



BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

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LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

Human Services Application Process Goes Digital

Seventeen suburban cities in King County have gone digital to offer the first county-wide (outside of Seattle) application process for housing and human services funds. The Human Services Funders Collaborative representing the seventeen participating King County municipalities (Auburn, Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Covington, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Tukwila, and Woodinville) announces the 2011/2012 **funding process will open March 22, 2010. Applications are due April 29th.**



Human services providers will be able to submit one application online at www.HSConnect.net to any of the participating 17 cities. In addition to the application process, efforts are under way to develop common web based reporting for funded agencies. These efforts will reduce the impact of applying for funds and reporting results on agencies and will streamline monitoring, report development and data analysis for city staff.



TAX DEADLINE IS APRIL 15th!

The **United Way of King County** is offering **free tax preparation** for households with incomes under \$50,000 last year. For more information or to find a location near you visit their [website](#).

Housing Justice Project – Have a Client Facing Eviction or Related Housing Matters?

Homelessness prevention requires a team approach. If you are a social service provider in King County working with a low-income client facing eviction or related housing matters, you may refer that client to one of the Housing Justice Project clinics in Seattle or Kent. Here are a few helpful suggestions to prepare the client for a visit to HJP:

- Explain to the client that the attorney is there to help them.
- Make a list of documents the client has that are relevant to their housing matter, including any correspondence to/from the landlord, photographs of any poor conditions, notices or pleadings from the landlord/landlord's attorney, a copy of the lease agreement and anything the client may have signed.
- If a reasonable accommodation relating to their housing is needed, have the client bring all supporting documentation (that they are comfortable with providing).
- Assist the client in locating and organizing their paperwork.
- Instruct the client to bring all paperwork to the meeting with the attorney.
- Let the client know it's better to arrive early, because the clinics operate on a first come, first served basis.
- If possible, accompany the client to the meeting with attorney.

Where, When and How to Reach Services

For more information, locations and hours call (206) 267-7090 (English) or (206) 267-7091 (Español) or visit the [website](#). No legal advice is given over the phone.





EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A NORTH KING COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING STAKEHOLDER FORUM

April 21, 2010, 6:00pm – 8:30pm, Shoreline City Hall – 17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline

Hosted by: North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA), Housing Development Consortium of King County (HDC), A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), Interfaith Taskforce on Homelessness (IFTH)

This is an opportunity to convene council members, planning and human services commissioners, staff and community organizations to strategize how we strengthen activities for affordable housing and homelessness prevention in North King County.



This forum will include education and strategy sessions that will elevate the understanding about how housing affordability affects a city's livelihood and household stability, what successful models exist in your city today, and how we can strengthen partnerships to meet the housing needs in our communities. What can we do to ensure sustainable communities?

It requires proactive and coordinated efforts to create sustainable communities. At a time when the economy has diminished funding resources, it is critical to identify and implement creative strategies to meet the housing needs in our communities.

Education Session: Gain a broader understanding of housing issues and needs within your community.

- Information on local housing supply and demographic needs for housing
- Provisions of the Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies related to housing and affordable housing
- ARCH's role in assisting member cities to implement affordable housing efforts
- What is happening now: Learn about the range of housing types and service models that comprise the spectrum of "affordable housing".
 - Examples of local Affordable Housing projects, who makes them happen and how they are financed
 - Current strategies to address local affordable housing needs and prevent homelessness.

Strategy Session: Two panels will provide topics for future collaborative actions.

- Preservation of existing affordable housing.
- Emergency Responses for homelessness and homeless prevention.

Please RSVP to Karen@housingconsortium.org

CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Kurt Triplett. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Meeting dates vary: Time: 8:30am – 10:30am. Location: YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting January 27, 2010

The meeting began with an introduction of new board members: King County Executive Dow Constantine, Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, Mercer Island Councilmember Mike Cero, Seattle Councilmember Nick Licata and Renton Councilmember Greg Taylor; a review and discussion around the CEH 2009 Year End Dashboard which noted the cumulative total of 4,111 units opened or in the pipeline since the beginning of the plan; a review and discussion of CEH progress and challenges since the previous board meeting.

Highlights from the progress and challenges discussion: CEH Funders Group is fully implemented and has been reporting progress on its priorities and work plans; Coordinated entry for families and single adults is progressing as planned; though we are in the worst recession in 50 years the One Night Count showed a 5% decrease in the number of individuals who are unsheltered; significant legislative work is progressing on federal, state and local levels to change policy and maintain revenue to existing programs. Policy discussion on the most effective way to leverage Governing Board strengths.

Upcoming Meeting: May 26, 2010, 8:30am – 10:30am
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle



Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: March 1, 2010

2009 Coordinated NOFA Awards

Katy Miller reviewed the list of projects that were awarded funding through the 2009 Coordinated NOFA. King County DCHS, KCHA, SHA, UWKC, and the Washington Families Fund awarded approximately \$18.5 million in services, operating support, and rental assistance funds to 17 programs.

Coordination with Mainstream Systems:

IAC reviewed some basic questions around current efforts to link with mainstream systems (eg – discharge projects such as FACT/PACT/SHIFT) and discussed:

What collaborations are working well now.

