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Legislature Convenes on Time after Passage of Most County Priorities

After 105 days, the Legislature adjourned on time after passing many significant measures. With time slipping away, the Legislature made one last effort to pass a transportation package on the final day/and with bipartisan support, it passed 54-44. Counties will receive \$8 million in FY05 and \$16 million a year from FY06 and beyond, the first increase in the local share of the gas tax in 15 years. In addition **SSB 5177** provides the same voter approved local options taxes that are now available to the RTID to all counties in the state. A record total of 522 bills were delivered to the Governor bettering the previous high of 519.

This really was an extraordinary year for counties. With huge budget deficits facing the state, WSAC was able to pass nearly every one of our priority pieces of legislation and limited legislation that would have been harmful. We passed a permanent method of funding counties with a low tax-base providing at least \$10 million for the biennium and we passed a court funding bill that will provide \$19 million in current expense funds for all counties as well as a bill that recognizes the state has a responsibility to begin funding indigent defense. There is additional funding in the court funding bill that starts to move dependency defense costs to the state resulting in further county savings as well as other state funded programs that will help keep people out of jails and other court costs

that had been county-provided.

The top priority of funding the mental health gap caused by the federal cuts to Medicare passed in the budget at \$80 million as well as another \$70 million for other human service programs including substance abuse and developmental disabilities. In addition, WSAC successfully beat back an attempt to change the governance of RSNs and received council -manic authority to impose a one-tenth cent local option sales tax that will raise up to \$100 million a year for mental health and substance abuse. There was also \$10 million to end chronic homelessness.

In the capitol budget there was \$4.5 million for the Clark County mental health center and \$1.5 million for Spokane E&T center, \$2.5 million for farm worker infrastructure and \$20 million for housing trust fund. There was also \$5 million for historic county courthouse preservation, the first time since the state has provided funds to restore county courthouses since Columbia County renovated their beautiful historic building in 1990 or 1991.

After many years, the indigent veterans statutes were streamlined assisting many counties. This was a team effort with King and Clark taking the lead. The conservation futures revenues may now use up to 15% for operation and maintenance providing more flexible use of earmarked funds. And attempts to eliminate attorney-client privileges were

beaten back by a coalition of local government interests.

By any standard the counties had a very good year in the Legislature. While not all of our positions

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prevailed, most of them did in spite of a \$2 billion budget deficit. Those that did not pass had strong support and are very much alive for the 2006 session. One of the reasons we did so well was that so many of you, the members, have been successfully telling the "county story" to your legislators. It is important now to thank them for the successes we have had and to educate them on those issues that still need to be addressed. Equally as important is that each of you write letters to the

Governor urging her to sign bills that passed and helped the counties. A summary of the status of WSAC and WACO priority bills is attached below.

WSAC and WACO are here to serve our members. If there is any issue you need assistance on or want the Associations to contact legislators on your behalf during the interim please give us a call.

Budget, Finance and Taxes

Both WACO/Treasurers' Priority Bills Pass

SHB 1158, streamlining county treasurers' administrative procedures and **2SHB 1240**, funding the

development of an automated system to process real estate excise taxes, passed the legislature this session.

Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

Felon-Friendly Bills Fail

HB 1359/SB 5611 would have reduced the interest rates on the legal financial obligations of convicted felons, while **HB 1358/SB 5339** would have allowed an offender to secure a certificate of discharge and the ability to vote if all conditions of the sentence had been met except for payment of legal financial obligations. None of the bills passed this session. The main proponents of the bills were religious interests who are part of projects for inmates re-entering society and hold the belief that reducing the obligation and allowing an offender to vote will reduce recidivism.

Breaking up is hard to do...

Or at least will be more expensive. The passage of **E2SSB 5454** increases the Superior Court filing fee for dissolution, legal separation or declaration of invalidity, among other fees, from \$110 to \$200. Add \$10 if the county has a court facilitator program and then the mandatory \$30 imposed by **ESHB 1314** to fund the domestic violence prevention account. Of the \$30 earmarked for domestic violence prevention, \$24 is remitted to the state for non-shelter community based programs to be administered by the Department of Social and Health Services. The remaining \$6 stays local for funding community programs with the exception of 5%

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(30 cents) that is marked for administration of the fee. The original house bill had tagged a \$10 fee on both filings and marriage

licenses but the Senate saw fit to triple the amount on filings and eliminate a fee on marriage licenses.

