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**Sent time:** 03/30/2015 01:48:36  
**To:** itfh <itfh@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** RE: Mr. Kirlin-Hackett

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Hi Bill,

Thank you for the information. From his email I assumed that he likely had already contacted you. If you do hear from him please let me know.

Mark

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**From:** itfh [mailto:itfh@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 1:47 PM  
**To:** Ellerbrook, Mark  
**Cc:** Joe Ingram  
**Subject:** RE: Mr. Kirlin-Hackett

I am not exactly sure what materials I would be pulling together for this individual. He has not asked me for any documentation of the work done to date, and I'd not provide it to him. In fact, because of his provocative emails, sent to Sen. Darneille and to the County, I've blocked any communication he tries to send me. Were we doing a regular report to DCHS then that information would be available to him, to be sure. The contract called for an end of term report only. I cannot conclude that his insistence trumps the contract provisions. Nor can I conclude that he has any right to the information solely from our work to date.

With regard to his insistence that any lack of relationship with Scott Morrow prevents the ITFH – which is not just me but those who make up the ITFH of whom many maintain a good working relationship with SHARE/WHEEL -- from working with faith communities makes little sense. That is the contract charge here, to work with faith communities toward their hosting TC4 and CUE, and other encampments. We have advanced such efforts with Camp Unity Eastside (into Redmond) and with United We Stand (into Shoreline). We are currently working with next hosts for both CUE and UWS, and for Eastside visits to congregations, inquiring as to their preference and timing for hosting an encampment that includes their inviting TC4. We continue to run into the ordinance limitations, and more congregations are hesitant where controversy escalates (e.g. TC4).

I was very clear with DCHS from the start that Scott Morrow had “barred” not only me but the ITFH Chair, Joe Ingram. As recently as our last ITFH meeting we solicited some of our folks to intercede with SHARE, and to be frank, while some initially volunteered they very soon declined, for reasons I can only guess are historic as to loyalties, and so on. For this reason, as noted above, we continue to work as the contract described, from the faith community

side.

If the County is sufficiently chilled by all this that it would like us to return the unexpended portion of the funds, we'd do so. My rough estimate is we have expended about \$900 in efforts that includes stipends/expenses/planning.

Bill Kirlin-Hackett

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**From:** Ellerbrook, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Ellerbrook@kingcounty.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 12:51 PM  
**To:** 'itffh'  
**Subject:** FW: Mr. Kirlin-Hackett  
**Importance:** High

Hi Bill,

I wanted to make sure you saw David Preston's latest email regarding work w/ TC4. As you pull together material for David if you could please share copies with me I would appreciate it.

Thanks.

**Mark Ellerbrook**

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**From:** David Preston [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2015 11:35 AM  
**To:** Quinn, Adrienne  
**Cc:** Catherine L Lester; Lambert, Kathy; Dembowski, Rod; Dunn, Reagan; McDermott, Joe; Phillips, Larry; Gossett, Larry; Hague, Jane; von Reichbauer, Pete; [kcexec@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kcexec@kingcounty.gov); Starbard, John; Ellerbrook, Mark; Putnam, Mark  
**Subject:** Re: Mr. Kirlin-Hackett  
**Importance:** High

Thanks for the clarification, Adrienne, but I'm still puzzled. Why would your office contract with someone to develop a list of potential sites for Tent City if you didn't also have some assurance that the boss of Tent City, Scott Morrow, had agreed to play ball? The success of the agreement clearly depended on Mr. Morrow being a good-faith actor who had a strong working relationship with the contractor, Bill Kirlin-Hackett.

Let's look at the scope of work . . .

## II. SCOPE OF WORK

- A. Objective 1: Maintain Tent City Site Transition schedule for the above sponsored tent cities for calendar year 2015 according to applicable County and local ordinances.
- B. Objective 2: Facilitate communication with local faith communities to ensure the timely siting of future tent city locations.
  - 1. The Agency shall work with faith communities to identify future site locations for each tent city listed above. Each future tent city location should be identified at least 30 days prior to the scheduled transition date according to the Site Transition Schedule
  - 2. Assistance with Tent City 4 and Camp Unity shall be the highest priority under this contract. Assistance with other Tent Cities is allowed under this contract once a schedule for Tent City 4 and Camp Unity is established.
  - 3. The Agency shall seek to facilitate rotation of Tent City 4 and Camp Unity to different jurisdictions throughout King County over the course of the year.
  - 4. The Agency shall notify DCHS of each site location as it is identified.

–Again, none of this makes sense *unless you already had Mr. Morrow's buy-in.*

In retrospect, it's clear that you did not have that buy-in. As you know, Morrow's organization, SHARE, is on record as saying that they don't trust your boss, Dow Constantine, and that Kirlin-Hackett is "persona non grata" with them. I'm not sure how that could have happened, but I'm going to find out. I have formally asked Kirlin-Hackett for some documentation on the work he's done so far. I have also asked him what he told your office in regard to his relationship with Mr. Morrow. I'll get back to you on that soon.

Thanks.

