald, JD, Director of Compliance, Plymouth Housing Group

Amy Fitzgerald is the Director of Compliance at Plymouth Housing Group in Seattle. She directs Plymouth's work in leasing and occupancy, regulatory compliance, and the Shelter Plus Care program. Amy trains operations staff in fair housing law and policy, and she leads the agency's response to civil rights enforcement. Her work has spanned education, violence prevention, and affordable housing programs throughout the West Coast. Amy is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law, and she is a member of the Washington State Bar Association.

Vanessa Hernandez, JD, Staff Attorney, ACLU of Washington

Vanessa Hernandez is a staff attorney with the ACLU of Washington. She manages the Second Chances Project and works to minimize the barriers to housing, employment, and successful reentry for people with criminal history. Vanessa is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law, where she was a Gates Public Service Law Scholar. Before joining the ACLU, she served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Betty Binns Fletcher on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Nicole Macri, Director of Housing Programs, DESC

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A4 Taking Coordinated Entry To The Next Level

Coordinated entry systems are still a “work in progress”. Come examine the top challenges and barriers throughout Washington, and learn and discuss some problem-solving strategies. You’ll dig deeper into the solutions through breakout groups so you can identify a next step to bring back to your community and mitigate barriers.

Presenters

Kathie Barkow, Principal, Aspire Consulting LLC

Kathie Barkow is a trainer, consultant, and project manager from the San Francisco Bay Area of California. She has over 20 years of experience in the fields of homelessness, housing, and services and is the Principal Consultant of Aspire Consulting LLC. Her expertise and work have focused on refining programs and systems of care to be more housing-focused. Her emphasis includes training and project management for measuring, reporting, and improving outcomes; staff training, retreats, and learning collaboratives to align organizational culture and practices toward “housing first, housing fast” approaches; optimizing rapid rehousing services; and completing community stakeholder planning. Kathie’s experience also includes direct service experience, nonprofit management, technical assistance about federal and state homeless and housing programs, implementing and operating a Homeless Management Information System, project management, managing Point In Time Homeless Counts, and coordinating collaborative justice court programs.

Kate Budd, Program Coordinator, Clark County Department of Community Services

Kate Budd serves as a program coordinator with Clark County Department of Community Services, focusing on homeless system coordination and programs. She previously worked with the Oregon State Commission on Voluntary Action and Service, the Council for the Homeless, and the Girls Scouts. She is a proud AmeriCorps alumna, holds a Masters of Social Work from Eastern Washington University, and enjoys the out-of-doors.

Kathy Kinard, Grants Operations Manager, Washington State Department of Commerce

As the Washington State Department of Commerce Grants Operations Manager, Kathy supports a dynamic team of program experts whose mission is to end homelessness by effectively delivering grant dollars to an experienced network of homeless housing providers.

A5 Strategic Communications: Telling Compelling Stories That Motivate & Mobilize

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Strategic communications amplify your story and increase your impact. Using the StoryCorps “Finding Our Way” project as a resource, we will share how to build a road map to guide your communications efforts, and then explore social media as a powerful storytelling tool.

Presenters

Erin Murphy, MPA, MAIS, Director of Community Engagement, Firesteel & YWCA Seattle / King / Snohomish

Erin Murphy has over ten years of advocacy experience in the areas of housing, homelessness, and anti-human trafficking. From policy advocacy, community mobilization, and strategic communications, Erin has translated policy priorities for numerous audiences. She has a dual master’s degree in Public Administration and International Studies and began her digital storytelling career in Kenya in partnership with an artist collective. Erin also serves as the President of the Board of Directors of the group Seattle Against Slavery. In between tweeting advocacy messages, Erin enjoys playing her accordion and traveling to places with more sun.

Denise Rhiner, Account Director, Pyramid Communications

Denise Rhiner develops and implements insight-driven communications strategies. Informed by a range of qualitative research, she guides clients in creating a realistic roadmap for achieving their communications goals. By asking the right questions, she uncovers the essence of clients' stories and distills it into messaging and content for print materials. Lately she's been working with Committee to End Homelessness, Building Changes, Raikes Foundation, and others working to make homelessness rare, brief, and one time. Denise holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Reed College.

Joaquin Uy, Communication Specialist, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Joaquin Uy has spent a combined 16 years involved in both the housing and homelessness community and in the field of communications. He got his start as a homeless youth outreach worker for Seattle's 45th Street Clinic. This experience not only provided him with an extensive knowledge of the various resources for young people, but also allowed him to hear the diverse stories of Pacific Northwest street youth. The many young people he met inspired him to retell their stories, which then led to his path towards communications. He started by writing news copy for Community Radio KBCS 91.3 FM and eventually served as the station's News and Public Affairs Director. Joaquin also facilitates workshops on racial equity, communications, and social media. He currently serves on the steering committees of the Racial Equity Team and South CORE and the boards of Social Justice Fund Northwest and the Filipino Community Center of Seattle.

A6 Native American & Alaska Native Homelessness: Historical Context, Cultural Competency, & Successful Interventions – 1.5 CEU

The Native American homeless community experiences unique challenges. Please join us as we explore the impact of historical trauma, PTSD, and the impact on our relatives. We will discuss the effect of these traumas and how the practice of cultural competency and humility can help ensure successful connections and interventions.

Presenters

Colleen Echohawk, Executive Director, Chief Seattle Club

Colleen Echohawk is an enrolled member of the Kithchaki Band of the Pawnee Nation and a member of the Upper Ahtna Athabascan people of Mentasta Lake. Ms. Echohawk is the Executive Director of the Chief Seattle Club, a nonprofit dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless and low-income urban Native people in Seattle. Ms. Echohawk is interested in creating systems and structures that help facilitate wellness and encourage kindness and courage amongst urban Native people. Ms. Echohawk has a degree in Multicultural Studies and is a current student pursuing a master's degree in Organizational Development and Leadership. Ms. Echohawk is a proud mom to two children and is married to Matt Hayashi. In her spare time, she loves to listen to NPR and cook delicious food for friends and family.

Shawn Middleton, MSW, Housing Case Manager, Chief Seattle Club

Shawn Middleton holds an MSW from the University of Washington School of Social Work. Shawn has worked in the field of community healing for over 25 years and is currently serving as the Housing Case Manager at Chief Seattle Club, a nonprofit providing a sacred space to nurture, affirm, and renew the spirit of urban Native peoples.

A7 Unleashing The Capacity For Deeper Collaboration Among Congregations, Service Providers, & People Experiencing Homelessness

It's easy to say your agency partners with local faith communities, but what does it take to maximize your relationship to make real impact? In this workshop, participants will explore ways they can unleash the capacity for deeper collaboration among congregation members, service providers, and people experiencing homelessness.

Presenters

Rev. Jan Bolerjack, MDiv, Riverton Park United Methodist Church

Rev. Jan Bolerjack is firmly rooted in the Pacific Northwest. With triple careers in education, nursing, and ministry, she brings a holistic approach to working with this community. Having graduated with an MDiv from the Vancouver School of Theology, Rev. Jan, loves diving deep into scripture to uncover relevant meaning and even to challenge some beliefs that have been used to hold people down over the centuries. A lover of Progressive Theology and Thought, she brings her interest in social justice making and restorative healing both to the pulpit and the street. You can often find her at community meetings, speaking to community leaders, or strategizing to change unjust systems. Or you may find her holding a baby, in the churchyard playing catch with a young child, or at a table discussing schoolwork with a teen. Rev. Jan's love of people and hope for the future is evident in the life she leads.

Lisa Gustaveson, MNPL, Program Manger, Seattle University School Of Theology & Ministry

Lisa Gustaveson is program manager for Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry's Faith and Family Homelessness Project. Funded by a multi-year commitment from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the project is a concentrated effort to inspire increased advocacy and care around the issue of family homelessness in the greater Puget Sound faith community. Over her almost 20-year career, Lisa has held leadership and consulting positions with nonprofit agencies and state, county, and city governments. Prior to joining the project, Lisa was Director of Communications for Catholic Community Services of Western Washington, the largest private social service agency in the state. Previously, as Project Manager for the Committee to End Homelessness in King County, she successfully managed the development of a regional strategy to end homelessness. Lisa has a Masters of Not-for-Profit Leadership from Seattle University.

Workshop Descriptions, Wednesday, May 13, 11:10 AM – 12:25 PM

CEU Information Coming Soon

A8 Transforming Care: Integrated Health & Housing Services For Homeless Populations – 1 CEU

Housing, health care, and outreach providers will recognize practical approaches to access services for homeless clients and working across programs. This presentation will describe how to access many state and federal programs—Apple Health, HEN, Health Homes,

McKinney housing, respite care—and demonstrate a model where housing and health care providers effectively work together, maximizing expertise to best serve high need clients.

Presenters

Rhonda Hauff, COO / Deputy CEO, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

Rhonda Hauff is the Chief Operating Officer / Deputy CEO of Yakima Neighborhood Health Services in Yakima. YNHS is the largest homeless service provider in Yakima County. Last year, YNHS provided primary care to more than 3,000 homeless patients and housing residents in medical respite care, transitional, and permanent supportive housing. Ms. Hauff currently serves on several local partnerships to coordinate access and services for underserved populations. She is a member of the Homeless Network of Yakima County, and she currently chairs the Health Care for Homeless Committee and the Health Care in Public Housing Committee for the National Association of Community Health Centers.

Annette Rodriguez, Outreach & Housing/Homeless Services Director, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

Annette Rodriguez is the Outreach and Housing/Homeless Coordinator for Yakima Neighborhood Health Services. In her current position, she oversees Outreach Services, Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing, Homeless Respite Care, and three Washington Families Fund programs for moderate and high need formerly homeless families. At “The Depot”, Yakima County’s Homeless Resource Center, Annette and her staff also coordinate HEN, CHG, and ESG services with partners in the Homeless Network of Yakima County. Her staff have been certified as “In-Person Assisters” to help clients enroll in Washington Apple Health and Qualified Health Plans at the same time as applying for other housing and benefits. She is also trained as a Health Home Care Coordinator, helping the clinic’s medically fragile patients successfully access the care they need.

Nancy Schwarzkopf, ARNP, Deputy Medical Director, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services

Nancy Schwarzkopf is a Family Nurse Practitioner and Deputy Medical Director at Yakima Neighborhood Health Services. She provides and oversees primary care services for homeless patients, and she also works in YNHS's Primary Care Clinic in the local Community Mental Health Center. She participates in the University of Washington ECHO tele-conference to locally manage patients with Hepatitis C, and she manages a significant caseload of patients with diabetes, hypertension, and chronic pain. She works closely with the interdisciplinary team assure barriers to care plans are minimized. Ms. Schwarzkopf received her Masters in Nursing from Montana State University and her BS in nursing from Boise State University.

A9 Backed Into A Corner: How Prevention & Diversion Methods Help End Homelessness When Community Resources Cannot – 1 CEU

Most communities lack the funds, shelter beds, staff, and resources to help everyone in need. Agencies can become the bearers of bad news and staff can become exhausted trying to make up the difference. Prevention and diversion strategies can change that by empowering households to find solutions, think creatively, and avoid homelessness.