Elections, Licensing and Recording

Elections Bills

The following are elections bills of interest that passed the legislature this session:

HB 1749, strengthening review and correction of county election procedures

SHB 1754, authorizing county-wide mail ballot elections

ESSB 5395, voting devices/paper records

ESSB 5499, clarifying and standardizing various election procedures

SB 5564, manual of election laws

SB 5565, out of state voters' information

SHB 5743, enhancing voter

registration recordkeeping

Other measures to take a look at:
SHB 1132, candidacy filing
HB 1447, instant runoff voting
SHB 1496, enrollment cards/Indians
SHB 1876, voting rights & guardianship

Environment, Land Use and Resources

Four Governors Meet to Discuss Critical Issues

Governors Christine Gregoire of Washington, Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho, Ted Kulongoski of Oregon and Brian Schweitzer of Montana all met in Spokane Wednesday to share information about each state's drought-response and fire-preparedness plans. They also discussed critical issues in the management of the Columbia River system.

Gregoire called the meeting saying, "All four states will be dealing with issues of drought, fires and management of the Columbia River. Since weather knows no borders, we all came together to deal with these issues collectively from a regional perspective."

The governors agreed to:

- Prepare a letter in support of the National Drought Preparedness Act. This act will help the four

states be better prepared for future droughts.

- Prepare a letter in support of the extension of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act. This act allows the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to share their water supplies during drought.
- Prepare a letter notifying the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture of the Northwest states' interest in being eligible for funding under the Agricultural Assistance Act. This will help the states secure funding for farms affected by drought.
- Work with farmers on the importance of keeping records to ensure that they qualify for potential federal funding and ensure that information on the impacts of the drought is consistent and coordinated across the four states.

- Prepare a letter to request restoration of federal assistance funds for state and community firefighting programs.
- Prepare a letter asking for federal action to restore federal firefighting air tankers. These planes are critical when fighting large, complex fires.
- Seek clarification over states' authority to move rapidly to fight fires on federal lands. This will allow the states to rapidly respond to small fires before they spread.
- Continue to work together on salmon recovery. The governors support the states' ongoing discussions with federal agencies on a long-term plan to operate the federal Columbia Basin dams for salmon recovery.

General Government Issues

Cascade Center for Public Service Leadership

The University of Washington Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs is putting a new face on executive education. We'd like to invite you and/or your colleagues to consider one or several of our many seminars for experienced mid to senior level managers in government or non-profit agencies.

At this time of year, most students are beginning to think

about graduation or summer vacation. However, we'd like you to consider *becoming a student* – even just for a short while!

Your agency is probably mid-way through the fiscal year spending plan. Have you considered the best use of your training and development budget? How about enrolling in a course at the *Cascade Center for Public Service and Leadership*? There are several courses remaining in the 2005 Cascade

Management Series.

The 2005 schedule, course descriptions and registration information are available on-line at www.cascadecourses.org. You may also call the Cascade Center at 206-685-0523

Public Health and Human Services

It's All Over but the Signing

Well, another session has come to a rousing finish and on the human services, juvenile justice and housing side of the ledger it has been an extraordinarily successful session. Given the gloomy picture we faced back in December and early January, it didn't seem possible that we would have any successes especially when it came to money. However, in each and every area that impacts children and families, persons with disabilities or low-income persons, the final operating and capital budgets along with a large number of policy bills marked improvements in programs and services.

It is probably in substance abuse treatment and housing that the most significant gains were made. Sure, the \$80 million for nonmedicaid services in mental health was extremely important and a key priority of WSAC but when you consider the overall impact, it is the additional money in substance abuse and housing that may make the biggest difference in all our programs. This was the largest

investment in substance abuse since the Omnibus Act of 1989 that created the Violence Reduction and Drug Education Account. Not only was closing the treatment gap funded but the ancillary pieces that were so necessary – youth treatment and residential rate increases were also funded. And little did we think after years of fruitless effort that our partnership with DSHS over the past two years on cross-system crisis response would bear such wonderful fruit this year. Thanks to the visionary efforts of Senator Jim Hargrove, nearly all the recommendations out of our work were adopted and funded! Thanks are also due to Assistant Secretary Tim Brown of DSHS for his unflagging support over the last two years to bring this initiative to reality. DSHS and the counties don't always see eye to eye so the success of our task force is particularly rewarding and proves how successful we can be when we do work together. And again thanks to the work horses of the legislative staff, Fara Daun, Senate Human

Services and Corrections, Joanna Arlow, Senate Democratic Caucus, and Jonnel Anderson, Senate Republican Caucus who put in the incredibly long hours.

