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Endresen Announces Her Candidacy for WSAC Secretary/Treasurer

Due to the vacancy of the WSAC Vice-President's position caused when Carolyn Edmonds was not re-elected as King County Councilmember, Benton County Commissioner Leo Bowman automatically moved from Secretary/Treasurer to Vice-President. This left his former position open which must be filled by the WSAC Board of Directors in accordance with the WSAC Bylaws. This means only candidates from the western district are eligible for the appointment. Next September, only candidates from the eastern district will be eligible for the position.

Dear WSAC Members,

The following is a letter I sent to the WSAC Board of Directors expressing my sincere interest in serving as your next Secretary-Treasurer. Although only the Board of Directors will be voting on this appointment on January 20, I want you all to know how important every member's

support is to me and I am writing to ask for your support to become the next Secretary-Treasurer of WSAC. Working with the county family over the past nine years has been one of the favorite aspects of my job as county commissioner. I have served on the Legislative Steering Committee for the past eight years, serving two years as co-chair. I currently represent our state, along with Ron Walters, on the WIR Board of Directors and am chair of the Urban County Caucus.

Whether large or small, east or west, urban or rural, all counties in our state face challenges. WSAC is the place to support each other, work to solve problems and learn from our peers. I would be honored to serve you as Secretary-Treasurer and I ask for your vote. *Chris Endresen, Kitsap County Commissioner*, phone 360-337-7146, e-mail: cendrese@co.kitsap.wa.us.

Julie Sexton Joins WSAC as the Newest Policy Director

We are happy to announce that Julie Sexton will be joining WSAC as the newest policy director next Tuesday, December 13, 2005. Julie comes to us from the Department of Revenue where she is the current Legislative & External Affairs Liaison. During the past five years she has also been the Department's Economic Development Liaison and Legislative Coordinator. She has been the lead staff

for tax and finance issues, including the Streamlining Sales Tax legislation. Julie has also worked as a lobbyist for the King County Council and the Farm Bureau.

Sexton graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree and Seattle University School of Law where she graduated *Magna Cum Laude*.

She will bring a great deal of

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CPO PROGRAM

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experience to WSAC in tax related issues, but she has also worked in the area of agency rule-making. We are pleased to have Julie on the staff.

County Government Booklets Updated and Republished

The Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) has updated and printed several thousand of its popular Washington County Government booklets. This is the eighth printing since it was first written in 1979. The publication includes the duties and responsibilities of county assessors, auditors, clerks, coroners/medical examiners, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, treasurers and the county legislative authorities in all of Washington's 39 counties.

This publication has been used throughout the years on county office counters, as a teaching tool for students, to hand out at public speaking engagements, for legislators, for citizen groups, extension offices and even Boys' State and Girls' State.

If you would like a supply of the booklets, please call the WACO office.

NOTE: Legislative Committee schedules and agendas can be found at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

State Announces Pilot Projects for Criminal Indigent Defense Funding

The Washington state Office of Public Defense (OPD) this week announced its selection of two counties and one city for an 18-month pilot project to demonstrate improvements in trial-level criminal defense services.

The state-funded pilots will enhance staffing and support services for public defense programs in Thurston County District Court, Grant County Juvenile Court and Bellingham Municipal Court. The programs will receive \$1 million in state money appropriated by the 2005 Legislature. Success in these pilot projects could bolster county arguments for state funding assistance for all trial-level criminal public defense programs.

In a briefing December 8 with Thurston County commissioners, OPD Director Joanne Moore explained that in return for the additional resources, the pilot project jurisdictions will reduce attorney caseloads to more closely align with caseload recommendations of the American Bar Association and the Washington State Bar Association, and will submit to evaluation procedures.