Presenters

Melissa Espinoza, Housing & Employment Specialist, Neighborhood House

Melissa Espinoza has been working with diverse populations with nonprofits internationally and locally for the past nine years. She worked at 211 when the Family Housing Connection process first began, and she now works as the Diversion Housing Specialist at Neighborhood House. She enjoys participating in many community conversations around ending homelessness and bringing social change. She can be found laughing at her own jokes and avoiding high-fives.

Caleb Luther, Program Coordinator, Love Overwhelming

Caleb Luther has been working with individuals and families experiencing extreme poverty since 1999, both in the United States and abroad. He has served as vision caster/fund raiser and advocate for those living in abject poverty, a case manager for people living in transitional shelter, and a housing and resource specialist for individuals who are homeless and at risk of homelessness. As Program Coordinator for Love Overwhelming, Caleb has helped develop Cowlitz County's Coordinated Entry and Assessment System.

Chuck Hendrickson, Executive Director, Love Overwhelming

Chuck Hendrickson has worked in the social services and mental health sector for the past 15 years in Cowlitz County. During this time, Chuck has assisted with the development of mental health housing, vocational programs, an urban rest stop, an emergency low barrier shelter, Cowlitz County's Coordinated Entry and Assessment System, and intensive community service projects. In 2011, he founded a nonprofit organization called Love Overwhelming and serves as the current Executive Director. Chuck is the current Chair of the Cowlitz County Housing First Coalition, serves as Cowlitz County's SOAR team lead, is an active member of several community coalitions and boards, serves on his City's Planning Commission, and actively works towards coordination and collaboration of homeless services and housing programs.

**A10 Scattered Site Living: Creative Strategies To Maximize Engagement –
1 CEU**

Achieving effective agency-wide engagement to scattered-site tenants can be challenging. This presentation will assist providers with strategic ways to stay connected with their clients/tenants through collaboration, outreach, consistency, and flexibility with services. By thinking creatively and using service connections, we can maximize our ability to maintain housing success.

Presenters

Marquis Jenkins, Project Manager of Scattered Site, DESC

Marquis Jenkins is the current Scattered Site Project Manager at DESC, and she has worked for the organization since 2010. Before stepping into this role, she worked in various areas at DESC as a Clinical Support Specialist for Scattered Site and a Residential Counselor at two single-site buildings. Prior to working at DESC, she graduated with a BA in Psychology and a MA in Leadership. During college, Marquis focused on the criminal justice system. She worked and interned for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Corrections, and at a nonprofit federal work release center.

Lisa Grillo, Chemical Dependency Supervisor, DESC

Lisa Grillo is a Chemical Dependency Supervisor at DESC, and she has worked for the organization since 2011. Lisa has been a Chemical Dependency Professional in Washington for 20 years. Prior to her role at DESC, she served as Director for a long-term, co-occurring disorders inpatient treatment program in Kent, Washington. Lisa worked for several years providing chemical dependency treatment in the criminal justice system, including positions at the Washington Corrections Center for Women, King County Regional Justice Center, and the Kent Municipal Jail. Lisa has also worked on a statewide tobacco cessation-training cadre that educated addiction professionals in treating nicotine dependence.

A11 Addressing Homelessness Through Moving To Work: Lessons Learned & Policy Implications

What is the Moving to Work program? How does it help three local housing authorities address homelessness? Executive Directors from the King County, Seattle, and Tacoma housing authorities will answer these questions, share their agencies' policy and program innovations made possible through Moving to Work, and provide national policy recommendations.

Presenters

Andrew Lofton, Executive Director, Seattle Housing Authority

Andrew Lofton became Executive Director of the Seattle Housing Authority on September 1, 2012 and leads strategic planning and the day-to-day operations of the organization. Prior to his promotion to Executive Director, he held the position of Deputy Executive Director-Finance and Administration for more than eight years. As Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Lofton oversaw Seattle Housing's Human Resources, Information Technology, Finance and Budget, and Housing Choice Voucher functions, including the development and management of the agency's annual budget. He has also worked closely with representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the oversight of Seattle Housing's Moving to Work agreement, regulatory reform, and funding issues. During Mr. Lofton's nearly 40 years of public service, his many leadership positions have included Chief of Departmental Operations for Mayor Greg Nickels, Deputy Superintendent for Customer Service with Seattle City Light, Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor Norm Rice, and Budget Director for the City of Seattle. He also served as Deputy Director for the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development. Mr. Lofton received his Baccalaureate from the University of Puget Sound and did his graduate work in Urban Planning at the University of Washington.

Michael Mirra, Executive Director, Tacoma Housing Authority

Michael Mirra is the Executive Director of the Tacoma Housing Authority (THA) in Tacoma, Washington. He has served in that position since 2004. Before that, he served for two years as THA's General Counsel. Prior to joining THA, Michael practiced law for about 22 years with Columbia Legal Services in Washington State representing low-income persons and organizations in civil matters. For two years before that, he practiced law with legal services in Tennessee. His areas of legal practice included litigation, the law governing fair housing, growth management, federal housing programs, landlord-tenant relations, nonprofit governance, juvenile and mental health commitment, child welfare services, and the homelessness of children. Michael graduated from the University of Chicago and Vanderbilt Law School. He grew up in Queens.

Stephen Norman, Executive Director, King County Housing Authority

Stephen Norman has been Executive Director of the King County Housing Authority (KCHA), serving the suburban Seattle metropolitan region, for the past 17 years. The Authority provides a mix of assisted and workforce housing, supporting 50,000 community residents on a daily basis. KCHA works closely with local behavioral health systems and nonprofit service providers to address homeless and special needs housing issues and with local school districts to coordinate housing and educational efforts for low-income youth. Mr. Norman has an extensive background in the design, financing, development, and operation of service-enriched and affordable housing and previously served as an Assistant Housing Commissioner for Homeless Housing Development for the City of New York. Subsequently, he was the founding Vice President of the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), where he established CSH's program operations and worked around the country with local governments and nonprofits to develop supportive housing for special-needs populations. Mr. Norman served as a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Washington. He presently serves as President of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities and as Vice-chair of the CSH Board of Directors. He was on the Board of Directors of Building Changes for over a decade and co-chaired the King County Committee to End Homelessness's Interagency Council for the past nine years.

A12 It's Better For Everyone: Being Trauma Informed – 1 CEU

This workshop will provide basic information on what trauma is and how it impacts people, either directly or indirectly. Participants will receive tools and information on how to address their own secondary trauma as providers and to create trauma-informed environments in their programs.

Presenters

Karin White, Deputy Director, YWCA of Pierce County

Karin White has been with the YWCA Pierce County for 15 years. She oversees public funding contracts and administers the YWCA's comprehensive service programs for survivors of domestic violence. These services include the YWCA's emergency shelter and housing programs, therapeutic children's services, individual and family counseling, support groups, and education and prevention programs. She also oversees facility operations and capital projects, managing overall budgets of \$1.95 million. Karen works closely with the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence on the Just Futures Project leadership cohort, Shelter Rules, and Building Dignity projects, and she is a guest blogger on CanYouRelate.org. She has served on the Executive Committee of the Pierce County Commission Against Domestic Violence and a community collaboration project with the Tacoma Urban Network, Puget Sound Educational Service District, and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to address trauma and adverse childhood experiences, and implement models of trauma-informed care. Karin provides training and technical assistance to other domestic violence, social service, and housing/homeless service organizations on the topics of advocacy, domestic violence, ethics, confidentiality, and trauma-informed practices. She also serves on the Pierce College Criminal Justice Department Advisory Board.

A13 Keep Your HeART: Art & Advocacy

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Virginia Shelby Powell-Helle and Summer Charles are two Black women artists who use their art for advocacy. They will discuss their experience with advocacy and art, their processes in making advocacy art, and the role of art as an advocacy tool. Participants are invited to attend an evening art studio to create their own advocacy art piece.

Presenters

Summer Charles, Social Media Advocate, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Summer Charles is a social media advocate and volunteer for the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and Western Regional Advocacy Project. She has a AAS in Photography, and is pursuing a computer programming degree at South Seattle College. She works part time advocating for various social issues on twitter @HomelessUSA. She is currently advocating for a Homeless Bill of Rights.

Virginia Shelby Powell-Helle, Artist/Legislative Advocate, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Virginia Shelby Powell-Helle is a legislative advocate and volunteer with Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and Washington CAN. She is a graduate of the Art Institute of Seattle and is currently a psychology student at Antioch University in Seattle with plans of becoming an art therapist. She is a part-time multimedia artist and uses her art as an advocacy tool for different social justice issues, such as ending homelessness, eliminating student debt, and the civil rights movement.

A14 Why Does Race Matter In Homelessness Advocacy?

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Race matters (especially when it comes to affordable housing/homelessness advocacy and policy)! This workshop will utilize a racial equity framework to help participants connect the dots between the historical and institutional forces that helped shape Washington State's affordable housing/homelessness racial disparities. Attendees will also come away with an understanding of racism rooted in a systems-based approach and a recognition that our work can play a powerful role in changing these disparities.

Presenters

Senait Brown, Community Organizer

Senait Brown is a community organizer in title and in life. She currently serves as the Political Action Chair for the Seattle I King County NAACP, Political Director for BlackOutWA, Co-chair of Ending the Prison Industrial Complex (E.P.I.C.), and Co-Coordinator for the Racial Equity Team.

Working through a principled anti-racist analysis, Senait works in relationship with communities of color-with a focus on people of African decent, to elevate their political voices through electoral and legislative advocacy. She has taken on leadership roles on policy platforms, such as legal financial obligations, the "No New Youth Jail Campaign", and many other local, county, and statewide organizing efforts around juvenile justice reform and eliminating barriers to reentry for people living with criminal records. At the center of these efforts is the belief that "you must let the oppressed themselves define their own freedom,"

(Ella Baker).

Senait earned her Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning with a concentration on Community Development for Social Justice from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is also an apprentice trainer with the People's Institute NW and Community Coordinator with the Social Justice Initiative at the City of Seattle's Office for Civil Rights.

Rachael Myers, MSW, Executive Director, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Rachael Myers has served as the Executive Director for the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance since 2008. Prior to joining the Housing Alliance, Rachael spent six years as the Director of Organizing and Advocacy for Seattle's street newspaper Real Change, where she worked to engage homeless people and their allies in ending homelessness. Rachael started her career as a lobbyist for health care, housing, and human services at the Washington State Legislature and has managed programs for homeless youth and young adults in Seattle's University District. Rachael has more than 15 years of professional experience in housing and homelessness advocacy and has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Washington.

Joaquin Uy, Communication Specialist, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Joaquin Uy has spent a combined 16 years involved in both the housing and homelessness community and in the field of communications. He got his start as a homeless youth outreach worker for Seattle's 45th Street Clinic. This experience not only provided him with an extensive knowledge of the various resources for young people, but also allowed him to hear the diverse stories of Pacific Northwest street youth. The many young people he met inspired him to retell their stories, which then led to his path towards communications. He started by writing news copy for Community Radio KBCS 91.3 FM and eventually served as the station's News and Public Affairs Director. Joaquin also facilitates workshops on racial equity, communications, and social media. He currently serves on the steering committees of the Racial Equity Team and South CORE and the boards of Social Justice Fund Northwest and the Filipino Community Center of Seattle.

