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Title	Executive Update	
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Synopsis:	The Executive Update will provide members with a review of current agency work related to program administration and policy. The Executive Director will provide this synopsis at the beginning of each Council meeting.	
Guiding questions:	Do the activities of the agency align with our statutory mission?	
Possible council action:	⊠Information Only □Approve/Adopt □Other:	
Documents and attachments:	□ Brief/Report □ PowerPoint □ Third-party materials □ Other	

Executive Update

October 2014

Gene Sharratt, Executive Director



Two-Month Review



The Executive Director update will highlight the agency's efforts related to our statutory mission and program administration.

The two-month summary chart provides a synopsis of agency efforts since the last Council meeting.

Agency Update Two-Month Executive Summary

Project	Recent Work
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Legislative work	Continued meetings with legislators. Continued tracking of stakeholder work. New Legislative Director! Output Director of the continued tracking
	Near Future: Meetings with the Legislative Director, Council members, legislators, and stakeholders.

Recent Highlights and Future Efforts

Category	Activity
Outreach and Advocacy	ICW communications panel; September CHA radio; initiation of Office Hours website.
Policy and Research	Development of one page documents for 2014 Strategic Action Plan; September 22 meeting for the NGA Stem Alliance; SBAC placement agreements; ISLS meeting in Chicago.
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Legislative Work	Continued meetings with and outreach to Legislators and legislative staff. New Legislative Director!

Continue the Conversation

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