For example, the pilot will add three attorneys and a paralegal to the Thurston County program, which will reduce caseloads from about 800 cases per attorney per year to a range of 360-400 cases per year for misdemeanors. The reduced caseloads are expected to result in several systemic enhancements that will help ensure a constitutionally adequate defense while also allowing more-efficient use of court and jail resources. These

enhancements include having a public defender present at all first appearances in court to help resolve cases quickly when legally appropriate, facilitating on-going attorney-client communication, achieving pre-trial release from jail when appropriate, and professional case preparation, negotiation, and trial skills.

The attorneys will submit short reporting forms to OPD for each case handled, and OPD will conduct qualitative surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of the enhanced resources. OPD will report its findings to the Legislature.

Counties that are not part of the pilot projects still may avail themselves of technical assistance from OPD, which is offering outreach and consultation services for public defense contracting. Contact OPD's public defense service managers Terry Mulligan (former Clallam public defender) at 360-586-3164, ext. 110, terry.mulligan@opd.wa.gov, or George Yeannakis at 360-586-3164, ext. 102, george.yeannakis@opd.wa.gov.

At your request, OPD can help counties develop and enforce high-quality public defense contracts. The Office also will consult with counties about how to set up an in-house public defender office as an alternative to contracting with private attorneys.

Environment, Land Use and Resources

NACo IAQ Grant Available

NACo's Indoor Air Quality Program is pleased to offer counties and regional county coalitions the opportunity to apply for small indoor air quality grants. No matching funds are required. Awards will be made on a competitive basis in the following categories:

- Twelve \$5,000 grants to counties that have not previously received a Model County and Coalition Grant.
- Ten \$2,000 grants to past Model County and Coalition Grant recipients.

Note: These grants are paid through reimbursement of expenses incurred by the grantee.

Please see the application criteria below:

- Proposed activities must focus on specific achievable results with numeric goals whenever possible.
- Activities must focus on at least one or more of the designated priority areas: environmental tobacco smoke and children, indoor asthma triggers, radon, mold, and air quality in schools.
- Proposals should be no more than

2 pages long and include the following sections:

- (1) Introduction, including the grant amount and whether you are a new or existing model county or coalition;
- (2) Proposed activities, including the priority area(s);
- (3) Proposed results, with a list of potential quantifiable results; and
- (4) Proposed budget.

Please send your proposal to: Kelly Zonderwyk, NACo, 440 First Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, Phone: 202-942-4224. Email:

Association News

Sheriffs Plan Legislative Opening Day Rally

Washington State Sheriffs' Association (WSSA) President Craig Thayer plans on rallying all the county sheriffs on January 9, 2006 to welcome the Legislature back to Olympia. He is also extending the invitation to other interested county officials. City Police Chiefs will be included as well.

The 59th Washington State Legislature will reconvene with opening ceremonies at noon but WSSA members and guests will meet at the Washington Counties Building at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy a hearty breakfast before heading up the hill. This is the second annual event and last year proved to be a great opportunity to speak with legislators from their home districts and reconnect with others who share common issues.

A block of rooms has been reserved for those coming in on Sunday night at the Clarion Hotel

(formerly the Aladdin) directly west of the building. For reservations, please call (360)352-7200 and ask for the WSSA block at government rates of \$68 plus tax.

County Clerks Send 2nd Annual Report to the Legislature

Snohomish County Clerk Pam Daniels, President of the Washington State Association of County Clerks (WSACC), transmitted the Second Annual Report to the Legislature on the Fiscal Impacts of **ESSB 5990**, Chapter 379, Laws of 2003, on behalf of the County Clerks in the 39 counties who assumed the collection of legal financial obligations (LFOs) from convicted offenders from the Department of Corrections with the passage of the bill. **ESSB 5990** requires the report. LFOs include restitution to victims and recoupment of costs of prosecution.

Daniels reports that "In 2005, LFO collections have grown at an

increasing rate. Annualized projections based on the first nine months of 2005 indicate that total collections will exceed total collections for 2004 by more than \$3.37 million. This reflects a growth rate of nearly 16%. Restitution collected for crime victims experienced the largest increase of all the collection categories. It grew by more than 24% or \$1.67 million. This increased restitution amount shows very clearly that the transfer of collection responsibilities to the County Clerks is successful."