Lunch, Wednesday, May 13, 12:25 PM – 1:40 PM

Keynote Panel Discussion: Mental Health Reform & Intersections With Homelessness

Moderator

Nicole Macri, Director of Housing Programs, DESC

Nicole Macri is Director of Housing Programs for DESC in Seattle, where she has worked since 2002. DESC is a comprehensive provider of housing and services to chronically homeless adults and a national leader of the Housing First approach. Nicole currently serves as Board President of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and represents the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness as a member of the Governing Board of the local Committee to End Homelessness. Nicole has worked on behalf of people who are homeless, mentally ill, chemically dependent, or victims of abuse for nearly two decades. She has been active locally on issues of homelessness, informing and shaping multiple program developments, policy dialogues, and advocacy efforts.

Panelists

Jane Beyer, Assistant Secretary, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, Behavioral Health & Service Integration Administration

Jane Beyer is serving as Assistant Secretary for Behavioral Health and Service Integration within the Department of Social and Health Services. She joined the department in September 2012. Jane served as senior counsel with the Washington State House of Representatives Democratic Caucus from 1988 through 1994 and again from January 1999 to 2012. In that senior position with the House, she handled a broad range of health care issues including: Medicaid, access to health care, health insurance reform, state health care purchasing, health care liability, patient safety, behavioral health, and long-term care. She also handled human services and criminal justice issues. Jane is an active member of the National Academy for State Health Policy and is on the clinical faculty of the University of Washington School of Health Sciences. From 1995 through 1998, Jane was the Washington State Medicaid Director. She began her work in health law as an attorney with the American Bar Association Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly from 1981 to 1984 and as a legal services attorney in Tacoma from 1984 to 1988. She graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina School Of Law in 1981.

Andi Smith, Senior Human Services Policy Advisor, Governor Jay Inslee's Legislative & Policy Office

Andi Smith joined Governor Jay Inslee's Policy Office in February 2013, after having worked in a similar position for Governor Christine Gregoire. She advises the Governor on an array of human services issues including child welfare, mental health, substance abuse, developmental disabilities, TANF, nutritional assistance, homelessness/housing, as well as veteran's issues. Prior to her work in the policy office, Andi worked for the Washington State House of Representatives as the lead policy analyst for higher education issues. Andi has lived and worked in the Seattle area since 1998 working predominantly in children's mental health, child welfare, and serving at-risk kids and families in educational settings. She worked briefly in "the other Washington" doing analysis and advocacy for the re-authorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. A native North Dakotan, Andi earned her bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and her Master's from the University of Washington.

Dorothy Teeter, Director, Washington State Health Care Authority

Dorothy Teeter brings more than 25 years of experience as a senior health care system executive, public health director, hospital administrator, consultant, and health policy advisor to her appointment as head of the Health Care Authority (HCA) in Washington State. In that position, she and her agency will play a key role in Washington's health care reform changes, including expansion of the state's Medicaid program by an estimated 300,000-plus clients over the next four years and a new wellness-preventive perspective for state employee and retiree health benefits. Staff leadership and innovative thinking have been major themes throughout Ms. Teeter's career. Prior to her appointment as HCA Director by Governor Jay Inslee in 2013, she served as a senior advisor at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation in Washington, D.C., after serving as both Interim Director and Health Officer, and as Chief of Health Operations for Public Health - Seattle and King County.

Workshop Descriptions, Wednesday, May 13, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

CEU Information Coming Soon

A15 Veteran Housing Options: A Collaboration Between The Federal VA, State VA, & Supportive Services For Veteran Families – 1.5 CEU

The Veteran Housing Options Group started in King County and was successfully replicated in Pierce County. This session will provide insight on how to form cross organizational workgroups, connect clients to resources, and adopt this collaborative method in other communities.

Presenters

Mary Forbes, Assistant Director, Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs

COL Mary Forbes (Retired) graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1983 and U.S. Army War College in 2006. She has served on active duty for over 26 years in a variety of positions for the Washington National Guard and the U.S. Army. She was previously assigned as the Warrior, Veteran, Family Readiness Service Support Director, J9, Washington National Guard where she synchronized and delivered a wide spectrum of resources and services available to our service members and their families throughout the deployment cycle. Mary was appointed in 2010 to serve as the Assistant Director of the Veteran Services and Behavioral Health Services Divisions, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). One of her primary focuses is heading up the WDVA's initiative to end veteran homelessness in Washington within five years.

Tammy Todd, LICSW, Clinical Social Worker, Department of Veteran Affairs Puget Sound

Tammy Todd is a Clinical Social Worker for the Department of Veteran Affairs Puget Sound Health Care Systems. Her father is a Vietnam Veteran, and she has dedicated her work to helping veterans.

A16 Host Homes: An Innovative, Cost-Effective Model For Housing Unaccompanied Youth – 1.5 CEU

From idea to implementation, this workshop will explore the critical components, collaborative efforts, and outcomes of two local Host Home Programs. From the urban center of Tacoma to the rural efforts taking place on Whidbey Island, join us to learn about the feasibility of creating a Host Home Program in your community!

Presenters

Lori Cavender, Executive Director, Ryan's House For Youth

Lori Cavender is the Founder and Executive Director of Ryan's House For Youth, a nonprofit organization focused on sheltering homeless youth so that they can focus on their education. Lori is a certified youth minister and holds a BA in children, youth, and family studies.

Carley Cysensky, MEd, Executive Director, Shared Housing Services

Carley Cysensky is a Tacoma native and has been serving the youth of Pierce County for the last decade. With a MEd from University of Puget Sound in Mental Health and School Counseling, as well as a BA in Psychology from Eastern Washington University, she is currently the Executive Director of Shared Housing Services. At various times, she has supported youth academically through school-affiliated programming, provided delinquency prevention counseling for young people involved in the juvenile justice system, as well as

created and successfully implemented the first and only Host Home program in Pierce County. She holds office on the Continuum of Care for Pierce County, is a member of the Coalition to End Homelessness Steering Committee, leads the Legislative and Advocacy Committee for the Pierce County Anti-Trafficking Taskforce, and sits on the Board of Directors for the Affordable Housing Consortium.

A17 Neutralizing Homelessness: Federal Policy & The Depoliticization Of Poverty

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This workshop will explore the political economy of homelessness in a time of rising inequality and corporate power. Presenters will discuss how current policy approaches create and reinforce a depoliticized advocacy frame that denies the problem, blames the victim, specializes the causes, and conceals the consequences of radical inequality.

Presenters

David Boarder Giles, PhD, MA, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Lecturer, University of Washington, Bothell

Dr. David Boarder Giles' research experience includes five years of ethnographic participant-observation in Seattle, San Francisco, New York, Melbourne (Australia), and smaller North American cities, with local chapters of Food Not Bombs—a globalized movement of autonomous groups that scavenge, glean, or dumpster-dive for food discarded by local markets, distribute it freely in public places, and in the process, contest local geographies of homelessness and disparity. This research reflects his commitments to an anthropology that is both public and politically engaged. He has taught extensively in both Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Humanities, and his teaching interests have included the Political Economy of Homelessness, Urban Studies, Protest, the History of Liberal Political Philosophy, Post-Colonial Studies, Existentialism, and the Anthropology of Popular Culture.

Tim Harris, Founding Director, Real Change

Timothy Harris is the founding Director of the Real Change homeless newspaper in Seattle, and he has been active as a poor people's organizer for nearly three decades. Prior to moving to Seattle in 1994, Harris founded the Spare Change homeless newspaper in Boston in 1992 while working as Executive Director of Boston Jobs with Peace. Harris founded his first alternative newspaper, "critical times", at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he graduated in 1987 with a BA in Social Thought and Political Economy. Harris has led numerous organizing drives on issues of homelessness and poverty, including a campaign to defeat proposed aggressive panhandling legislation that garnered Real Change the Seattle Human Rights Award for 2010. He is a co-founder of the North American Street Newspaper Association and a leader in the international street paper movement.

Tony Sparks, PhD, MA, Assistant Professor of Urban Studies & Planning, San Francisco State University

Tony Sparks is the author of numerous papers on the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and grassroots survival organizing, including: "Governing the Homeless in an Age of Compassion: Homelessness, Citizenship, and the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County Washington", "Broke Not Broken: Rights, Privacy, and Homelessness in Seattle", and

“As Much Like Home as Possible: Geographies of Homelessness and Citizenship in Seattle's Tent City 3”.

A18 Tools For Understanding & Effectively Navigating Change

This interactive workshop will help you reflect, learn about your role in change, and acquire tools to more effectively lead change regardless of your job title amidst the ever-evolving homeless services system. Consider bringing a colleague to the help take the tools and concepts back to your desk and community!

Presenters

Kathie Barkow, Principal, Aspire Consulting LLC

Kathie Barkow is a trainer, consultant, and project manager from the San Francisco Bay Area of California. She has over 20 years of experience in the fields of homelessness, housing, and services and is the Principal Consultant of Aspire Consulting LLC. Her expertise and work have focused on refining programs and systems of care to be more housing-focused. Her emphasis includes training and project management for measuring, reporting, and improving outcomes; staff training, retreats, and learning collaboratives to align organizational culture and practices toward “housing first, housing fast” approaches; optimizing rapid rehousing services; and completing community stakeholder planning. Kathie’s experience also includes direct service experience, nonprofit management, technical assistance about federal and state homeless and housing programs, implementing and operating a Homeless Management Information System, project management, managing Point In Time Homeless Counts, and coordinating collaborative justice court programs.

Sarah Cotton Rajski, Senior Manager, Building Changes

Sarah Cotton Rajski is a Senior Manager at Building Changes and a Certified Results-Based Facilitator. She provides capacity-building and technical assistance in the areas of results-based facilitation, change management, and leadership development. Her work includes the role of Coach/Facilitator for the Pierce County Leadership in Action Program. Prior to joining Building Changes, Sarah was a Research Associate with MEM Consultants while completing her Master in Public Administration from the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs at University of Washington and worked with homeless youth in San Francisco.

A19 Transitioning From Sober Transitional Housing To Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing – 1.5 CEU

Until recently, Spokane had a policy that required sobriety before providing housing to individuals experiencing chemical addiction and homelessness. Community biases and navigating the housing system created many challenges. Learn how Catholic Charities of Spokane worked to break down barriers and change perceptions in order to serve vulnerable individuals. Information on how to replicate this effort in your community will be discussed.

Presenters

Anthony Foster, Swing Shift Care Manager, Hanson House Permanent Supportive Housing Program, Catholic Charities of Spokane, House of Charity

Biography coming soon.

