

Interagency Council Meeting Summary

February 7, 2011

IAC Members Present: Dennis Brown (WDVA) Darasavanh Craven (CAC) Charissa Fotinos (Public Health) Bill Hallerman (AHA) Mike Heinsch (KYFS) Lynnette Hynden (Federal Way) Colleen Kelly (City of Redmond) Paul Lambros (PHG) Barbara Langdon (EDVP) Emily Leslie (City of Bellevue) Jackie MacLean (KC DCHS)		Marilyn Mason-Plunkett (Hopelink) Stephen Norman (KCHA) Nancy Sherman (CAC) Sue Sherbrooke (YWCA) Dannette Smith (Seattle HSD) Kathleen Southwick (Crisis Clinic) Jim Theofelis (Mockingbird) Tom Tierney (SHA)	IAC Members Absent: Michael Brown (Seattle Foundation) Doreen Cato (First Place) Deborah Doyle (DSHS) Manuela Ginnett (SKCCH) Bill Hobson (DESC) Michael Hursh (City of Auburn) Kate Joncas (DSA) Clark Kimerer (Seattle Police) Mark Okazaki (Neighborhood House) David Okimoto (UWKC) Michael Ramos (Church Council)
Community Members Present: Bill Block (CEHKC) Kristine Gullin (CEHKC) Gretchen Bruce (CEHKC) Bill Kirlin-Hackett (ITFH) Tara Conner (Plymouth Housing Group) Andrea Akita (City of Seattle) Carole Antoncich (Plymouth Housing Group) Julie McFarland (Friends of Youth)		Joseph Adriano (City of Bellevue) Anna Markee (KC DCHS) Karen Williams (HDC) Kimberly Walla (Bellevue Parks) Chris West (DSHS – Belltown CSO) Janice Tufte (ITFH) Kari Hill (Building Changes) James Wlos (Community)	Kristine Cunningham (ROOTS) Meghan Altimore (Hopelink) Hedda McLendon (YouthCare) Kelly Dang (WDC) Eliheyet Nelson (VHS Levy Oversight Board) Trudi Fajans (Public Health) Janna Wilson (Public Health) Natalie Lente (Public Health)

Welcome, Introductions and Consent Agenda

Sue Sherbrooke and Stephen Norman, Interagency Council (IAC) co-chairs, opened the meeting. The January IAC meeting was held via email to provide feedback to the draft IAC and Funders Group, and thus there was no meeting summary to approve.

Public Comment

- Bill Kirlin Hackett noted the need to be mindful that, as we embark on a Mid-Plan Review, the Ten Year Plan arose out call from the faith community, and encouraged all to maintain this grass roots connection.
- Homeless Housing Advocacy Day is February 14th
- We should celebrate that the overall One Night Count street count was down 11%, while also noting regional differences (the count was up in the eastside and certain other regions of the county.)

Consent Agenda / Updates

- Darasavanh Craven and Ariyetta Nelson were nominated and approved as Consumer Advisory Council representatives to the Interagency Council. Dara and Ariyetta will alternate attendance at the IAC meetings.
- The next Governing Board meeting will occur Wednesday, February 23rd. On the agenda: Mid Plan Review update and feedback on key policy questions, update on the 2011 legislative session, update on the One Night Count, healthcare reform and affect on homeless populations.
- Colleen Kelly reported that several cities and faith congregations on the eastside have come together to open the first ever winter shelter for the eastside - open every night, not just during periods of severe weather. She noted that demand for shelter quickly exceeded expectations, and the shelter often has as many as 55 – 60 residents each night, up from approximately 25-30 when it was open just during severe weather. Eastside leaders note that this is evidence of the need for additional shelter on the eastside, and suggested that the need for shelter should be one of the key policy topics considered as part of the Mid Plan Review.
- Funding awards for the 2010 Fall Coordinated NOFA, City of Seattle Office of Housing and McKinney awards were included in the IAC packet.

Five Year Plan to End Homelessness Among Veterans in King County

Jackie MacLean reported that the CEH Funders Group workplan for the Five-Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness in King County is in process. Debora Gay, King County staff to the project reported that an Advisory Group has been convened to oversee this project. Members include key informants on issues related to veterans and their reintegration, housing and service needs, and many representatives are from the same agencies

that serve on the IAC. The Veterans Five-Year Plan for King County will follow the same structure as the VA and State Five-Year Plans.

The Plans are all organized around six Pillars: 1) Outreach and Education; 2) Treatment; 3) Homeless Prevention; 4) Housing / Supportive Services; 5) Income / Employment / Benefits; 6) Community Partnerships. King County's plan will include: A Needs Statement; Policies/Plans that drive our regional response; Examples of local programs already operating within this Pillar; Recommendations; and Action Steps to enhance the regional response under this Pillar. Staff will seek IAC feedback to this report at the March and April IAC meetings.

