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County seeks input on performance measures

The Snohomish County Executive's Office is refining the measures it uses to gauge how well county government is performing. Residents are being asked to play a key role.

In 2004, Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon launched SnoStat to measure the effectiveness of Snohomish County services. These performance measures guide county decisions and are the foundation of the county budget.

“We know that good performance measures increase government's accountability to the taxpayers,” Reardon said. “It's time to reassess how we're doing and determine what can be improved.”

Today, there are five performance measurement groups: transportation; public safety, law and justice; health and vulnerability; community development; and public utilities and infrastructure.

During two public feedback sessions, participants will be asked to offer input on how effective and relevant each measurement group is. A light meal will be provided at both sessions.

The first session will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12; the other session is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 19. Both will be held in the first-floor meeting room of the county's Administration East Building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett.

SnoStat is guided by the principle that Snohomish County must measure, evaluate and communicate the effectiveness of services and programs it offers residents. Annually, SnoStat has been enhanced to better illustrate the work being done by county departments.

Seats at each meeting are limited, so participants are asked to register by e-mailing sno.stat@snoco.org and specifying which session they would like to attend.

To view Snohomish County's Public Performance Measures, go to www.snoco.org and click on the “SnoStat” link found on the left side of the page.