Margaret King, LICSW, Manager of Supportive Housing, DESC

Margaret King has worked at DESC since 1993 in various roles in the clinical and housing programs. She currently oversees DESC's Supportive Housing Program. Prior to her current role, she supervised mental health case management programs at DESC and Family Services of Seattle, and she worked in both hospital and community-based social work settings. She also provides clinical supervision for clinicians seeking state licensure and operates a small private practice in adoption social work. She holds an MSW from the University of Washington and an LICSW in the State of Washington.

Lareesa "Reese" McMullin Holford, BASW, CHW, Program Manager, Hanson House Permanent Supportive Housing Program, Catholic Charities of Spokane, House of Charity

Lareesa McMullin Holford graduated from Eastern Washington University in 2010 with a degree in Social Work. She started working with Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP) as an intern in 2009 and was hired in 2010. At SNAP, Lareesa worked as a Family Development Coach, specializing in rapidly re-housing individuals exiting institutions. In 2012, she began working as a Case Manager for Transitional Housing with the Catholic Charities of Spokane's House of Charity, prioritizing individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. In 2013, House of Charity partnered with the City of Spokane Housing and Community Development to request a reallocation of funds and additional funding to transition 13 units from transitional housing to permanent supportive housing and add an additional eight units.

Tamte Southwood, Resident Manager, Catholic Charities of Spokane, House of Charity

Tamte Southwood came to Spokane in 2007 and fell on hard times. He is a veteran and a graduate of Berea Community High School. He became homeless for a brief time and became a Resident Client at Catholic Charities of Spokane's House of Charity. His skills, compassion, and ambition lead to him becoming employed as an Assistant Night Manager for the House of Charity's Shelter Program in 2013. In 2014, he was hired as a Resident Manager for Catholic Charities' Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing program. His compassion and intelligence have greatly improved the quality of life for Spokane's most vulnerable adults experiencing chronic homelessness and contributes to the success of the program.

A20 Does Class Matter In Homeless Advocacy?

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Participants in this workshop will engage in reflection and dialogue about an often taboo subject—class. The workshop will create opportunities for participants to explore their own class backgrounds and identities, as well as consider class dynamics that play out in their work for economic justice.

Presenters

Anita Garcia Morales, Equity & Race Relations Specialist, Seattle Public Schools/Class Action

Anita Garcia Morales received her BA and teaching degree from the University of Washington. After over 20 years as a classroom teacher in Seattle Public Schools (SPS), she moved to the district office where she was an Instructional Services Coach working with teachers and administrators for the last ten years of a more than 30-year career with SPS. She is currently

an Equity and Race Relations Specialist for the District. Anita also facilitates Courage and Renewal Circles of Trust, Positive Discipline parent/ guardian workshops, equity and race trainings, and has co-facilitated a cross-class retreat series. The common thread that runs through all that Anita does is her focus on social justice and equity.

Alan Preston, Managing Director, Real Change

Alan Preston is the Managing Director for Real Change Homeless Empowerment Project where he has worked for five years. Alan has committed his career to advocating for economic justice and using his privilege to challenge economic inequality. Alan is also a Senior Trainer with Class Action, a nonprofit whose mission is to inspire action to end classism. Alan has designed and facilitated programs on class for progressive foundations, giving circles, churches, and nonprofit organizations. He holds an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management and a BA in political science from Haverford College.

A21 Dispatch From Under The Dome: State Policy & Advocacy Update

Join this workshop for a recap of the 2015 Legislative Session and outcomes of policy and budget items related to homelessness and affordable housing. Advocacy resources and lobbying tips will be presented to aid your lawmaker engagement during the legislative interim, including a newly developed advocacy toolkit for combating the stigma and criminalization of homelessness.

Presenters

Kate Baber, MSW, Homelessness Policy & Advocacy Specialist, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Kate Baber joined the Housing Alliance in 2013 and works with its policy team to forward innovative, state-level solutions to ending homelessness, including the HEN/ABD programs, Medicaid services, funding for homelessness services, and the TANF program. Kate also works closely with the Housing Alliance's Homelessness Advisory Committee to monitor emerging homelessness issues and helps lead the Conference on Ending Homelessness' planning team. Kate has a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Washington and has worked on state-level safety net programs as a lobbyist and community organizer.

Michele Thomas, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Michele Thomas worked for eight years with the Tenants Union of Washington where she helped tenants organize for justice in their homes and to learn about their rights. During that time, she helped tenants successfully organize for their rights and to win new laws, including the "Slumlord Accountability Act" in 2005. With a desire to win more policies to advance the housing movement and increase the availability of safe, healthy, and affordable homes, Michele joined the staff of Washington Low Income Housing Alliance as the Director of Policy and Advocacy in September 2009.

Workshop Descriptions, Wednesday, May 13, 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

CEU Information Coming Soon

A22 Getting In On The Ground Floor: Housing Involvement In Accountable Communities Of Health

Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) are cross-sector, public-private partnerships charged with improving the health of their communities. Part of the State's Innovation Plan, they will have a role in steering health care transformation efforts, informing health care policy, and directing health care resources. Representatives from ACHs will discuss the opportunities to link housing and health by contributing to the development of the ACH in their region.

Presenters

Elya Moore, PhD, Deputy Director, Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement

Elya Moore is a graduate of the University of Washington (PhD), Harvard University (MS) and Tulane University (BA). She is committed to identifying the best strategies to improve both the health and well-being of her community, and the delivery of its care. Her current focus is on the development of a coordinated intensive case management system that is shared across organizational boundaries to provide patient-centered care for the most medically and behaviorally complex members of our community.

Chase Napier, Community Transformation Manager, Washington State Health Care Authority

Chase Napier is the Health Care Authority's Community Transformation Manager, leading Healthier Washington's Accountable Community of Health Initiative. Chase brings over six years of local, regional, and state policy development experience, including community engagement and outreach as a critical component of state policy improvement. He previously worked for the Washington State Employment Security Department and as Director of a local multi-sector nonprofit coalition that developed strategies to address social determinants of health through improved coordination of programs and services and increased community engagement.

Andy Silver, Executive Director, Council for the Homeless

Andy Silver joined the Council for the Homeless (CFTH) as Executive Director in February of 2012. Silver has led CFTH through a period of growth and reorganization of the homelessness system culminating in the March 2013 launch of the CFTH Housing Solutions Center, a one-stop access point for all publicly funded emergency shelter and housing programs designed to prevent and end homelessness. Andy has been very involved with the intersection of health and homelessness and is a board member of the Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance as well as the chair of the steering committee for the Healthy Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington.

A23 Outside The Box: Service Plans To Retain Housing – 1 CEU

Learn from a panel of front-line housing retention experts how to progressively engage your high-barrier clients in creating service plans that not only increase their housing stability but improve their program satisfaction. Real life examples illustrate how and when to use programmatic structure to help get your clients back on track.

Presenters

Malora Christensen, MSW, Housing Case Manager, Catholic Community Services

Malora Christensen works as a Housing Case Manager through Catholic Community Service's Permanent Supportive Housing program. During her tenure at CCS, Malora has demonstrated unusual creativity with her clients in creating collaborative service plans that reflect and address their goals. She actively partners with other community agencies through an intensive case management program designed for the highest utilizers of emergency and police systems. Malora is part of a housing team at CCS that is widely known in the community for being able to work with the "hardest to serve" clients in Whatcom County. Malora holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Washington.

Mike Parker, MSW, Housing Services Manager, Catholic Community Services

Mike Parker, Housing Manager for Catholic Community Services, has been working with persons who experience chronic homelessness since 2009. He began this work as a case manager working directly with individuals and families. Mike later graduated from the University of Washington with a Master in Social Work degree and now serves as the housing manager for CCS in Whatcom County. He continues to provide direct services and supervises a team of case managers who specialize in working with highly vulnerable persons with significant barriers. Additionally, he is actively involved in creating a program for Francis Place, a new 42-unit permanent supportive housing project, with Catholic Housing Services.

Adrienne Solenberger, Housing Case Manager, Catholic Community Services

Adrienne Solenberger, Housing Case Manager for Catholic Community Services, has been working with persons who experience chronic homelessness for the past five years. Adrienne has been utilizing a client-centered approach to cultivating service plans in her last 14 years of empowering at-risk youth and families. She is a part of the CCS housing team recognized in Whatcom County for finding creative alternatives to problematic behaviors and fostering foundations for optimal change. "Sustaining housing," she explains, "is not about the nuts and bolts [of the program]...it's the art you frame that makes a house a home."

A24 Outreach & Engagement: From The Streets To Housing – 1 CEU

How can we best assist during the transition from homelessness to housing? There are many factors that can lead to stress and isolation, or happiness and independence. Together we'll discuss ways we can make this transition time as seamless as possible by tailoring our approach to each individual.

Presenters

Lauren Fay, Project Manager, Aurora House, DESC

Lauren Fay has worked at DESC for over six years in the shelter, mental health outreach, and housing programs. She is a lead trainer for the DESC VAT team and is currently managing DESC's Aurora House—an 87-unit supportive housing complex.

Noah Fay, Project Manager, 1811 Eastlake, DESC

Noah Fay has worked at DESC for over a decade in the shelter, mental health outreach and housing programs. He is a lead trainer for the DESC VAT team and is currently managing DESC's 1811 Eastlake—a supportive housing program with an emphasis on serving people with chronic alcoholism.

A25 Employment Support & Resources For Homeless & Recently Housed Veterans – 1 CEU

There are many resources available to veterans through the Veterans Administration, State, and Counties. Eligibility and purposes of these programs are often confusing and conflicting. We will share knowledge gained from providing employment services to homeless veterans. We will focus on providers who may not have large numbers of veterans in their program, but wish to provide knowledgeable, comprehensive care that is sensitive to the veteran experience.

Presenters

Jessica Kessler, Veterans Employment Specialist, DESC

Jessica Kessler hails from the East Coast and graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor Degree in Political Science. After several years in Admissions and Student Services for Higher Education, she ventured into the unknown joining the Peace Corps and serving as a Youth Development Volunteer in Azerbaijan from 2009 to 2011. She then moved to the Seattle area and assisted with developing DESC's Veterans Employment Program funded by United Way. After almost two years supporting veterans in finding employment in Seattle, she has excelled at creating community partnerships and collaborating with housing staff to establish initiatives to vocationalize permanent supportive housing.

Whitney Limbach, Veterans Employment Specialist, DESC

Whitney Limbach hails from the mighty Midwest and graduated from Creighton University with a Bachelor Degree in Psychology and Gender Studies. Love and adventure led her to Seattle where she immediately found a position with AmeriCorps. Working with underserved youth and then refugees led to a career in refugee case management and then overseeing a refugee employment program. Enjoying assisting those who are seeking self-sufficiency, Whitney joined DESC and United Way's Veterans Employment Program a year ago. She has been helping homeless veterans look for work ever since.

A26 Tent Encampments As A Crisis Response To Homelessness

This session will focus on how homeless people, nonprofits, churches and local governments can partner on operating safe encampments for homeless families and individuals. Discussion topics will include best practices for case management, house rules, self-management, crisis response, and encampment legislation.