Mid Plan Review

Bill Block provided an update to the Mid Plan Review process. A steering committee has begun to meet every other week, and is working with Heather Lyons, staff with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, who is serving as consultant to the project. Three different community meetings will be held around King County on March 1st and 2nd. These are open to the community, and a chance for anyone interested in the Ten Year Plan to help identify key policy questions that should be prioritized for the second half of the Ten Year Plan. (Note: these meetings are to *identify* key issues, not to *explore or answer* the policy questions.) Meetings are:

- Tues. March 1st, at New Holly Gathering Hall from 4 – 5:30 pm
- Wed. March 2nd, at SeaTac City Hall, from 9 – 10:30 am
- Wed. March 2nd, at Bellevue City Hall, from 4 – 5:30 pm

The majority of the Mid Plan Review will take place during what Heather calls Charrette Week. Top themes that emerge from the March community meetings will form the basis of the April 25th and April 26th Charrette discussions. Within these, local and national experts will explore the questions in what CSH staff call a fishbowl discussion, followed by a response session at which community members respond to what was said in the fishbowl discussions. CSH staff will then hole up on Wednesday, April 27th (after the Monday/Tuesday charrettes) to draft a report of what they heard and present it back to the community for feedback on Thursday the 28th. They'll incorporate additional feedback from the feedback meeting on the 28th and spend the weekend of the 29th, 30th and 1st drafting the final recommended report. This final report will be presented at the May 2nd IAC, followed by a presentation to the Funders Group at their May 9th meeting, and the Governing Board at their May 25th meeting. As needed, Task Forces will be formed to flesh out the priorities that emerge within the Mid Plan Update.

The IAC discussed potential key policy questions / charrette topic. Suggestions included:

- What is the role of emergency shelter and transitional housing in our homeless system? What is the role of emerging strategies, such as car camping, to assure a safe place to sleep given we don't have enough shelter / long-term permanent housing?
- How can we help more individuals/households exit to permanent housing? What is the bottleneck in the emergency shelter/transitional housing system? How can we increase graduation rates?
- How might a move to performance based contracting enhance the system? What would it take to do make this transition?
- What is the role of Homelessness Prevention in the Ten Year Plan?
- What is the role / obligation of partners systems such as criminal justice, foster care, etc?
- What can we realistically achieve in the current budget and economic climate?
- Would immigrants and refugees (or other populations) benefit from a separate housing/homeless system?
- How do we measure and increase political will?

IAC and Funders Group Charters

Members reviewed and discussed the revised charters for the Interagency Council and Funders Group, included in the IAC packet. Comment to the IAC charter include:

- The IAC charter should include reference to how the Executive Committee is selected.
- The IAC charter should include term limits for the Co-Chairs, as it has term limits for other positions.
- The Executive Committee for the IAC should be responsible for establishing attendance expectations and addressing IAC members' failure to meet these expectations

With these changes/additions, the Charter was accepted as amended. Members agreed that the revised Charter helps to clarify the role of the IAC, and addressed the concerns about recognizing and utilizing the strengths of the IAC and the Funders Group that generated the conversation about the roles of the various CEH bodies last fall.

Members reviewed the Funders Group charter. Comments to the Funders Group charter included:

- The Funders Group charter should include reference to membership.
- How can we strengthen the communication between the Funders Group and Consumer Advisory Council?

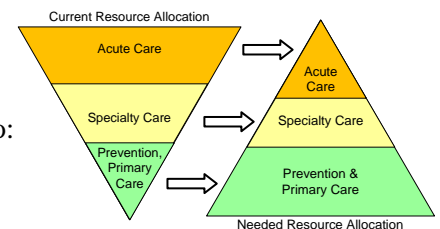
These comments will be forwarded to the Funders Group.

Healthcare Reform and Homelessness

Janna Wilson, with Seattle-King County Public Health, provided an overview of healthcare reform, noting that it will significantly affect homeless populations. The three greatest changes will be universal coverage, payment reform, and healthcare delivery system redesign. One concern will be assuring that all those who are eligible for healthcare coverage actually sign up and make use of that benefit. Eligibility will expand Medicaid to 133% of Federal Poverty Level in 2014. Nationally, that translates to 16 to 23 million new enrollees, with about 52,000 in King County. Most homeless people who now get health coverage in connection with state-funded assistance programs (Disability Lifeline, ADATSA) would move to the “Medicaid Expansion” population.

One hoped for benefit of healthcare reform will be a more effective use of healthcare dollars. Currently, the majority of healthcare dollars are spent on acute care, with fewer dollars spent on prevention. Public health policy experts want to invert that. These are dramatic shifts, and there are many pilots in the Reform bill to:

- Invert the Resource Allocation Triangle
- Fund and deploy multiple prevention activities
- Establish Primary Care as a desirable occupation
- Decrease demand in the specialty and acute care systems



Given the crisis in local and state budgets, however, we face considerable challenges in doing so. Pending cuts:

- Medicaid (FQHC) payments to Public Health Centers and Community Health Centers are reduced
- Elimination of the Basic Health Plan, Disability Lifeline medical payments, most adult dental, and coverage for an estimated 27,000 children
- Grants to Community Health Centers cut in half
- Maternity support services reduced by 50%, and Family planning reduced

Janna also reported that a requirement to create/certify federally qualified community health centers will drive the delivery of services. The use of technology and shared healthcare records (on a HIPAA compliant database) will increase effectiveness of healthcare services across such providers. Elsewhere, considerable strategic planning and policy changes will need to occur in the coming year(s) to implement the many changes associated with reform.

Veterans and Human Services Levy

Anna Markee, levy planner with KC DCHS, provided an overview of the renewal efforts for the Veterans and Human Services Levy. King County council members Ferguson and Dunn introduced an ordinance in early January to continue the Levy at current rates (\$.05 per \$1,000 valuation.) It is still to be decided whether to place the levy on the ballot for August or November. Support from the IAC for levy renewal is needed to:

- Increase community awareness of the benefits from the previous levy
- Increase community awareness on the need to renew the levy
- Provide feedback to policy makers and council on what strategies / priorities should be included in levy renewal

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Bruce, CEH Staff.