The subsequent passage of **SB 5256** in 2005 added even more cases to the collection process. The County Clerks emphasized that continued support of the legislature is crucial due to **SB 5256**, increased postage and other factors.

This report and others submitted to the Legislature will be available shortly via a link from the WACO website at www.wacounties.org/waco.

Public Health and Human Services

DSHS Announces New Mental Health Division Director, Richard Kellogg

On December 2, Doug Porter, the Assistant Secretary for Health & Recovery Services Administration, announced the hiring of a new Mental Health Division Director. Richard Kellogg is currently the State Director of Community-Based Care Services in New Hampshire. He will become Director of the Mental Health Division of the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) on January 13. Mr. Kellogg is a veteran administrator of social and mental health services with broad experience in five Eastern states.

Kellogg's selection followed a nationwide search to fill the position, which was realigned last summer when DSHS mental health services became part of a new administration that now includes mental health, medical care programs, family planning and treatment for drug and alcohol abuse. "Richard's appointment is a big step toward the goals set for us last summer, when Secretary Robin Arnold-Williams realigned the administration for a more effective partnership between these different areas of health care," Porter said. "We are building a new interactive relationship between patient-centered health care and recovery services."

"Richard represents the kind of informed and creative leadership that we have been searching for," said Porter. "His broad experience in several different states and across different kinds of social and health programs brings us the depth we need as we re-evaluate the delivery of our services and strive to invigorate our partnerships in

government and the private health-care sector."

As Mental Health Division Director, Kellogg will head a unit that includes the state's two mental hospitals - Western State at Steilacoom and Eastern State at Medical Lake, the Child Study and Treatment Center in Lakewood that specializes in children's mental health care, and the state's community mental health program that provides inpatient and outpatient care, crisis services, the Involuntary Treatment Act and residential. The community system is undergoing a great deal of change as directed by **HB 1290** and **SB 5763** as enacted by the 2005 Legislature including the Request for Qualifications process in which the existing county governing structures were required to demonstrate their compliance with state and federal law and the building of effective relationships with allied systems such as substance abuse and the criminal justice system.

Kellogg has broad experience in all those areas and currently serves as Interim Director of the Office of Medicaid Business and Policy as well as supervising behavioral health, developmental disabilities and long-term care services for the elderly and the chronically ill.

Prior to 2004, he was a special assistant in Tennessee to the State's Commissioner of Finance and Administration, a position in which he was a policy adviser and planner for mental health, mental retardation and related health and human services. In 2002 and 2003, he was Deputy Commissioner in the same department in charge of the public mental retardation services.

From 1991 to 2002, Kellogg

worked in Virginia in a succession of health planning and leadership positions, culminating as Commissioner in the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and substance Abuse Services. Earlier, in the 1980s, he held positions in Massachusetts and Vermont ranging from local mental health councils and mental health service delivery organizations to special needs transportation and senior services.

He attended the Harvard University JFK School of Government, Medical and Business in 2000 and the Dartmouth Medical College Department of Psychiatry's Institute of Mental Health Administration in 1989. He holds a Master's in Organization and Human Resource Development in 1974 and a 1969 B.A. in history, economics and political science from the University of Vermont in Burlington. Kellogg won the Patrick Henry Award for Good Government from the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2001, was a member of the clinical adjunct faculty at the Medical College of Virginia's Department of Psychiatry from 1994 to 2002, and a faculty member at the Institute of Law and Psychiatry at the University of Virginia in 1990.

MaryAnne Lindeblad, who had served as interim Director of the division during the job search, will return to her former post as Director of the Division of Program Support in HRSA after Kellogg starts his new job. For more information, please contact: Doug Porter, Assistant Secretary, Health & Recovery Services Administration, 360-902-7806 Heidi Robbins-Brown, Deputy Assistant Secretary, HRSA, DSHS, 360-725-1040 or Jim Stevenson,

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Communications Director, HRSA, DSHS, 360-902-7604.