Presenters

Jarvis Capucion, Board Member, SHARE

Jarvis Capucion is a former resident of SHARE/WHEEL's Tent City 3. After recognizing the crisis of lack of shelter and affordable housing, Jarvis started advocating for and with homeless people. In 2012, Jarvis received the Real Change News 'Change Agent of the Year Award' for his advocacy—the first homeless person ever to receive the honor. Jarvis is currently a board member of SHARE (Seattle Housing and Resource Effort) and sits on the Interagency Council of the Committee to End Homelessness in King County.

Charese Jones, Manager of Supportive Services, Low Income Housing Institute

Charese Jones is the Supportive Services Manager for the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI). She has worked for LIHI for three years and is very committed to its mission to end homelessness. She graduated from Western Washington University in 2009 with a BA in Human Services. Shortly after graduating, she began her path to help end homelessness with the Community Psychiatric Clinic by working with single adults and families that suffer from chronic homelessness, mental health, and chemical dependency issues. Within the last year, she got an eye-opening experience while doing outreach at the Nickelsville homeless encampment. She was able to find permanent housing or shelter for over 80 single individuals, couples, and families.

Sharon Lee, MIT, Executive Director, Low Income Housing Institute

Sharon Lee has served as the Executive Director of the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) since 1994. Established in 1991, LIHI has become a premier housing nonprofit in the Pacific Northwest. Sharon served as a development and organizational consultant in 1990 and became LIHI's founding Executive Director in 1994.

A27 Transforming Organizations: Advancing Racial Equity

This workshop presents organizational examples of how racial equity is embedded throughout an organization. Organizational transformation that situates equity as a core value has greater potential to achieve social justice. Embracing a racial equity focus advances both racial and social justice, catalyzing organizations' abilities to reduce racial disparities and disproportionality.

Presenters

Monica Joe, Racial Equity Initiative Coordinator, Housing Development Consortium

Monica Joe is one of the Racial Equity Initiative Coordinators at the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County. She is currently a Master of Urban Planning candidate at the University of Washington College of Built Environments and will be graduating this June. Her background is in Urban Anthropology, and she received her Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree at Soka University of America in Orange County in 2013. Her current focus is on equity planning and equitable development, particularly with a race and social justice lens.

Sharyne Shiu Thornton, PhD, Strategic Advisor, Building Changes

Sharyne Shiu Thornton is the Strategic Advisor at Building Changes with a focus on racial equity. She is a medical anthropologist and a licensed mental health counselor in the State of Washington. Prior to her current position, she was the Deputy Director at Inter*Im Community Development Association (2012-13) and Executive Director at International District Housing Alliance (2007-12). For 12 years, she was a Senior Lecturer with the Department of Health Services, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington. Currently, she is Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Services, SPHCM. She has over 30 years of experience as a diversity/cultural competency trainer with a specialized focus on providing services, developing, managing, and evaluating programs for Asian/Pacific American immigrant/refugee (I/R) populations and urban American Indian/Alaska Native populations.

Reuben Waddy, Racial Equity Initiative Coordinator, Housing Development Consortium

Reuben Emanuel Waddy is a Racial Equity Initiative Coordinator for the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County. His educational background is from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign where he earned his degree in Landscape Architecture from 2007-2011. He worked for the Chicago Park District as an American with Disabilities Act Intern for the Policy Officer, where he surveyed over 100 Chicago parks for equity in access and development. His interest in racial equity work and addressing homelessness issues stems from his upbringing in South Side Chicago, where he witnessed a number of his friends not reach good outcomes in their lives because of their circumstances, which were born out of institutionally racist practices.

A28 Introduction To Result-Based Facilitation

This skill-building workshop is designed to build participants' capacity to design, participate in, and facilitate meetings to get results. Participants will learn about and apply a set of concepts, tools, behaviors, and skills that support moving groups from talk to action by holding conversations and groups to have focused conversations that move to achieving results.

Presenters

Sarah Cotton Rajski, MPA, Senior Manager, Building Changes

Sarah Cotton Rajski is a Senior Manager at Building Changes and a Certified Results-Based Facilitator. She provides capacity-building and technical assistance in the areas of results-based facilitation, change management, and leadership development. Her work includes the role of Coach/Facilitator for the Pierce County Leadership in Action Program. Prior to joining Building Changes, Sarah was a Research Associate with MEM Consultants while completing her Master in Public Administration from the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs at University of Washington and worked with homeless youth in San Francisco.

Alice Shobe, Executive Director, Building Changes

Alice Shobe is the Executive Director of Building Changes. Alice brings over 20 years of experience in homelessness, housing, philanthropy, and community development fields to her role as Executive Director. Alice joined Building Changes as Deputy Director in June 2008 and was promoted to Executive Director in April 2012. Previously, as the Director of Sound Families, she led efforts to create more than 1,400 units of service-based housing for vulnerable families. As the CEO of Philanthropy Northwest, she managed the operations of a 180-plus-membership organization and strategic efforts to launch The Giving Practice consultancy. In 2007, Alice was one of 16 professionals selected nationwide for the Annie E. Casey Foundation Children and Family Fellowship program. Alice began her career as a City Planner with A Regional Coalition for Housing and the City of Kent, Washington; she holds a BA in Urban Policy from James Madison College of Michigan State University and received her Results Based Facilitation Certification in 2011.

Keynote Address, Thursday, May 14, 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Keynote Address

Rosette Royale, Writer & Storyteller

Rosette Royale is a writer, speaker, and storyteller who lives in Seattle. For more than a decade, he worked as a reporter and editor of Real Change, a weekly Seattle paper sold on the street by people who are homeless or low-wage earners. In 2009, he won the Sigma Delta Chi Award for Feature Writing, a national journalism prize from the Society of Professional Journalists, for his three-part series “The Man who Stood on the Bridge,” about a sex offender with mental illness who jumped from the Aurora Bridge. He also won numerous awards for his four-part series “Gravity of Abuse,” about an abusive relationship between a homeless mother, who faced meth addiction, and her partner, who had ties to a white supremacist group. Rosette also received a Program Venture Fund grant from KUOW for a radio feature about a family raising a transgender child. He’ll be traveling to the Olympic National Park to camp out with a homeless man who will spend months in the park photographing how climate change is affecting the flora and fauna.

Workshop Descriptions, Thursday, May 14, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

B1 HIV/AIDS & Homelessness: Supportive Housing As A Health Care Intervention – 1.5 CEU

Participants will gain a clinical understanding of the challenges facing homeless individuals living with HIV/AIDS and an understanding of the critical role that supportive housing can have in: (1) reducing institutional costs associated with homelessness among people living with HIV/AIDS; (2) dramatically reducing the transmission of HIV/AIDS; and (3) removing barriers to housing stability, independence, and effective self-management of HIV/AIDS.

Presenters

Jeff Matheson, Homeless Program Lead, Bailey-Boushay House Outpatient Clinic

Jeff Matheson has worked in social services for 28 years and at Bailey-Boushay House since it’s opening in June of 1992. Jeff has worked extensively with the hardest-to-serve, hardest-to-house clients with HIV by using harm reduction and community-building to ensure maximum success in clients’ adherence to medications. Jeff has helped develop programming and clinical strategies to meet the mission of the Bailey-Boushay House Outpatient Program, which is to ensure equal access to positive outcomes to all people with HIV/AIDS, including those who are also affected by homelessness, chemical dependency, and mental health issues.

Hector Urrunaga-Diaz, Lead Medical Case Manager, Lifelong

Hector Urrunaga-Diaz provides support to clients who live with HIV/AIDS. He graduated in 2000 from the Social Work School at The Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and has attended several trainings related to the design and sustainability of social services. He started his career as a Housing Case Manager in 2009 at the Multi-Service Center, first as part of the Rapid Re-Housing Program for Individuals and later as part of the Family Shelter Program. In 2011, he joined the REACH Program in the HEET (HIV Enhanced Engagement Team) Project as a Clinical Case Manager to work with HIV/AIDS high-risk populations referred through the Jail Health System and Washington State Prisons. The focus of the intervention was to provide support on housing and health options. In 2013, he joined Lifelong as a Medical Case Manager and currently has responsibility for quality assurance in order to develop and maintain best practices in the Medical Case Management Team.

Walter Zisette, Director of Housing, Lifelong

Walter Zisette leads a team of ten housing case managers and program performance for eleven HIV/AIDS housing assistance programs (with an annual housing assistance budget of \$2.4 million). These Lifelong programs deliver housing case management and rental assistance to 750 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in King County. With Lifelong's recent merger with Evergreen Wellness Advocates, Walter also oversees HIV/AIDS housing assistance programs in 11 additional counties in Western Washington. Walter arrived at Lifelong in late 2013 with 20 years of experience in affordable and supportive housing development, local government, and nonprofit capacity building.

B2 Homeless At School: Growing Resources & Relationships For Homeless Youth & Families – 1.5 CEU

This session will showcase partnerships and provide tips on ways to grow resources for homeless students in your community from the perspective of school districts, housing authorities, and local government. The session will include review of an evaluation of an innovative partnership between short-term rental assistance and employment services that are returning homeless families to housing stability.

Moderator

Justin L. Montermini, President, Olympia School Board

Justin Montermini is the President of the Board of Directors at Olympia School District and Government and Community Relations Manager at the Washington State Department of Early Learning. Previously, he served as a policy analyst for the Washington Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. He has also worked for the Washington State House of Representatives and the Washington State Senate.

Panelists

Lydia Sanders, Homeless School Liaison, Battle Ground School District

Lydia Sanders is the Homeless Intervention Coordinator for Battle Ground Public Schools. She sits on the Clark County Community Action Advisory Board and the Clark County Continuum of Care Steering Committee. She continues to work on the Ending Family Homelessness work group and the Homeless and Foster Youth Access work group for the Clark County Continuum of Care. Lydia works to meet the needs of at-risk youth by her participation with the Youth Advisory Team for the Battle Ground Mentor Collaborative. Lydia is the director of a nonprofit teaching farm that provides mentorship to at-risk youth, and she is a foster parent for teens. She is currently leading the effort to coordinate a mentoring program for homeless parents to end their homelessness and is working to coordinate a teen crisis center in Clark County. Her work is grounded by her experience of homelessness through much of her childhood; she was also a foster child for six years. Lydia has a BA degree from Washington State University-Vancouver.

LaMont Green, MSW, LSWAIC, Senior Policy Analyst, City Manager's Office of Equity & Human Rights, City of Tacoma

LaMont Green is a senior policy analyst for the City of Tacoma, a volunteer grieving support facilitator for teens at Mary Bridges Children's Hospital, a member of the City of Tacoma's Human Services Commission, a board member of the Fair Housing Center of Washington, and an individual who formerly experienced homelessness as a young adult. Recently, LaMont has led an effort to create a continuum of options for unaccompanied youth and young adults

experiencing and coming out of homelessness. This has included the development of the Pierce County Youth and Young Adult Advisory Council and a plan to end youth/young adult homelessness that has resulted in multiple funders honing their priorities to include assisting youth and young adults affected by homelessness. Some of LaMont's career highlights include founding One Heart Café (a multigenerational space dedicated to youth and young adults searching for meaning in their life), serving as director of a Multicultural Achievement Program, and publishing research examining group identity and global consciousness. LaMont received his MSW from the University of Washington with a concentration in Community-Centered Integrative Practice.

