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DIVERSITY TRAINING

South Puget Sound Diversity Task Force is a network providing information, training and education in diversity issues and employment opportunities.

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Diversity Thought - "To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe." -- Anatole France

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Washington State Rehabilitation Council
TACOMA WOMAN APPOINTED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Olympia - Wanda A. Thompson, of Tacoma, has been appointed executive director of the 21-member advisory council that helps shape state policies designed to help people with disabilities gain employment.

CONTACT

Thompson becomes executive director of the Washington State Rehabilitation Council on November 1st. She has been the diversity programs administrator since 1994 and most recently was appointed as Diversity Enhancement Consultant Manager focusing on developing customized diversity curricula and delivery. She also served as a HR Personnel/Corporate Officer for Puget Sound National Bank and Key Bank in Tacoma. She has a bachelor's degree from Evergreen State College. Wanda also attended the University of Colorado AMA's National School of Human Resources undergrad degree program.

Wanda has lived and studied abroad in Western Europe and currently holds candidacy in Graduate study in MS in Human Resources at Chapman University. Wanda has served on many boards, commissions, and organizations in Pierce County and served as the past chair for the Council Performance Committee on the Washington State Rehabilitation Council. She currently serves on Quota International Organization and is past President, serving person with hearing impairments; Coalition against Bigotry and Bias (CABB); South Puget Sound Diversity Taskforce (SPSDT); Society of Professional Human Resources (SPHR) and Washington State Business Leadership Network.

As executive director to the Council, her responsibilities will include advising the council on emerging issues, promoting its issues within the Department of Social and Health Services' division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), coordinating the work of the council and it's subcommittees as well as overseeing it's budget.

Thompson said she was excited about starting her new job and she approached her work guided by the words of Mother Theresa: "Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway." She is pleased to be part of the Council's important work and looks forward to contributing to their success and sharing in telling their story.

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Mike O'Brien, DVR Director, commented, "Wanda Thompson has been working in the human resource arena for over 20 years in the private and public sectors. She has strong organizational and managerial skills. She also knows the importance of coaching and mentoring people to help them excel. She is a welcome addition to the Council."

The governor appoints the 21 members of the Council. They represent individual and groups with an interest in vocational rehabilitation. A majority of the members have disabilities. Other members represent business, labor, disability advocacy groups and others. Members represent geographic areas of the state as well as gender, ethnic and cultural populations.

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