All 14 Regional Support Networks Respond to State's Efforts to Retool Mental Health System

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services announced December 2 that all 14 Regional Support Networks (RSNs) in the state have signaled they will participate in state efforts to upgrade mental health services.

The RSNs have been in existence since 1989 when the state decided to unify the inpatient and outpatient service system under county control. However, in 2005, the state Legislature enacted **HB 1290** along with **SB 5763** which required the RSNs to meet the requirements in a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process that would eventually lead to hoped-for improvements in services and accountability. If one of the 14 either had chosen not to respond to the RFQ or fails one of the questions, a Request for Proposal process will take place during which the RSN could correct their failure, and/or choose to apply or a non-county for-profit entity could apply.

The RFQ responses are now undergoing evaluation by teams of both DSHS employees and outside representatives. This evaluation should be complete by mid-January. Those RSNs that are found to be qualified will be eligible for new contracts, beginning in September of 2006, when the current contracts expire.

The state hopes ultimately the process will result in the following:

- A new emphasis on outcomes and quality improvements

- More effective and efficient delivery of consumer-focused services based on resilience and recovery.
- More equitable delivery of services statewide, especially between urban and rural counties.
- Better cost controls and tracking of expenses.
- Improved collaboration with the criminal justice system, especially in meeting mental health needs in city and county jails.
- Overall better management of resources and accountability.

The effort to upgrade delivery of mental health services began with a joint legislative and executive task force on mental health last year. Chaired by Rep. Eileen Cody, D-Seattle, and Sen. Linda Parlette, R-Wenatchee, the task force recommended greater direction to RSNs and promotion of services which support the recovery of individuals with mental illnesses.

Lindeblad, Interim Director of the Mental Health Division in the DSHS Health & Recovery Services Administration, said it is a good sign that all 14 RSNs registered interest in staying on as part of the improvement process. "Consumers deserve treatment that works and taxpayers deserve a cost-effective system. The next step will be to carefully evaluate the RSN's responses to determine their ability to comply with the RFQ and **HB 1290**," she said.

The Legislature also passed **E2SSB 5763**, which will complement mental health changes by focusing on issues between the mental health and substance-abuse care systems,

including better crisis response, and integrated screening and assessment for mental illness and chemical dependency. Both new laws will drive improved access to cost effective treatment.

It should be noted that all the RSNs worked nights, weekends and holidays to complete the grueling task. Many hired consultants to assist with their work as local government is not accustomed to completing this kind of task. For just a sampling of the size of the completed RFQ, each copy of Clark County required 7 copies was 1000 pages of narrative and 2000 pages of attachments. King County had 14 boxes filled with 42 5" binders. Pierce County had 27 boxes with 88 binders, Greater Columbia had 22 boxes with 47 binders, North Central (one of the smallest RSNs) still had 11 boxes with 47 binders and Cowlitz (Southwestern RSN) had 12 boxes filled with 4" binders. None of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of costs attributable to completing the RFQ were reimbursable and most importantly, the time devoted to this project caused the administration and provision of direct services to consumers to suffer.

The RSNs are: Peninsula RSN (Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap counties); Grays Harbor RSN; Thurston-Mason RSN; Northeast Washington RSN (Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, and Stevens); Spokane County RSN; Greater Columbia Behavioral Health RSN (Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas, Klickitat, Skamania, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima); North Central Washington RSN (Adams, Grant, Okanogan); Chelan-Douglas RSN; North Sound Mental Health

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Administration RSN (Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom); King County RSN; Pierce County RSN; Clark County RSN; Southwest RSN (Cowlitz); Timberlands RSN (Lewis, Pacific, and Wahkiakum).