Kristin Winkel, Director of Housing Programs, King County Housing Authority

Kristin Winkel's career spans 17 years in affordable housing and human services. Currently, she is the Director of Leased Housing Programs for King County Housing Authority (KCHA), where she oversees the Housing Choice Voucher program and the Homeless Initiatives department. Prior to joining KCHA in 2007, Kristin worked for seven years at Abt Associates, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the Social and Economic Policy Group, where she consulted to HUD and to Public Housing Authorities nationally. Kristin received a Master's Degree in Public Policy from Harvard University, JF Kennedy School of Government and a BA from Vassar College.

B3 Promising Practices To End Homelessness For Single Adults – 1.5 CEU

DESC will share findings on a recently launched rapid re-housing pilot for single adults and discuss evaluation plans to determine outcomes of the program and impacts on the lives of the participants. In addition, DESC, as key collaborator in King County's effort to move long-term shelter stayers to appropriate housing, will share the challenges and promising practices learned through this effort, as well as outreach, shelter and housing.

Presenters

Karyn Boerger, Manager of Entry Services, DESC

Karyn Boerger is the Manager of Entry Services for DESC and oversees two entry service projects serving homeless adults with the goal to transition them off the streets and out of homelessness. She has worked at DESC since 1997 as Project Manager for housing and shelter programs. Karyn is the lead trainer of DESC's Vulnerability Assessment Tool and a CPI-certified trainer for aggressive behavior management.

Christina Clayton, LICSW, CDP, Clinical Programs Entry Services Manager, DESC

Christina has worked at DESC since 1999 and currently oversees clinical entry programs including homeless outreach, intensive case management, assertive community treatment, crisis respite, integrated care, and local SOAR efforts. Prior to DESC, she worked in mental health, chemical dependency, and health in a variety of settings, including outpatient, residential, hospital, school-based, HIV/AIDS, housing, and teaching workshops. She is a practicum instructor and Affiliate Clinical Instructor at the University of Washington School of Social Work. She has presented at state and national conferences related to mental health and substance use issues and treatment approaches, HIV/AIDS, harm reduction, homelessness, PACT, outreach/engagement, primary care integration, and Housing First.

Erica Alexander, Assistant Manager of Supportive Housing, DESC

Erica Alexander is the Assistant Manager of Supportive Housing with DESC. She has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and has been with DESC since 2005.

B4 Bridging The Gap Between Domestic Sex Trafficking & Homelessness – 1.5 CEU

This session will inform and transform your thinking around survivors of domestic sex trafficking and their connection to homelessness. Workshop participants will learn about sex trafficking in Washington and the effects of sex trafficking on survivors, including access to housing and homelessness. Best practices of how to provide services to survivors of sex trafficking will be discussed.

Presenters

Nature Carter, Co-Founder, Changes & Empowerment Program

Nature Carter is a native of Seattle, and she has 20 years of professional experience and educational credentials in program development, social service, prevention and intervention practices, outreach, health education, chemical dependency, and case management. In 2004, Nature co-founded the nonprofit organization Changes and Empowerment: Programs to Empower, Educate, Build and Strengthen Lives for Positive Change. She used her income tax refund to fund her efforts to open up a safe place to provide the First Promise of Hope, which is a supportive housing program for women escaping the lifestyle of the sex industry and domestic sex trafficking victims. While completing grad school, Nature created a prevention curriculum for the first JOHN School facilitated by sex worker survivors onsite at Seattle Municipal Court. Nature has continued to lead the Sex Industry Survivors (SIS) Network, formerly known as the Prostitution Prevention Network. The SIS Network was established in August of 2005 when a few agencies identified that underserved youth and adults whom they worked with were involved commercial sex work and domestic trafficking in King County. The SIS Network's vision was to implement best practices to effectively work with domestic trafficking victims. The SIS Network evolved in 2010 to become a unique network of professionals whom are survivors to utilize culturally relevant approaches to forward its original mission. These approaches have included advocacy to improve public policies, programming, housing options, victim service strategies and restorative justice programs. She led a team of professional providers and survivors in 2014 to mobilize communities of color to provide recommendations to Washington's Statewide Coordinating Committee on Sex Trafficking.

Sheila Houston, Pastor, Rare Coins Ministries

Sheila Houston is a leader in the Sex Trafficking Movement and was recognized in 2012 by the Seattle Met Magazine as "The Finder of Lost Children." Sheila has appeared on Northwest Today Headline News with Jane-Velez-Mitchell, National Public Radio, and numerous local news outlets in Seattle. She has been a conference speaker for Saddleback Church, Soroptimist International, Jewish Synagogue, and First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue. Sheila's name is on a senate bill that changed how much prison time pimps and johns will receive, and her leadership has included of her direct involvement with over 2,500 girls and young women working on the streets of Seattle in prostitution/sex trafficking. From 2008 to 2011, she started men ministry in order to have men reach out young men involved in pimping. Sheila has trained and led hundreds of volunteers to be a light in the dark streets late at night, and she has trained organizations and leaders working with trafficking victims throughout Washington State and in Athens, Greece. Sheila's pastoral work on the streets has allowed

her to be the church with no walls. She has worked with medical doctors, the State of Washington, and Purdy Womens Prison. She brings awareness around the issues of racism, classism and all the other “-isms” that contribute to people choosing to be involved in the sex trafficking industry; she does this while telling her own story and the stories of those she served.

B5 Ending The Criminalization Of Homelessness In Washington State

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How do we respond to the criminalization of homelessness in our communities? Join this panel to explore the history of criminalization and current local examples. We will focus primarily on successes, challenges, lessons learned, and how to be involved in building strong movements to stop the criminalization of homelessness. We will hear from individuals who are working in a variety of settings across the state about their strategies to end the criminalization of homelessness.

Moderator

Andrea Marcos, Membership & Development Associate, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Andrea Marcos of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance spends half the year elbow-deep in the Housing Alliance database tracking data, and the other half helping run the Housing Alliance's Emerging Advocates Program (EAP). EAP is an advocacy and leadership-training program for people with direct experiences with housing instability or homelessness.

Panelists

Alison Eisinger, MSW, Executive Director, Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness

Alison Eisinger is the Executive Director of the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, which works to ensure safety and survival for people who are homeless and to end the crisis of homelessness in our region.

Michael Elliott and Virginia Jimenez, Organizers, Yakima ALPHA Team

Virginia Jimenez and Michael Elliott are organizers with the Yakima ALPHA Team. The ALPHA team is a group of advocates currently or previously experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Team members organize around issues relating to housing and homelessness in Yakima County and Washington State.

Sara Rankin, JD, MEd, Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills & Director, Homeless Rights Advocacy Project, Seattle University School of Law

Professor Sara Rankin's work often focuses on legal and policy issues concerning homeless Americans. She has been fortunate to work closely with many national, regional, and local advocacy groups across the nation on advancing homeless rights. Professor Rankin is particularly interested in the use of legislative and administrative tools to effect social change; she is a frequent commentator on legislative drafting, advocacy, and policymaking issues as a co-editor of the Legislation Law Prof Blog. A graduate of the New York University School of Law and the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Professor Rankin frequently publishes and presents on the social and political aspects of legal education reform, legal issues affecting the homeless, policy making, and legislative drafting and advocacy.

B6 Serving Transgender Clients – 1.5 CEU

Transgender individuals are often discriminated against, which leads to high rates of homelessness. This session will explore how support and wraparound services can change to effectively meet the complex needs of transgender individuals. We will provide tangible strategies on how to provide advocacy and create safer spaces for all.

Presenters

Ryan Yanke, Project Manager, Lyon Building, DESC

Ryan Yanke holds a Master's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Colorado State University. Ryan has presented his research on the treatment of Trans* individuals by medical and mental health professionals in both academic and professional conferences. He has been invited as a guest lecturer to cover a variety of issues that influence the lives of Trans* identified individuals across the life span. Ryan is currently a Project Manager of the DESC Lyon Building.

Levi Dineson, Project Manager, Cotton Grove Commons, DESC

Levi Dineson graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz with a double major in Feminist Studies and Literature. He has been working for DESC since 2007 and is currently the Project Manager for DESC's newest location in West Seattle. Since moving to Seattle, Levi helped form the Seattle Street Medic Collective, which focuses on providing emergency response trainings to the community with a focus on Trans* awareness and social justice.

Workshop Descriptions, Thursday, May 14, 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

B7 Practical Harm Reduction Strategies – 1 CEU

Harm reduction is a person-centered approach to help people who use licit or illicit drugs live more safely. We will explore various harm reduction strategies individuals can adopt in their daily lives, and what strategies service providers can implement based on the level of participation an individual is prepared to make.

Presenters

Daniel Malone, MPH, Deputy Director, DESC

Daniel Malone has worked at DESC in Seattle for 25 years, providing direct services, managing programs, and helping run all aspects of the organization. A major emphasis of Daniel's work has been designing, implementing, and evaluating programs for chronically homeless people with serious mental illness and addiction problems.

JanRose Ottaway MSW, Martin, Clinical Supervisor, DESC

JanRose Ottaway Martin holds a Master of Social Work degree, and she has worked at DESC for six years in the outpatient mental health program and more recently as a Clinical Supervisor. She specializes in working with people suffering from co-occurring disorders as well as more specifically working with African immigrants and the geriatric population. JanRose

started a committee at DESC to start working on the issues and barriers facing its aging population, and she also serves as a trainer for the Vulnerability Assessment Tool.

B8 Partnering With Landlords For Housing Placement & Retention – 1 CEU

Learn from the experts about how to engage landlords, develop relationships, and advocate for your clients in order to improve outcomes in your rapid re-housing or prevention program. Session will include tactics, tools, and models for working with high-barrier clients.

Presenters

Kristen Hill, Housing Retention Manager, Whatcom Homeless Service Center

Kristin Hill has worked with the Whatcom Homeless Service Center/Opportunity Council for the past six years housing individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Her current title is Housing Retention Manager. Kristin currently oversees two HUD programs that master lease housing for individuals who are chronically homeless and have mental/physical disabilities. Kristin worked as a property manager for 15 years prior to coming to the Opportunity Council. This prior experience provided insights into how the property management system work.

Michael Justin, Housing Case Manager, Catholic Community Services

Michael Justin is a Housing Case Manager with Catholic Community Services and has been working with the homeless population in Bellingham since June 2012. Michael received a Bachelor Degree in Psychology from Winona State University in 1987 and has nearly 14 years of experience providing outpatient case management services, two and a half years of experience providing residential services to the chronically mentally ill, and four years of experience providing inpatient psychiatric care. He believes strongly in the models of advanced case management and intensive case management to deliver an array of services to highly complex individuals who are identified as some of the most difficult people to serve.