A key component in Senator Hargrove's bill is the 1/10th cent sales tax option given to counties. This authority is councilmanic and does not require voter approval. Fully implemented over time, this option will raise just over \$100 million per year for new and expanded mental health and substance abuse programs. That could be the most significant investment in these programs ever made in Washington State and have a significant impact on reducing the costs of criminal justice, hospital and medical care, unemployment, child abuse and neglect and domestic violence. That isn't just fantasy as these outcomes have been proven by a number of national studies.

Housing received not only a \$20 million boost in the Housing Trust Fund but \$10 million per year to reduce chronic homelessness in **HB 2163**. Also important is the \$2.5

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million for infrastructure to increase the amount of on-farm housing for farm workers to continue the remarkable strides we've made over the last few years in reducing the huge need for farm worker housing. Also of major significance in increasing inpatient care in the community, \$4.5 million was in the capital budget for Clark and Spokane Counties to build new evaluation and treatment facilities. In addition, there were a number of policy bills that will make life easier for low-income persons and persons with disabilities to maintain and retain affordable and healthy housing. This is the first year for the House Housing Committee chaired by Representative Mark Miloscia and both he and Representative Timm Ormsby are to be highly commended for all their wonderful work this session.

In Developmental Disabilities, every priority was achieved except Birth – Three Early Intervention (it will be back next year and every year until we are successful). Funds were

added for day and employment programs, family support, waiver growth, and vendor rate increases. Plus, policy bills added additional voting right protections and accommodation for dependent persons in judicial proceedings and the establishment of the Dan Thompson Community Trust. The consumers won their second victory with revision of the signage and requirements surrounding parking for persons with disabilities.

In children and family services and juvenile justice, additional funds were put into child protective and child welfare services as well as funding innovative reinvesting in youth programs under the administration of the county juvenile court administrators. In policy, child neglect received long overdue attention and will now be a focus of DSHS' Children's Administration along with a number of clarifications on juvenile sentencing.

Last but certainly not least, the most significant changes in mental health for over a decade were

enacted. Not only was Representative Cody's bill, **HB 1290**, passed into law, but along with Hargrove's bill, **SB 5763** and mental health parity, the mental health system will be rocking with changes over the next few years. One key part of the Cody bill is the ability to reinstate and facilitate Medicaid benefits for persons coming out of city and county jails. We personally want to thank the sheriffs of this state for all their work all session long. Their support was integral in not only getting this policy piece enacted but restoring the \$80 million as well as dedicating \$10 million in the budget to jail services both while in the jail and while being discharged. Again the partnership between WSAC and WACO showed just how important it is to work together.

Every one of you in the counties is to be congratulated for all your hard work this session and let's see if we can do even more next year. How about actual new money for mental health?

Transportation and Public Works

Transportation 2005 Session Wrap-up

The 2005 Legislature will be most remembered for two things: the long election hangover that dominated the first two months, and the passage of **SB 6103**, the highest gas tax increase in state history (nine and a half cents over a four year period). Thus, most won't remember that this session also saw **SB 5513**, a major change in WSDOT governance – placing the DOT secretary under the Governor, nor will they remember

the passage of **SB 5177**, the "mini-RTID" bill which authorizes local taxing authority for counties and cities to meet their transportation challenges.

These four bills made for an impressive session for transportation issues. The fact they passed is incredible given the horrible budget problems the state faced at the beginning of the year. Most thought that the operating budget would overshadow the transportation issues, yet it was the reverse during

the last days of the session when the House tried not once, but twice to pass the transportation revenue bill. The first try ended in a 45 to 53 failure, the second try, on the last day of session, was successful, 54 to 45. The expenditure bill, **SB 6091**, passed soon thereafter, 62 to 36.