WSAC wants to take this opportunity to congratulate all 14 RSNs and their elected officials – commissioners, council members and county executives for demonstrating their desire to continue to make a difference for individuals with mental illness and retain local government authority and accountability.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND: Doug Porter, Assistant Secretary, Health & Recovery Services, DSHS, 360-902-7806, MaryAnne Lindeblad, Interim Director, Mental Health Division, HRSA, DSHS, 360-902-0783, Andrew Toulon, Project Manager, Mental Health Division, DSHS, 360-902-0818, Chris Imhoff, Project Manager, Mental Health Division, HRSA, DSHS, 360-902-0803, Jim Stevenson, Communications Director, HRSA, DSHS, 360-902-7604

5th Annual Vision of Hope, Paths to Recovery Conference

North Sound Mental Health's 5th Annual Paths to Recovery Conference will be held January 11, 2006 from 8:30-4:30 p.m. at the Upper Skagit Resort. The conference is free and consumers, advocates, families and friends, provider managers and clinicians, tribes, elected officials, schools, law enforcement agencies, and state and county human service agencies are all encouraged to come.

The agenda is:

8:00 Registration
8:30 Opening Remarks &

Blessing

Welcome, Agenda, Introduction
Connecting Conversations in
Small Groups

Peter Feigal - "How Harley
Davidson Saved Me from the
Asylum"

Explore Our Own Journeys
Break

Peter Feigal - "A Gift to be
Opened-Not a Problem to
Be Solved"

Explore Our Own Gifts

12:30-1:30 Lunch and a
Conversation on "How We Support
Recovery and Resilience"

Pete Feigal - A Spiritual View of
Recovery: Why is it when we
Talk to God we're Praying and
when God Talks to us we're
Schizophrenic?

Break

Touched by the Muses - a Drama
of Recovery and Support

4:30 Closing

The keynote speaker is Pete Feigal. Pete Feigal has been battling Bi-Polar Disorder for thirty years, and Multiple Sclerosis for the last seventeen. He has spoken nationally over the past seven years for high schools, colleges, prisons, corporations, churches, disabilities providers/professionals and police forces around the nation. He is the co-founder of 'Tilting at Windmills', an entirely consumer organized and run theater and arts program. Peter uses the humor and heartbreak of recovery to give consumers, family members and mental health professionals concrete ideas and tools to help find our gifts and ways to share our gifts with others. He tells his own story and how he's learned that both his bi-polar disorder and his multiple sclerosis were not curses, but teachers,

meditations and gifts in his life.

The guest speaker is Melanie Groves. Melanie, one of the most requested speakers on mental illness in the Midwest, shares the story of her own battle with depression and eating disorders with high school students, churches, corporations and medical professionals. With consumer speaker Pete Feigal, she has become the Midwest's most active police trainer, teaching law enforcement professionals about mental health calls and issues. She is a playwright and actress and is the co-founder of 'Tilting At Windmills' Theater company, a Minneapolis-based theater program for people touched by mental illness/brain disorders.

The conference facilitator will be Sam Magill, MBA, Edmonds, Washington. Magill has worked for state government, higher education, non-profit organizations, churches, mental health and industry. He teaches with the Hudson Institute of Santa Barbara (programs to help adults navigate the complexity of life and jobs) and is a senior associate of the Axelrod Group, which consults on large system change.

Owned and operated by the Upper Skagit Tribe of Indians, the Skagit Valley Resort Hotel is approximately six miles north of Mount Vernon.

Directions: From North: From I-5 take Exit 236. Turn left (East), go under the freeway, and proceed to the first light. From South: From I-5 take Exit 236. Turn right (East), and proceed to the first light. Turn left at the first light. The Skagit Valley Resort Hotel is directly ahead.

Space for Consumer/Advocate Vendor and Information booths is available.