Adrienne Solenberger, Housing Case Manager, Catholic Community Services

Adrienne Solenberger is a Housing Case Manager with Catholic Community Services and has been working with persons who experience chronic homelessness for the past five years. Beginning her career in 2001 working with at-risk youth and families has provided her with a repertoire of experience connecting constituents with community resources to build sustainable lives. Adrienne's expertise in cultivating and preserving both private and corporate landlord relationships is directly reflected in clients' ability to maintain safe and stable housing.

B9 The Amazing Power Of Pet Therapy & Service Animals – 1 CEU

Keith, Jack, and Muppet will present the latest discoveries on the positive effects of pets on people in crisis and those who serve them. This practical and fun workshop will help anyone considering adopting a pet therapy or client pet kennel model, while highlighting Washington's laws concerning service animals.

Presenters

Keith Galbraith, Executive Director, Family Renewal Shelter

Keith Galbraith has been the Executive Director of Family Renewal Shelter for the last 25 years. Family Renewal Shelter is a regional Christian Humanitarian Organization based in

Tacoma, Washington that provides confidential safe house shelter to extreme high-risk victims of domestic violence. Under Galbraith's leadership, Family Renewal Shelter has developed innovative programs such as: 24-hour victim emergency rescue and relocation, pet therapy, a kennel program for resident's pets, Cars for Families, and an on-site auto repair shop. From 1994 to 1999, Galbraith chaired the Pierce County Commission against Domestic Violence, which in 1995 established Pierce County's first Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence. Keith currently chairs the Tacoma/Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness, serves on the Washington Attorney General's Violence against Women Advisory Group and the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance. He was selected as Citizen of the Year 2013 by South Sound Magazine and is one of the authors of "God's Reconciling Love: A Pastor's Handbook on Domestic Violence."

Jack, Lead Therapy Dog, Family Renewal Shelter

Jack is a nine-year-old Lab Irish Setter who has helped to comfort and calm countless children and their mothers, bringing hope and joy to everyone he can. He loves people more than animals and is incredibly sensitive and gentle. Jack has served with distinction at Family Renewal Shelter for eight years.

Muppet, Therapy Dog in Training, Family Renewal Shelter

Muppet is a three-year-old Golden Doodle who has served at the Family Renewal Shelter for two years and continues to learn, mature, and calm down. He loves to play, run, and chase anything thrown. He has boundless energy, but when play is over, he is very affectionate and interactive. He is a real plus and much loved.

B10 Housing 3000: High-Impact Interventions For Chronically Homeless Individuals

Participants will gain an understanding of: (a) best practices for developing an interagency, multidisciplinary response to chronic homelessness and (b) fostering effective relationships between governmental and nonprofit agencies serving homeless people. Participants will also learn about new initiatives for ending chronic homelessness in Washington, including: (i) opportunities to leverage the Affordable Care Act; (ii) converting transitional housing into permanent supportive housing; (iii) utilizing consolidated data to match people with appropriate interventions; and (iv) using mainstream resources to help high-need populations retain housing.

Presenters

Jay Lee, JD, Staff Attorney, HomeBase

Jay Lee is a Staff Attorney at HomeBase, a San Francisco-based, nonprofit legal and technical assistance agency whose mission is to advance solutions to homelessness. Mr. Lee provides a wide variety of HUD technical assistance to communities and states across the country. Since 2014, he has worked with the Washington Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness on implementing the Housing 3000 Policy Academy.

Melodie Pazolt, Supported Employment/Supported Housing Program Administrator, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery

Melodie Pazolt has operated 12 grants/contracts in conjunction with direct services to consumers of mental health services, as well as individual who are homeless. Ms. Pazolt is currently the Supported Employment/Supported Housing Program Administrator for the DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery. Ms. Pazolt brings an understanding of the issues and systems that face individuals with psychiatric disorders and individuals who are homeless.

B11 Empowering Your Board To Become Advocacy Champions

Advocacy by board members and volunteers is very powerful. Strategies to make advocacy easy so that everyone can get involved will be discussed. Learn essential tips and tools for developing advocacy priorities, getting board members and volunteers ready to advocate, prompting quick responses to calls to action, and achieving maximum impact.

Moderator

Ben Miksch, Affordable Housing Policy & Advocacy Specialist, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Ben Miksch works on affordable housing policy and advocacy for the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, and serves on the board of the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness. He has spent nearly a decade working in politics in one form or another, including spending several years in Washington, D.C. working on tax and housing policy for U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell.

Panelists

Darel Harrison, Board Member & Advocacy Committee Chair, Imagine Housing

Darel Harrison has lived and worked on the Eastside of Seattle since 1981. She has been involved in a wide variety of community activities aimed at improving the quality of life of Eastside citizens. Darel brings a great amount of energy and enthusiasm to these community support initiatives. Darel has served for eight years on the Board of Directors of Imagine Housing. The mission of Imagine Housing is to empower individuals and families, support diversity and strengthen communities by developing permanent affordable rental housing and providing supportive services. Imagine Housing has developed 485 affordable living apartments, which are home to 1,100 individuals and families in Mercer Island, Issaquah, Redmond, Bellevue, and Kirkland. Residents include low-income families, veterans, seniors, teens, and children--who deserve homes they can afford and the support they need to become contributing members of our community. Darel was involved in the development of Imagine Housing's Advocacy Committee and is an active community advocate.

Ann Levine, JD, Director of Philanthropy, LifeWire

Ann Levine has devoted her professional life to addressing issues of housing and homelessness. Ann recently joined LifeWire's team as the Director of Philanthropy. By building relationships and alliances with board members and major donors, Ann ensures ongoing support for LifeWire's work to help survivors of intimate partner violence achieve safety, support, and security. For the prior six years, Ann served as the Executive Director of Imagine Housing, a nonprofit organization focused on creating affordable housing and delivering supportive services to homeless and other low-income individuals and families in East King County. Ann worked closely with Imagine Housing's Board of Directors and supporters on local and state advocacy regarding housing issues.

Karen Tennyson, Advocacy Committee Member, Imagine Housing

Karen Tennyson has been involved in championing affordable housing for the Eastside of Lake Washington for almost 20 years. As a member of the Kirkland Planning Commission for eight years and as a member of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) citizen advisory board, she has advocated for and influenced zoning changes and funding that have brought many affordable housing developments to the Eastside. Karen's advocacy grew as she became involved with the Housing Alliance and discovered Imagine Housing. Through work on the advocacy committees of both organizations, she has developed a deeper understanding of how effective getting involved can be. One of her goals is to meet with every legislator that represents a legislative district on the Eastside. Every year, she has expanded her outreach to elected officials to support bills and to come before city councils and planning commissions in support of housing regulations that bring a more welcoming environment for all those who work in our cities.

B12 Housing Immigrants, Refugees, & American Muslims

Speakers from Muslim Housing Services (MHS) and CAIR-Washington will provide an overview of Muslim communities in our state. Participants will have a better understanding of the characteristics of the population, Islamic religious practices to be aware of, and practical tips for working effectively with American Muslims, immigrants, and refugees from countries with large Muslim populations. The session will include a formal presentation for 30 minutes and then at least 30 minutes dedicated to answering questions to help participants work effectively with Muslim and other immigrant communities.

Presenters

Arsalan Bukhari, Executive Director, CAIR-Washington

Arsalan Bukhari is CAIR-Washington's Executive Director. Motivated by the growing prejudice against Muslims, Bukhari started as a volunteer with CAIR-WA with a resolve to establish a center for professional Muslim activism in Washington state and helped launch a new era for CAIR's Seattle office. In a little over 4 years, the one-man franchise continues to grow into an institution that fosters cutting-edge professional activism. Bukhari is frequently interviewed by newspapers, radio, and TV venues—local, national, and international. Bukhari also speaks on contemporary social issues including civil rights, civic engagement, media relations, and the American Muslim experience in Seattle at various university campuses in Seattle and around the Northwest. An alumnus of the Seattle Police Department's Citizen's Academy, he leads local efforts to foster positive relations with law enforcement officials, elected officials, political appointees, and representatives of various governmental agencies. Prior to joining CAIR, Bukhari was Contract Administrator at the Boeing Company and an activist in the fields of interfaith collaboration and community outreach. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Finance from Seattle University.

Rizwan Rizwi, Executive Director, Muslim Housing Services

Rizwan was born and grew in Newcastle upon Tyne, England and graduated from Newcastle University with a Bachelor's Degree with Honors in Business Management and later a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is a member of the Association of MBA's (AMBA) UK, is Securities Licensed, and a Fiduciary for the clients that he advises in several countries. Rizwan has extensive experience in the investment industry and spent a number of years managing an Equity Portfolio at SMITH BARNEY Citigroup. Since 2012 in addition to running

SAR Wealth Management, he has been the Executive Director of Muslim Housing Services (MHS). MHS is a culturally competent homeless prevention charity based in Seattle, Washington. In 2014, MHS helped house over a 1,000 people across King County who were mainly homeless refugees and immigrants.

Representative, CAIR-Washington

Presenter Info Coming Soon

B13 Politics, Elections, & You: How Political Campaigns Work, The Rules, & Getting Involved!

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Ever wondered how the election cycle relates to your work? How to get involved? What the rules are? Where to start? Learn the basics, ask questions about how campaigns really work, and prepare for this year's election. A great place for 501(c)3 staff to get the lowdown on what's good-to-go and what's a NO GO!

Presenters

Rebecca Roy, MSW, Community Projects Manager, Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness

Rebecca is the Community Projects Manager at the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness. She is responsible for key coalition efforts, including the annual One Night Count of people who are homeless outside; their work to support students who are homeless through Project Cool for Back-to-School; and their campaign to ensure every eligible voter can register, vote, and participate fully in the democratic process no matter where they sleep at night. Rebecca holds a BA in Psychology with an emphasis on cognition research from Western Washington University and a Master's Degree in Social Work with a concentration in Policy and Administration from the University of Washington.

Brianna Thomas, Field Director, Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund

Brianna Thomas has been a community activist and organizer in and around Seattle for the last decade. Brianna began her community work at the Church Council of Greater Seattle, and then graduated from the University of Washington. She honed her policy skills in Olympia, and sharpened her campaign skills on campaigns including "No on 1185" against unconstitutional Tim Eyman's 2/3's requirement to raise taxes and "Yes for SeaTac" the first initiative in the country to raise a city's minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Currently, Brianna is the Field Director for the Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund working across the state to ensure affordable housing for working families, and working toward solutions to the growing problem of homelessness.

Lunch, Thursday, May 14, 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

Keynote Address: Writing A New Story

Rosette Royale, Writer & Storyteller

Rosette Royale is a writer, speaker, and storyteller who lives in Seattle. For more than a decade, he worked as a reporter and editor of Real Change, a weekly Seattle paper sold on the street by people who are homeless or low-wage earners. In 2009, he won the Sigma Delta Chi Award for Feature Writing, a national journalism prize from the Society of Professional Journalists, for his three-part series “The Man who Stood on the Bridge,” about a sex offender with mental illness who jumped from the Aurora Bridge. He also won numerous awards for his four-part series “Gravity of Abuse,” about an abusive relationship between a homeless mother, who faced meth addiction, and her partner, who had ties to a white supremacist group. Rosette also received a Program Venture Fund grant from KUOW for a radio feature about a family raising a transgender child. He’ll be traveling to the Olympic National Park to camp out with a homeless man who will spend months in the park photographing how climate change is affecting the flora and fauna.