• **SB 6091, the Transportation Appropriation Bill** appropriates the \$8,476,000,000 generated from **SB 6103** for state projects to state transportation agencies and programs for the 2005-07 fiscal

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biennium. Additionally, the bill includes supplemental appropriations for various transportation agencies and programs are modified for the 2003-05 biennium.

The bill lists some projects, but not all - some projects are scheduled in subsequent biennia. A complete project list cataloged by county can be found at:

<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/Budget/Detail/2005/st0507projlistbycounty0424.pdf> This list includes the \$2 billion for the Alaskan Way viaduct and the half a billion dollar appropriation for the 520 floating bridge; none of which can be built without the regional funding partner - thus the bill has a \$2 million appropriation for the RTID.

Of note to counties, this budget bill includes an increase in CRAB's RATA account of \$3 million, and an increase in TIB's UATA account by \$5 million. Also, it includes \$175,000 to support the processing and analysis of the backlog of county and city collision reports.

• **SB 6103, the Transportation Revenue Bill** generates a little over \$8 billion via the following taxes:

Fuel Taxes. The state fuel tax is raised 3 cents July 1, 2005, 3 cents July 1, 2006, 2 cents July 1, 2007, and 1.5 cents July 1, 2008 for a total increase over four years of 9.5 cents. Cities and counties each receive ¼ cent in the first 3 cents and in the second 3 cents for a total of ½ cent. This ½ cent will generate some \$15.5 million in new money each year for counties.

Weight Fees. A weight fee is levied on vehicles that do not currently pay a weight fee to account for their impact on roadways. Affected vehicles include passenger

vehicles, sport utility vehicles, light trucks and motor homes. Annual vehicle weight fees for passenger vehicles are set at \$10 for vehicles up to 4,000 pounds, \$20 for vehicles between 4,000 and 6,000 pounds, and \$30 dollars for vehicles weighing between 6,000 and 8,000 pounds. Light trucks used for farm purposes are exempted from the weight fee. Motor homes are charged an annual flat fee of \$75.

Licenses and Permits. Certain Department of Licensing fees are adjusted to recover the cost of issuing various licenses and permits. Revenues that currently subsidize those costs are reallocated in the new expenditure package.

Misc. License fees on small, personal use trailers are lowered from \$30 to \$15 annually. A new class of more flexible farm trip permit is also created.

• **SB 5177, the Mini-RTID bill (Excludes King, Pierce and Snohomish from eligibility).** The law governing transportation benefit districts is expanded. **Establishment of TBDs.** TBDs may only be formed in areas outside of a county with a population greater than 1.5 million and any adjoining counties with a population greater than 500,000. (Thus no King, Pierce or Snohomish). Jurisdictions with authority to initiate a TBD include counties and cities. However, port districts and transit districts may participate in the establishment of a TBD. The TBD area must include the entire area within each participating jurisdiction. If a TBD includes more than one jurisdiction, the governing body must have at least five members, including at least one elected official from each of the participating jurisdictions.

Transportation Improvements. TBDs may fund projects that are of statewide or regional significance contained in a state or regional transportation plan. *A TBD may spend up to 40 percent of its generated revenue on local street, road, and highway improvements.*

Revenue Options. In addition to the revenue options available to TBDs under current law, a TBD may implement the following revenue measures: (1) local option sales and use taxes; (2) local option vehicle license fees; and (3) vehicle tolls. A TBD may only implement revenue measures approved by the local voters.

Revenue rates, once imposed, may not be increased, unless authorized by voter approval. If project costs exceed original costs by more than 20 percent, a public hearing must be held to solicit public comment regarding how the cost change should be resolved. The district must be dissolved upon completion of the project(s) and the payment of debt service.

• **SB 5513, the Transportation Re-Organization Bill.** The Secretary of Transportation is appointed by the Governor. The Secretary assumes authority previously directed to the Washington Transportation Commission to propose the WSDOT agency budget and to authorize departmental request legislation. The Washington Transportation Commission retains certain authority, including statewide transportation planning, bonds issuance, serving as the state's tolling authority and setting ferry fares, and sharing responsibility for project selection and funding. Additionally, the Commission receives an expanded role as a public forum for

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transportation policy development.