–David Preston

**From:** [Quinn, Adrienne](#)

**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2015 12:40 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]; [Putnam, Mark](#) David Preston

**Cc:** [Catherine L Lester](#) ; [Lambert, Kathy](#) ; [Dembowski, Rod](#) ; [Dunn, Reagan](#) ; [McDermott, Joe](#) ; [Phillips, Larry](#) ; [Gossett, Larry](#) ; [Hague, Jane](#) ; [von Reichbauer, Pete](#) ; [kcexec@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kcexec@kingcounty.gov) ; [Starbard, John](#) ; [Ellerbrook, Mark](#)

**Subject:** RE: Mr. Kirlin-Hackett

Dear David,

Thank you for your email. I thought it might be helpful to clarify that the Interfaith Taskforce contract was to work with the faith community to identify potential sites for the various tent cities. It was not a contract to work with SHARE/WHEEL. Given the Taskforce's long work in the faith community they have numerous and deep connections in the faith community. The Interfaith Taskforce has done exactly what the contracted requested – they have identified sites. Camp Unity has sited at one of these locations. Tent City 4 has chosen not to. I hope this clarification is helpful.

Thank you,

Adrienne

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**From:** David Preston [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** Quinn, Adrienne; Putnam, Mark  
**Cc:** Catherine L Lester; Lambert, Kathy; Dembowski, Rod; Dunn, Reagan; McDermott, Joe; Phillips, Larry; Gossett, Larry; Hague, Jane; von Reichbauer, Pete; [kcexec@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kcexec@kingcounty.gov); Starbard, John  
**Subject:** Mr. Kirlin-Hackett  
**Importance:** High

Adrienne Quinn and Mark Putnam  
Committee to End Homeless in King County

Dear Adrienne and Mark . . .

Hello again!

I'm looking over this attached agreement between the County and Mr. Kirlin-Hackett . . . and I'm thinking maybe it's going to come back to haunt some people. It seems like it was not very well thought out.

I can see how people who didn't know Mr. K-H well – or who didn't know the history of K-H's relationship with Mr. Morrow – might believe that K-H was a good man for this job. But I can't understand how two insiders like yourselves could not have known about that history. Weren't you aware that K-H and M have been at odds for some time now? As in . . . not on speaking terms? According to my documents – which I believe are also in the possession of CEHKC – K-H and M had some kind of falling out after M decided not to permit random sex-offender checks at Kirkland's Tent City 4. That was a couple of years ago now, but it caused quite a stir at the time, as you know.

Adrienne, you might have seen your name in a March 18 article in the *Issaquah-Sammamish Reporter*. In that piece, K-H and M are mentioned as well, and one of M's spokespeople is quoted as saying that his organization has not been in contact with K-H since at least last December of last year, which K-H himself confirms:

Morrow and Tent City 4 residents met with Department of Community and Human Services officials about occupying county lands soon thereafter. In a March 6 response letter to Morrow from DCHS Director Adrienne Quinn, Quinn wrote that the county was not prepared to offer publicly owned property as a location for Tent City.

Quinn urged Morrow to reach out to the Rev. Bill Kirlin-Hackett of the Interfaith Taskforce on Homelessness to find a hosting church. The Taskforce was hired by the county Dec. 1, 2014 to facilitate locations for encampments, county spokesperson Jason Argo said.

But Kirlin-Hackett is “persona non grata” in the SHARE/WHEEL community, according to the organization’s correspondence with Constantine.

“I know him and that’s all I’m going to say,” [SHARE spokesman] Roberson said, though he elaborated that Kirlin-Hackett was only interested in helping Camp Unity. “To this day he has not approached us.”

But that’s simply not true, according to the reverend.

“We reached out to them at least a half-dozen times and they refused our assistance -- unceremoniously, I might add,” Kirlin-Hackett said. “They’ve pretty much declined, thinking everyone is just interfering with their process.”

Source: <http://www.issaquahreporter.com/news/296813671.html?mobile=true>

I find this curious . . . that the County would pay \$5,000 to someone who wasn’t on speaking terms with Mr. Morrow to get Morrow to do something he didn’t want to do in the first place (namely: comply with permitting laws). Not surprisingly, the Kirlin-Hackett project was a non-starter. Morrow, as usual, moved his camp where he damn well wanted to, without the County’s blessing, or even its knowledge.

Did Kirlin-Hackett do anything to prevent this from happening? No. He did not. Because he COULD not.

I wonder: What assurances did Kirlin-Hackett give you about his qualifications, exactly? Did he tell you he had a good working relationship with Mr. Morrow? If so, I’d say he was being a tad disingenuous. Dishonest even.

In my opinion, dishonesty is not the best policy for a man who sits on the board of the Committee to End Homelessness, testifies before the King County Council, and generally claims to speak for the interests of homeless people at government meetings. What do you think?

I have a suggestion. I think you should terminate the agreement with Kirlin-Hackett. Tell him his services are no longer required. As you’re doing that, perhaps you could explain to him that he should be a little more candid about his qualifications in the future. And if he can’t be candid, then perhaps he shouldn’t say anything at all.



I may be of some help to you in changing your relationship with this fellow; here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to contact him and ask him what he told you about his relationship with Mr. Morrow. I'm also going to be asking him to document what church contacts he's been making and what transpired at those discussions. Then I'll be getting back to you on that. And maybe some other people too.

Best Regards,

David Preston