

PIERCE COUNTY FUNDERS



October 26, 2010

Dear Human Services Provider:

We are pleased to report that the 40 point Outcome Based Evaluation (OBE) system has successfully been implemented by the Pierce County Funders over the past year and is being utilized by all three entities in funding application processes. The data collected has improved program service delivery and assured fiscal accountability. We have also made progress in our ability to compare achievement rates across programs providing similar services in our community. This system has been a work in progress. In an effort to balance meaningfulness and efficiency and be responsive to program feedback, we are making a change in future reporting requirements.

Beginning in January 2011, we will be reducing the total number of required performance measures from three to two. Instead of programs being asked to track two outcomes and one additional performance measure, they will instead be required to track one outcome from the mandated list and one additional performance measure. The second measure may be an outcome or a different type of performance measure (something that will be meaningful to your organization).

Implementation of this change will occur during negotiations for 2011 contracts. Specific instructions for this process will be sent to program staff prior to the end of the year. The 2010 annual OBE reports (submitted in January 2011) will be the last reports in which programs are required to report on three performance measures.

We hope that these changes will help improve efficiencies for all involved. Please contact your funder if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tom L. Hilyard in blue ink.

Tom L. Hilyard
Pierce County

Handwritten signature of Mary Dodsworth in black ink.

Mary Dodsworth
City of Lakewood

Handwritten signature of Linda Villegas Bremer in black ink.

Linda Villegas Bremer
City of Tacoma