The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) is established to review and research transportation programs and issues. The chairs and ranking minority members of the House and Senate transportation committees serve as the JTC executive committee, and the chairs of those committees serve as co-chairs of the JTC. The other members of the transportation committees are eligible to be appointed by the JTC executive committee on a study-by-study basis.

The Legislative Transportation Commission (LTC) is dissolved (replaced by the JTC?). The LTC staff support of Transportation Performance Audit Board (TPAB) is removed and replaced with staff support provided by the Washington Transportation Commission. The TPAB has separate authority to direct performance audits of

transportation related agencies. The TPAB's authority regarding directed agency reviews, and functional and performance audits, is expanded to include certain local transportation entities. (Counties and cities are not "transportation related agencies" pursuant to RCW 44.75.020 and are not the subject to the performance audits).

Some other bills of interest passed by the 2005 Legislature include:

HB 1117 as originally proposed gave carte-blanche to the dairy industry to move 'dairy nutrient' vehicles up to 160,000 pounds over the public road system without regard to the statutory weight control system as set up in RCW 46.44. By final passage it had been reduced to just a study of the issue by WSDOT (and we will be at that table) and local government can continue to regulate such oversize

loads in the meantime.

HB 1539 put some real teeth into the one-call utility location service by making excavations within 50 feet of hazardous liquid or gas pipelines a gross misdemeanor with a civil penalty of up to \$10,000. County road departments would be wise to inventory these locations in their county and advise the road crews accordingly.

HB 1598, HB 1599 and HB 1600 were County Road Administration Board (CRAB) request cleanup bills regarding population thresholds for CRAB Board membership, clarifying the definition of "county engineer," and deleting specific and outdated BARS references in RCW 36.77 and 36.81.

HB 1657 will restrict DNR to capturing just reasonable administrative fees and not the cost of right-of-way for local bridges and trestles across aquatic lands.

Boards and Commissions

Transportation Improvement Board Opening

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) is a state agency directed by a twenty-one member board. The composition of the board is six city members, six county, two WSDOT officials, a governor appointee from a state agency, a private sector representative, a member representing special needs transportation, a non-motorized representative, a member representing the ports, and two representatives from transit. The local agency, private sector, port, non-motorized, special needs, and transit board members are appointed by the WSDOT Secretary to four-year staggered terms. The governor

appointee position also has a four-year term. The TIB meets monthly throughout the state.

A vacancy has been opened on the Transportation Improvement Board by Commissioner Mike Shelton's resignation. The position must be filled by a county commissioner/councilmember from a county with a population of less than 125,000. The applicant can be from either eastern or western Washington. The WSAC Board of Directors would like your letter of interest to review for nomination to TIB at their next meeting in May. Please mail you letter of interest to:

WSAC, Attn: Boards & Commissions, 206 Tenth Av SE, Olympia, WA 98501 **OR** e-mail

your letter of interest to: WSAC Board of Directors, attention Barbara Warden bwarden@wacounties.org .

County Road Administration Board Reappointments

The County Road Administration Board (CRAB) is a state agency directed by a nine member board comprised of two county legislative authority members and one engineer from three classifications of counties, counties under 12,000 population, counties with a population from 12,000 to 125,000 and counties over 125,000. They are responsible for the preservation and enhancement of the transportation infrastructure of the Washington Counties by providing standards of good practice, fair

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administration of funding programs, and technical services.

Clark County Commissioner Mark Boldt and Klickitat County Commissioner Ray Thayer were appointed to unexpired terms in February 2005; Boldt for counties over 125,000 and Thayer for counties under 12,000. They both are seeking reappointment. In addition, Lincoln

County Engineer Robert Breshears' position for engineers in counties under 12,000 is open. Breshears has served one four year term. If any member is interested please mail a letter of interest to WSAC, Attn: Boards & Commissions, 206 Tenth Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501 OR email your letter of interest to: WSAC Board of Directors, attention

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Courthouse Ramblings

Mason County Coroner **Martha Reed** is facing her latest health challenge with the same tenacity she uses on the job every day and this is a big one. Martha called to let us know she will be spending the next month in isolation at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma as her doctors aggressively treat what they have diagnosed as acute leukemia.

