



## **Media Advisory – April 22, 2008**

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### **Housing/Homelessness committee meets April 23**

The Snohomish County Housing and Homelessness Policy Oversight Committee will meet again Wednesday, April 23, to discuss ongoing plans to end homelessness and increase affordable housing options.

The meeting will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. at Willis Tucker Community Park, 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish.

The committee is working in collaboration with the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County – a nonprofit membership organization searching for solutions to the county’s housing challenges. The group is writing an Affordable Housing Action Plan that and targets housing issues facing seniors, the homeless and persons with disabilities.

Wednesday’s meeting will allow members of the housing and homelessness committee to review and discuss a draft Affordable Housing Action Plan.

Executive Aaron Reardon convened the committee in January as a way to jumpstart this year’s focus on ways to improve living conditions for low- and middle-class residents residing in Snohomish County.

The committee – made up of nearly 40 members of the community – has been charged with making suggestions on how best to establish benchmarks for forthcoming homeless and housing initiatives in addition to guiding long-term strategies. Represented are leaders from local and state government, the housing and real-estate industry, educators, nonprofit executives, business leaders and members of the faith community.

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