

# Tacoma Municipal Court

## Memorandum

To: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association;  
Department of Assigned Counsel (Tacoma Municipal Court division);  
Tacoma City Attorney's Office (criminal division)

From:  Judges David B. Ladenburg,  Elizabeth E. Verhey, and  Drew A. Henke

Date: March 22, 2016

Re: A Change Counseling – chemical dependency treatment provider

As you are aware, the Tacoma Municipal Court in early 2015 removed the above-referenced treatment agency from its list of treatment providers due to a multitude of continuing problems. At that time, we indicated we would accept evaluations and treatment reports from the agency as long as they continued to be state certified, but would not list them on our referral list.

Since that time, the problems have continued and indeed, gotten worse with false reports being filed. As a result effective immediately, the Court will no longer accept evaluations from A Change Counseling. Defendants who are currently utilizing this agency may make written motions to transfer to a new agency. Please discard any old agency referrals lists which would list A Change Counseling.

If a defendant enrolls in A Change Counseling for treatment after March 28, 2016 they will not be considered in compliance with treatment requirements.