Martha has been undergoing treatment for Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), a bone marrow problem, which has now progressed to leukemia. She will undergo a bone marrow transplant in the future, but not at this time.

Martha says, "I am glad we have something to treat. I will be in isolation and cannot receive flowers

or balloons but I could sure use some cards and letters and most of all, your prayers. I hope I can use my cell phone and talk to you. Please do not send e-mails for a while."

You may send cards and letters to Martha Reed, Room 10 A-2, at St. Joseph's Medical Center, 1717 South "J" Street, Tacoma, WA 98405-4933.

Training and Upcoming Events

Washington Coalition for the Homeless Yearly Conference May 11–13 in Yakima

The Washington State Coalition for the Homeless announces its 15th annual yearly conference to be held May 11 – 13 in Yakima at the Convention Center. The conference is entitled "Opening the Door: Partnerships to End Homelessness." This year there will be 35 workshops ranging from rural homelessness, supportive housing, domestic violence, housing for chronic alcoholics, raising money, living with AIDS/HIV, federal grants and partnerships, foster kids and homelessness to a variety of others. There will be four keynote speakers: 1) William Kreager, Mithun, Seattle; 2) Jeremy Rosen, Volunteers of America, Washington, DC; 3) the Rev. Dr. Leslie Braxton, Mt Zion Baptist Church, Seattle; and 4) Sheila Crowley, President, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, DC. In addition, the yearly community hero awards will be announced, the annual auction will be held including a \$1000 drawing donated by Washington Mutual.

Sponsors this year at the platinum and gold level are the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Washington Mutual, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, Common Ground, and the Spokane County Regional Support Network.

With the passage of **HB 2163** regarding reducing chronic homelessness, this is an important year to attend the conference and get a leg up on implementing this landmark piece of legislation. Go to www.endhomelessnesswa.org for additional information.

Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference Scheduled for June 22 – 24 in Yakima

The annual Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference will be held June 22 – 24 in Yakima at the Yakima Convention

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Center. This year's conference is entitled "Charting a Course on the Seas of Change" Considering all the changes we face this year, this is a very appropriate title. Not only will we be spending our restored nonmedicaid funds quite differently, but Senator Hargrove's bill **SB 5763** and Representative Cody's bill **HB 1290** will both require huge changes in the way we all carry out our mission to serve those with mental illness and in the case of Hargrove's bill, those with chemical dependency. A timely focus on recovery and resilience and evidence-based practices along with changes in our very delivery systems should present a hopeful future for the public mental health system. Coupled with the state's hoped for receipt of a SAMHSA System Transformation Grant and the passage of mental health parity, we may be busier than any time since the original passage of Mental Health Reform back in 1989.

The Washington Community Mental Health Council is proud to present the 16th annual conference. Pre-conference programs on Wednesday, June 22, will include a day-long seminar on Ethical Professional Practice: Legal and Ethical Issues in Mental Health Treatment and an afternoon presentation on Evidence-Based Practices – Within Our Reach accompanied by the moving film, *Out of the Shadow*. Keynote speakers include Moe Armstrong, Vinfen Corporation; Randy Revelle, Chairman, Washington Coalition for Insurance Parity; Terry Tafoya, Tamanawit; and Robin Friedlander, Clinical Associate Professor, University of British Columbia. The workshops include but are not limited to issues such as older adults, juvenile offenders, co-occurring disorders, response to disasters and terrorism; methamphetamine addiction; implementing an Expanded Community Services model; cross-system crisis plans; peer support; corrections and mental health and substance abuse; autism; and family support networks.

For additional information contact Tracy Abel at Convention Services Northwest, 206-292-9198 ext. 12 or e-mail tracy@csnwseattle.com. To register, go to <https://programs.regweb.com/csnw/sbhc2005/home>.

First National Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Conference in Ohio on May 11 - 12

The Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence, NAMI-Ohio, and Capital University Law School are proud to sponsor the First National CIT Conference in conjunction with the Third National Conference on Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System on Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 12 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio Supreme Court has also been the sponsor of the Second Symposium on the Mental Health Courts movement. Together with the Ohio Department of Mental Health, they have joined with others to form the Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence.

