

**Washington Families Fund Systems Initiative Strategy Convening
October 29, 2012**

**Location: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Convening Center
500 Fifth Avenue North, Seattle, WA**

AGENDA

- 8:30: Coffee and Conversation
- 9:00: Welcome Video
- 9:05: **Welcome & Opening Remarks:** Alice Shobe, Building Changes, and David Bley, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 9:15: **Keynote:** "What Microsoft Can Teach Us About Ending Homelessness": Jeff Raikes, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 9:45: **Panel Conversation:** County Executives Dow Constantine (King County), Pat McCarthy (Pierce County) and Aaron Reardon (Snohomish County)
- 10:30: BREAK
- 10:45: **The Past Three Years:** Where did we start and how far we have come?
- Alice Shobe, Facilitator, with State Representative Ruth Kagi and guests from King County's Coordinated Entry program, the Tacoma School District/Tacoma Housing Authority McCarver School Collaboration, and Snohomish County Legal Services
- 12:15: Lunch
- 1:15: Reconvening Video
- 1:20 **The Next Three Years:** How do we build on our momentum? What are our best bets for the future?
- David Wertheimer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Facilitator, with Nan Roman, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Mark Johnston, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Deb Rog, Westat.
- 2:20: BREAK

2:45 **Facilitated Breakout Sessions:** Attendees will participate in two sessions.

- Deeper Dive into Westat Families Data: What does the data suggest about service needs, housing barriers, and employment in the tri-county region? Facilitated by Deb Rog and Margaret Woley, Building Changes.
- Deeper Dive into Rapid Re-housing and Transitional Housing Conversion: What are the implications about a systems shift towards rapid re-housing, and what lessons can be learned from other communities that are making this transition? What are the nuts and bolts of shifting our existing housing stock to new uses at the local level? Facilitated by Debbie Thiele, Corporation for Supportive Housing and Emily Nolan, Building Changes.
- Thinking about Income and Jobs: How can we create improved opportunities for employment and wage progression for homeless families? Facilitated by Kathryn Henderson, Westat, and Nick Codd, Building Changes.

3:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS SWITCH

4:15: BREAK

4:30: **Breakout Sessions Report Outs:** What themes emerged from these breakout discussions? What implications do these themes have for our future work together? Facilitated by Emily Nolan and Kollin Min, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

5:00: **Next Steps:** Facilitated by Alice Shobe

5:30: Cocktail Reception

6:00: Dinner in the Atrium

6:45: **Excerpts from the Seattle Children's Theatre's production of Danny, King of the Basement:** Facilitated by Linda Hartzell, Seattle Children's Theatre, and Kollin Min

7:15: Coffee and Dessert

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- 9:00: **Reflections on Yesterday and Framing Today:** Emily Nolan, Building Changes, and Kollin Min, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 9:30: **The Role of the Funder and the Intermediary:** Jackie MacLean, King County, Facilitator, with Alice Shobe and Emily Nolan, Building Changes, and David Wertheimer and Kollin Min, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 10:15: BREAK
- 10:30 **Learning from the Westat Evaluation:** Deb Rog, Westat
- 11:15: **Opportunities and Challenges of Housing Conversion:** Debbie Thiele, Corporation for Supportive Housing
- 12:00: Lunch
- 1:00: **The State Perspective:** David Stillman and Jodi Becker-Green, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Dan McConnon, Washington State Department of Commerce
- 1:30: **County and State Breakouts:** Debbi Knowles, King County, Troy Christensen, Pierce County, Mary Jane Brell, Snohomish County, and Dan McConnon, Facilitators
- 2:30: BREAK
- 2:45 **Breakout Reports and Next Steps:** Emily Nolan and Kollin Min, Facilitators
- 3:15 Optional Consultations and Discussion Time