

PIERCE COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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Dear Human and Community Services Providers:

Given recent budget reductions and leadership changes, the Pierce County Community Partners (formerly the Pierce County Funders) are meeting to discuss ways to simplify the Outcome Based Evaluation and reporting systems. We all agree that program efficacy and efficiency, as well as fiscal accountability are all important goals. In addition, as new leaders in this funding community, we believe that the same standards need to be applied to the work of our agencies as well. In an effort to balance meaningfulness and efficiency, and to be responsive to agency feedback, we will be introducing changes to future reporting requirements and the list of mandated outcomes.

In the next month, Pierce County will be piloting a change to the Annual Report document for Pierce County funded agencies. The report and details regarding format and data collection procedures will be introduced in July. The change to this document is intended to ease reporting requirements. The cities of Lakewood and Tacoma will review the outcome of this new reporting format to see if it can be implemented within our agencies as well for 2012.

In addition to providing a simplified reporting system, staff will review the current Mandated Outcome List. During the World Café held last year, a repeated theme our staff's heard from you was that the current catalogue's outcomes and indicators did not fit with your agency/program missions. These circumstances required agencies to create new systems to track their required outcomes. In an effort to reduce the catalogue to a meaningful list that can be easily used by agencies, we will be contacting you to help evaluate the existing Outcome Catalogue and seek input and suggestions for new outcomes.

We hope that these changes will help improve efficiencies for all involved. As funding partners, we want to work with you to ensure we can meet the many needs of our agencies.

Please contact your current contract staff if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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