Calendar of Events

<u>JANUARY 2006</u>			
NEW YEARS HOLIDAY	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	January 2	
WSAC Urban County Caucus	Mercato's Ristorante, Olympia	January 4	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Rural Issues Sub- committee	Ramblin' Jack's Restaurant, Olympia	January 4	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 5	(360) 753-1886
WA State Sheriffs' Association Breakfast Meeting	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 9	(360) 753-7319
Legislative Session Begins	Olympia	January 9	http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm
NACo President/Executive Meeting	Washington, D.C.	January 10 - 13	
WACO Board of Trustees Meeting	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 11-12	(360) 753-7319
Association of Human Services (ACHS) Meetings	AmeriTell Hotel, Olympia	January 18 - 20	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 19	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Rally Luncheon	Ramada Inn – Governor's House, Olympia	January 19/Noon	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Rally Reception	Ramada Inn – Governor's House, Olympia	January 19/5:30p	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Board of Directors Meeting - 8:00 a.m. - noon	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 20	(360) 753-1886
WA State Association of County Auditors' Licensing Conference	Comfort Inn, Tumwater	January 23-24	(360) 753-7319
WA State Association of County Auditors' Legislative Conference	Comfort Inn, Tumwater	January 25-26	(360) 753-7319
WA State Association of County Clerks' Legislative Conference	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 25-26	(360) 753-7319
WSAC/WACO/AWC Tri Association Meeting	Red Lion, Olympia	January 26	
WA State Association of County Assessors' Legislative Conference	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 31-February 2	(360) 753-7319
<u>FEBRUARY 2006</u>			
WSAC Urban County Caucus	Mercato's Ristorante, Olympia	February 1	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Rural Issues Sub- committee	Ramblin' Jack's Restaurant, Olympia	February 1	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	February 2	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Urban County Caucus Dinner	Mercato's Ristorante, Olympia	February 15	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Rural Issues Sub- committee	Ramblin' Jack's Restaurant, Olympia	February 15	(360) 753-1886

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WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	February 16	(360) 753-1886
WA Association of County Auditors' Finance Conference	North Bonneville Hot Springs Resort, North Bonneville	February 28-Mar.2	(360) 753-7319
<i><u>MARCH 2006</u></i>			
WSAC Urban County Caucus	Mercato's Ristorante, Olympia	March 1	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Rural Issues Sub-committee	Ramblin' Jack's Restaurant, Olympia	March 1	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	March 2	(360) 753-1886
NACo Legislative Conference	Washington, D.C.	March 4 - 8	http://www.naco.org
Legislative Session Ends – Sine Die	Olympia	March 9	http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm
Washington County Administrative Association - Annual Business Meeting	Enzian Inn, Leavenworth	March 22 - 24	(360) 577-3065 Claire Hauge, hauegc@co.cowlitz.wa.us
WA Association of County Auditors' Recording Conference	Leavenworth	March 27-28	(360) 753-7319

Attachments

Nov. 23, 2005

AGO News Release: McKenna releases draft model rules for comment

After several weeks of intensive review, Attorney General Rob McKenna today announced his draft model rules for public disclosure are now available for public comment.

"We visited 13 cities around the state from July through October to gather input from people who request public records and people who respond to these requests," McKenna said. "These Open Government forums provided us with tremendous insight and great ideas for best practices to help improve access to public information. Once the model rules were drafted, we exposed them to intensive internal scrutiny before filing them for public comment."

The model rules were developed at the direction of the Legislature as part of a comprehensive public records law unanimously approved during the 2005 session.

"The model rules are guidelines that incorporate best practices for requestors and agencies on the public records disclosure process," McKenna said. "The rules will help both requestors and agencies successfully apply our state's open public records law by providing many practical solutions to recurring public records issues. Our goal is to reduce litigation and assist smaller local governments and citizen requestors by helping them avoid 're-inventing the wheel'."

The proposed model rules were widely distributed to a group of nearly 1,000 stakeholders, including local government, state agencies, legislators, community activists, the media, and others on November 23,

2005. The proposed model rules and a web-based comment form were also posted on the Attorney General's Web site at www.atg.wa.gov/records/modelrules.

The proposed model rules will appear in the Dec. 7, 2005 State Register and a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the General Administration Building, 1st floor auditorium, 210-11th Ave. SW in Olympia.

Upon consideration of the public comments and adoption by the Attorney General's Office, the model rules will be published in the Washington Administrative Code.