



Site Selection and Transition Issue Advisory Committee Report – March 2010

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Progress to Date

- Recommendations made in January
 - That the evaluation methodology used by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to evaluate the demonstration site implementation (Phase II) be random assignment.
 - That supervising agencies have an additional 6 months to assume service delivery for new child welfare cases (beginning June 30, 2012 and concluding on December 31, 2012).
 - To extend the evaluation period for the WSIPP to three years instead of two.
- SB 6832 incorporates the first two requests and not the third.

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- Committee began developing criteria for the site selection process:
 - Required in HB2106
 - » One site must be located on the eastern side of the state. The other site must be located on the western side of the state.
 - » Neither site must be wholly located in any of the department's administrative regions.

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- Additional recommended criteria
 - » Size of demonstration sites
 - To ensure adequate statistical power to assess differences, the Committee determined that a 10% change in outcomes would be needed.
 - To detect a 10% difference in reunifications after placement, 28% of the annual statewide caseload (or approximately 828 children placed in out-of-home care) would be needed.
 - » 14.25% in the “treatment” group and 14.25% in the comparison group
 - » Tribal land boundaries must be fully included or fully excluded from the sites.
 - » Office catchment areas must be fully included or fully excluded from the sites.

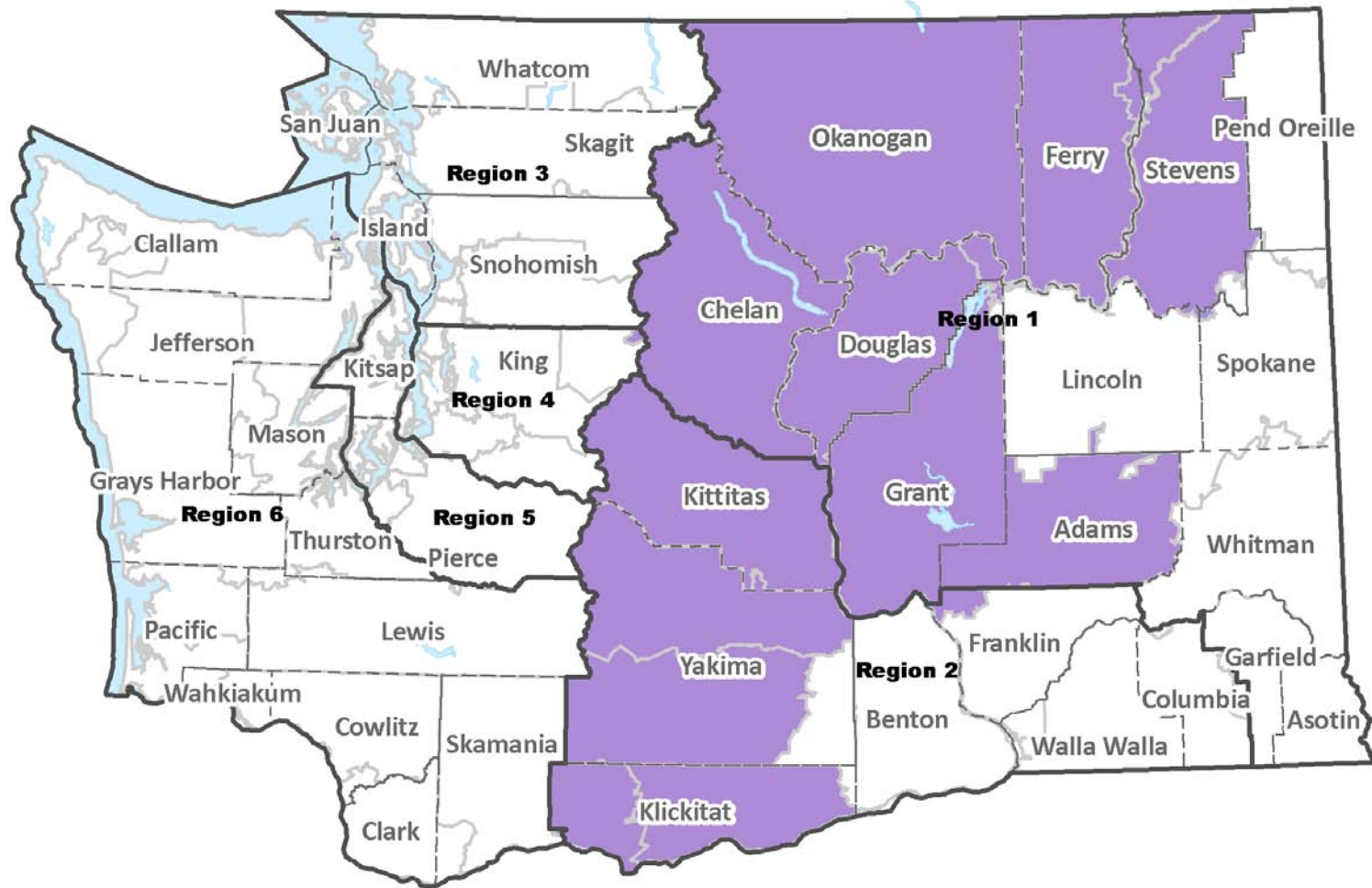
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- Additional recommended criteria (continued)
 - » The balance of urban and rural distribution in the site should be reflective of the regions.
 - » Minority composition of sites needs to be proportionate with the minority composition of families being served in those areas.
 - » Boundaries must be both geographically and practically contiguous.
- The Committee met with RDA several times to map various options.
- Two scenarios are under consideration for the eastern and western sides of the state.