The two-day conference will provide outstanding speakers and leaders from the law enforcement field, legal community, and mental health and criminal justice systems. The first day will share information to communities hoping to start or improve a CIT program. The second day will provide essential information for putting community plans into action and tools for establishing mental health dockets. For more information, please contact Jessica Poprocki, Director of Special Projects at Capital University Law School at 614-236-6377 or via e-mail at jpoprocki@law.capital.edu. The conference also has a website at www.law.capital.edu/mici.

Calendar of Events

Meeting	Location	Date	Information
For your convenience training and workshops are bolded.			
<u>MAY 2005</u>			
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys-Support Enforcement 2005 Training	Red Lion Hotel, Olympia	May 2-6	(360) 753-3953
WA State Association of County Auditors' Elections Conference	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	May 9-12	(360) 753-7319
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Support Staff Training Program	WestCoast Ridpath Hotel, Spokane	May 11-13	(360) 753-2175
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) - Collision Investigation 2005	La Quinta Inn & Suites/Conference Center, Tacoma	May 17	(360) 586-7447
Assn of County Human Services	Kennewick	May 18-20	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Spring Eastern District	Red Lion Hotel Columbia Center, Kennewick	May 19-20	(360) 753-1886
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) - Collision Investigation 2005	Best Western Lake Inn & Conference Center, Moses Lake	May 19	(360) 586-7447
WA State Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs' Spring Conference	Coast Hotel, Wenatchee	May 23-26	(360) 486-2380
NACo – Western Interstate Region Conference	Tacoma, WA	May 25 - 27	http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/About_NACo/Committees_and_Caucuses/Western_Interstate_Region/Western_Interstate_Region_Intro.htm
MEMORIAL DAY	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	May 30	(360) 753-1886
<u>JUNE 2005</u>			
WA State Assn of Local Public Health Officials	Davenport Hotel, Spokane	June 1 – 2	(360) 753-1886
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) District Court Training Program	Holiday Inn Select, Renton	June 2 - 3	(360) 753-2175
International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' Annual Conference	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, Nevada	June 5-9	(360) 753-7319
WSAC Spring Western District	Red Lion Hotel, Kelso	June 9 - 10	www.wacounties.org/wsac
Washington State Association of County Assessors' Annual June Conference	Ellensburg Inn, Ellensburg	June 13-15	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Auditors' Annual Conference	Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center, Walla Walla	June 14-16	(360) 753-7319
Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' (WACME) Annual Conference & Training	Campbell's Lodge, Chelan	June 20-21	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Clerks' Annual Conference	Red Lion Silverdale Hotel, Silverdale	June 20-24	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Annual Conference	Clarion Hotel, Yakima	June 20-24	(360) 753-7319
Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Annual Conference	Tri-Cities	June 21-24	(360) 753-7319

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WA State Association of County Engineers (WSACE) Annual Conference	Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla	June 22-24	http://www.crab.wa.gov/wsace/
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Summer Training Program	Campbell's Lodge, Lake Chelan	June 22-24	(360) 753-2175
National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference	Louisville, Kentucky	June 25-29	(360) 753-7319
Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Annual Conference	San Antonio, Texas	June 26-29	(360) 753-7319
International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers' (IACREOT) 34th Annual Conference	New York, New York	June 29 – July 6	(360) 397-2003 or joanne.mcbride@clark.wa.gov
<u>JULY 2005</u>			
INDEPENDENCE DAY	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	July 4	(360) 753-1886
2 nd Annual Pend Oreille Valley Lavendar Festival	Pend Oreille County	July 9-10	http://www.co.pend-oreille.wa.us/
Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Annual Conference	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 13-14	www.pria.us
National Association of Clerks, Recorders and Elections Officials (NACRC) Annual Conference (with NACo)	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 15-17	www.nacrc.org
National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Conference	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 15-19	www.naco.org
National District Attorneys' Association (NDAA) Annual Summer Conference	Portland, Maine	July 17-20	(360) 753-7319
Assn of County Human Services	Okanogan County	July 20-22	(360) 753-1886
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Training, 1 pm	Red Lion Hanford House, Richland	July 26	(360) 586-7447
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Annual Board Workshop, 1 - 5 pm	Red Lion Hanford House, Richland	July 27	(360) 586-7447
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Annual Board Meeting, 9 am	Red Lion Hanford House, Richland	July 28	(360) 586-7447