Workshop Descriptions, Thursday, May 14, 1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

CEU Information Coming Soon

B14 The Death Of A Client, Grief In The Work Place, & The Support Of Frontline Staff – 1 CEU

Frontline staff often share the hopes of their clients, care deeply, and walk alongside them through the challenges and victories they experience. Should frontline staff experience the loss of a client through death, they can be profoundly affected. This workshop explores ways to support oneself, co-workers, and staff through this experience.

Presenters

Jeff Buchan, Clinical Development Manager, Plymouth Housing

Jeff Buchan has 25 years experience, including developing a residential drug and alcohol treatment program for homeless individuals and working as a social worker with HIV/AIDS, mental health and end of life clients. He currently supervises housing case managers and provides consultation and support for frontline staff at Plymouth Housing.

Pat Lively, MSW, Advocate

Pat Lively has been an activist/advocate for marginalized people since the early 1970s. She has worked with people who are homeless; created Angeline’s Day Center for chronically mentally ill and homeless women; and worked with survivors of domestic violence, mental health, HIV/AIDS, hospice, and oncology clients.

B15 Strategies For Rapid Re-Housing: Housing Retention As Homelessness Prevention – 1 CEU

Retention assistance is a critical component for long-term housing stability for some families that need additional support after their rapid re-housing rental subsidy ends. Attendees will hear from providers from both sides of the mountains who are testing the promising strategies that are preventing returns to homelessness.

Presenters

Emily Mirra, Manager, Building Changes

Emily Mirra is a manager at Building Changes and provides capacity building and technical assistance in the areas of rapid re-housing and systems alignment. Her work includes supporting the state-wide implementation of rapid re-housing programs and other key strategies to reducing family homelessness. Prior to joining Building Changes, Emily worked as an adult educator in immigrant and refugee community-based organizations.

Steffanie Bonwell, MIT, Homeless Programs Manager, Housing Authority of Grant County

Steffanie Bonwell has been the Homeless Programs Manager for the Housing Authority of Grant County for the past four years. She has nearly 20 years experience working with distressed populations. She currently manages the TBRA and CHG/HEN programs and is a new recipient of a Washington Families Fund service grant.

Patty Gregory, Director of Programs & Operations, Family Support Center of South Sound

Patty Gregory has been the Director of Programs and Operations for the Family Support Center of South Sound since 2006 and has been working at the agency since 2002. She has demonstrated expertise in developing and implementing programs and services that support strong, healthy families and children, including successful implementation of multiple federal, state, and local homeless programs, such as rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, permanent supportive housing, and family shelter programs. In addition to her experience working with homeless families, Patty is known in the community as an advocate and leader in the field of education and family support. She is an active member of many local coalitions, including the Thurston Council for Children and Youth, Thurston Early Childhood Coalition, Success by Six, and the Right From the Start Rochester planning team. Patty is an elected school board director for the Griffin School District and a representative on the statewide Small Schools Committee and OSPI Title 1 taskforce.

B16 Now Your Client Is Housed, What's Next? A Journey From Survival To Living – 1 CEU

The goal of this workshop is to present how working with individuals to meet their basic needs accompanied with social and community engagement can lead to housing retention. We will present a multitude of creative strategies we have used over the years to help many challenging clients not only keep their housing, but create a home.

Presenters

Shelby Buchanan, Project Manager, Canaday House, DESC

Shelby Buchanan has worked with DESC for the past 14 years in supportive housing. She holds a Certificate as a Geriatric Mental Health Professional and a Degree in Criminology. Shelby is currently the Project Manager of Canaday House at DESC and has been actively working with the Housing First model for the past decade.

Del Lausa, Clinical Support Specialist, Rainier House, DESC

Del Lausa started her career at DESC as a Residential Counselor at the Morrison Hotel and is currently a Clinical Support Specialist at DESC's Rainier House. Prior to her work at DESC,

she spent nearly five years working with at-risk and homeless youth in Seattle. Del also holds a PhD in American Literature, with an emphasis on cultural/identity theory and has taught extensively in the humanities.

Ryan Yanke, Project Manager, Lyon Building, DESC

Ryan Yanke holds a Master's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Colorado State University. He has served highly vulnerable and formally homeless residents struggling with a variety of co-occurring disorders at DESC for the last five years. He has worked as a frontline staff member, a housing case manager, and now as a project manager of the Lyon Building.

B17 Building Your Toolbox: Incorporating Best Practices Into Your Coalition

Improve outcomes for your continuum of care coalition (CoC) by incorporating "best practice" trainings into your provider support system. CoC partnerships provide a significant pool of resources for high-caliber training to frontline providers, managers, and agency leaders. Elevate service quality for frontline service providers, build collaboration, strengthen your coalition, and achieve improved system outcomes.

Presenters

Kate Budd, Program Coordinator, Clark County Department of Community Services

Kate Budd serves as a program coordinator with Clark County Department of Community Services, focusing on homeless system coordination and programs. She previously worked with the Oregon State Commission on Voluntary Action and Service, the Council for the Homeless, and the Girls Scouts. She is a proud AmeriCorps alumna, holds a Masters of Social Work from Eastern Washington University, and enjoys the out-of-doors.

Chuck Hendrickson, Executive Director, Love Overwhelming

Chuck Hendrickson has worked in the social services and mental health sector for the past 15 years in Cowlitz County. During this time, Chuck has assisted with development of mental health housing, vocational programs, an urban rest stop, an emergency low barrier shelter, Cowlitz County's Coordinated Entry and Assessment System, and intensive community service projects. In 2011, he founded a nonprofit organization called Love Overwhelming and serves as the current Executive Director. Chuck is the current Chair of the Cowlitz County Housing First Coalition, serves as Cowlitz County's SOAR team lead, is an active member of several community coalitions and boards, serves on his City's Planning Commission, and actively works towards coordination and collaboration of homeless services and housing programs.

Melissa Taylor, Planning Manager, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments

Melissa Taylor is the Planning Manager at Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments and serves as the Ten Year Plan Lead for Cowlitz County. She has provided staff support to the Cowlitz Housing First! Coalition for the past nine years and provides oversight for local homeless programs funded through document recording fees, state, and federal resources. Melissa led the development of the Ten Year Plan as well as periodic updates to the plan. She serves on the State Advisory Council on Homelessness. Melissa has worked as a community planner for over 30 years for municipal, county, regional, and educational organizations.

B18 Western Regional Advocacy Project: Update On Homeless Bill Of Rights & Without Housing Campaigns

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Learn about WRAP's HBR campaign to halt the reemergence of yesteryears anti-okie and sundown town ordinances that have reemerged, including "Right To Rest" legislation pending in California, Oregon, and Colorado. Join us to discuss grassroots organizing as a strategy to forward reinvestment and expansion of low-cost housing while protecting the civil and human rights of poor and homeless people.

Presenter:

Paul Boden, Executive Director, Western Regional Advocacy Project

Paul Boden became homeless at the age of 16 after the death of his mother. He began volunteering at a drop-in shelter in San Francisco in 1983, eventually becoming a program director there. He then worked as a case manager in a supportive hotel program for mentally ill people. Paul served as Executive Director of San Francisco's Coalition on Homelessness for 16 years and founded the Community Housing Partnership, a nationally recognized permanent housing corporation with optional supportive services. He served as president of its Board for ten years. Paul was also a board member of the National Coalition for the Homeless and co-chair of its Civil Rights and Grassroots Organizing Workgroup. He has received dozens of community awards during the last 25 years and recognition from the city and county of San Francisco, California, and Congress. Paul regularly writes articles and op-eds and travels nationally giving talks and trainings.

B19 Legal Issues For Housing Programs – 1 CEU

There are many laws participants should be aware of that protect important rights of homeless people and impose responsibilities on housing providers. This workshop will provide an overview of landlord-tenant law, eviction law, fair housing law, due process requirements, and will discuss how these laws impact homeless housing programs.

Jennifer Ammons, JD, MSW, Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project

Jennifer Ammons is a legal aid attorney with the Northwest Justice Project, serving homeless families in Pierce County under a grant from Building Changes. Jennifer holds a bachelor degree in psychology from Duke University, a Master of Social Work degree from San Diego State University, and a law degree from California Western School of Law, where she served as Executive Editor of the law review. Jennifer was a law clerk to the Honorable Gerry Alexander, Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court, before joining the Northwest Justice Project in 2007. Jennifer then went into private practice with a Social Security Disability law firm before rejoining NJP in late 2013. She practices primarily housing law, family law, and administrative law. She is a member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Washington State Bar Association, and California Bar Association.

Stephen Parsons, JD, Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project

Steve Parsons has been a staff attorney in the Tacoma office of the Northwest Justice Project since 1996, where he practices primarily in the area of landlord-tenant law with a focus on federally subsidized housing and mobile home issues, and secondarily in the areas of consumer law and civil rights. Before joining the Northwest Justice Project, he worked with

Puget Sound Legal Assistance Foundation in Tacoma. He is a member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and Washington Bar Association. Mr. Parsons received his BA degree in history from Amherst College and his JD from Seattle University School of Law in 1993.

B20 Developments In Federal Policy & Funding

The federal government is a critical partner for communities working to prevent and end homelessness. This workshop will review current budget proposals, best practices that are being promoted by federal partners, and will provide an opportunity for a candid discussion about federal policy and the role of the federal government in our work to end homelessness in Washington.

Moderator

Ben Miksch, Affordable Housing Policy & Advocacy Specialist, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Ben Miksch works on affordable housing policy and advocacy for the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, and he serves on the board of the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness. He has spent nearly a decade working in politics in one form or another, including spending several years in Washington, D.C. working on tax and housing policy for U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell.

Panelists

Bill Block, Regional Administrator, Region X (serving: AK, ID, OR & WA), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Bill Block is the HUD Regional Administrator for Region X, serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Bill began his career in Seattle as a lawyer focusing on complex real estate transactions on behalf of both private and public entities. In 2005, he left the law to become Director of the Committee to End Homelessness, where he was responsible for working with 70 local government, nonprofit and for-profit entities, faith-based communities, philanthropies and formerly homeless people in implementing the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Seattle/King County. Among other civic involvements, he has served Chair of the Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners when it planned and constructed HOPE VI projects, President of AIDS Housing of Washington (now Building Changes), Chair of the Seattle Center Advisory Commission, Chair of the Seattle Low Income Housing Levy Oversight Committee, and board member of the Workforce Development Council of Seattle/King County.

Katy Miller, Regional Coordinator, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

Katy Miller is a Regional Coordinator on the National Initiatives team at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. She serves as a principal representative and bridge between the work of the full council and states and communities. In this role, she is responsible for facilitating the strategic implementation of the Opening Doors initiative specifically in Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington State. Katy has been working for more than 19 years as an advocate, housing provider, and funder of housing and services in Seattle and King County. She is passionate about creating innovative connections and solutions towards ending homelessness.