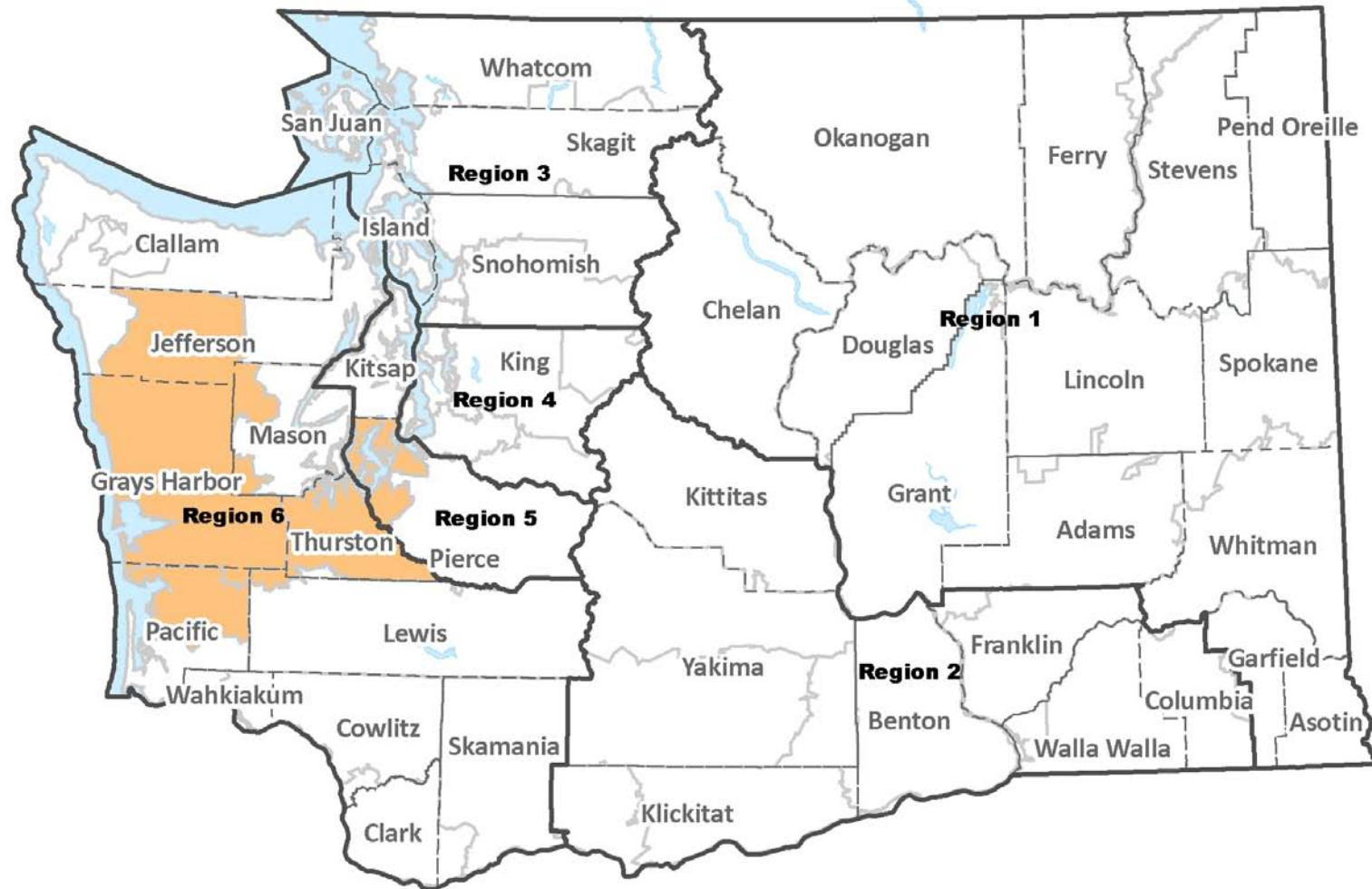
East Side – Scenario A



East Side – Scenario B



West Side – Scenario A



West Side – Scenario B



Next Steps

- The next meeting is scheduled for April 15th at the Administrative Office of the Courts conference room in Seatac.
- Continue to weigh pros and cons of each possibility.
- Finalize recommendations for location of east and west sites for Phase II.
- Continue identifying transition issues to be addressed.
- Comments and Discussion