- What collaborations are we trying that are not working.
- What collaborations are we not even trying that we should.
- Which system's bottom line is most adversely affected by their participant's homelessness (who has most incentive to partner).
- Which systems are such that, linking to them would either significantly prevent homelessness, or greatly increase the ability of people to leave homelessness.

Safe Harbors Homeless Management Information System:

Sola Plumacher reported that Safe Harbors submitted its first set of Annual Homeless Assessment Reports (AHAR) for 2010 to HUD in the last week. There are a series of components to this report, and the first few have been accepted, which is good news.

Upcoming Meeting: April 5, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral – 1245 Tenth Ave E, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics:

- Initiate conversation of funding expirations and mainstream connections for IAC Retreat
- Review of almost final draft of the Family Homelessness Strategic Plan

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Kristine Gullin (kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: March 16, 2010

Reviewed the LGBTQ focus group summary report that the CAC hosted on December 16, 2009. Heard a legislative update. Discussed topics for the IAC retreat, specifically which mainstream systems should coordinate to make it easier for clients to move forward.

Upcoming Meeting: April 21, 2010, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
****Note:** Attending the North King County Affordable Housing Stakeholder Forum

Single Adults Committee

Chair: Steve Roberts (stevesroberts@comcast.net) and Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: Single Adults will meet quarterly in 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00pm at YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle.

Recent Meeting February 22, 2010

Discussion of new HPRP Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Projects for Single Adults. Discussed FACT/PACT/FISH Projects – intensive service & housing projects for Chronically Homeless Single Adults. Dave Murphy contact. (dave.murphy@kingcounty.gov) Brainstorm which systems will be important for coordinating mainstream systems.

Upcoming Meeting: April 19, 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00pm
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle



All Things CEH an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives for April 2010

Families Committee

Co-Chairs: Doreen Cato & Dan McDougall-Treacy. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: quarterly or ad hoc from 10 am to Noon.

Recent Meeting: January 25, 2010

Thorough review of the King County Family Homelessness Project, the proposed strategies for moving towards the Housing Stabilization Model, the proposed design for Coordinated Entry and Assessment for Families.

Upcoming Meeting: May 10, 2010, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Wellspring Family Services - 1900 Rainier Avenue S, Seattle

Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

Co-Chairs: Mike Heinisch, Brooke Scharnke Staff: Marci Curtin (marci.curtin@seattle.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wed of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, usually at the 2100 Building but may rotate.

Recent Meeting: March 10, 2010

Reviewed, voted on and approved the 2010 focus areas. United Way Homeless Youth Plan discussion.

Upcoming Meeting: April 14, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
2100 Building – 2100 – 24th Ave S, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: Begin work on 2010 focus areas. Platform paper 2009 info review. Upcoming workshops on how youth of color access homeless services announcement.

Public Relations

Chair: Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov). *NEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010* Typical Meeting Schedule: 4th Wed of month, 3:30pm – 4:30pm at Chinook Building 401 – 5th Ave, Room 526.

Upcoming Meeting: April 28, 2010, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Chinook Building - 401 Fifth Avenue, Room 526, Seattle

Legislative Advocacy

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30am – 10:00am, DESC/DSHS shared building

Upcoming Meeting: April 6, 2010, 8:30am – 9:30am
Conference call - 206-205-1111

Draft Agenda Topics: Debriefing of legislative session.

RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

The General meeting is the 3rd Thurs of each month, 9:00am -11:00am at E Cherry YWCA. Most attendees are providers or homeless community members and other concerned folks are welcome. Several standing committees also meet regularly (families with children; youth & young adults, single adults; advocacy). Learn more and sign up for meeting reminders at www.homelessinfo.org

Upcoming General Meeting: April 15, 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am
East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

Upcoming SKCCH Events

SKCCH Quarterly Case Manager Training: “Credit and Debt: How to Advocate for Your Clients with Financial Literacy”

Wednesday, April 14, 9:00am – 12:00pm
Plymouth Housing Group’s Simons Building
2119 3rd Avenue, Rm. 288

If you work with clients on issues related to *money management, savings, credit and debt*- this training will help you develop the skills to better advocate for the financial wellbeing of your clients! ****Please RSVP to Katie Baum at katieb@ccsww.org. Simply put Quarterly Training RSVP in the subject line of your e-mail.****



Upcoming SKCCH Events continued.....

Immigration 101: A Free Training for Service Providers, presented by the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP)

Tuesday, April 27th, 2:30pm-5:00pm

South Seattle Community College

Register at <http://nwirpimmigration101.eventbrite.com/>

SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy Committee Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, April 8, 1:30pm - 3:00pm

YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 3rd Ave

SKCCH Youth and Young Adults Committee Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, April 13, 10:30am-12:00pm

Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E

Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (ITFH)

The ITFH works among, between, and within the faith community and seeks to create the political will to end homelessness using targeted education, outreach and advocacy. Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 12:00pm -1:30pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting:

April 21, 2010, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle

South King County Forum on Homelessness

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent JaJohnson@ci.kent.wa.us. The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9:00am – 10:30am at the Kent Senior Activity Center to 1) keep South county service providers in touch with one-another; 2) share resources with / for SKC service providers; 3) receive updates and announcements of new or future projects; 4) to help bridge the disconnect between the homeless and services. Most attendees are planners or providers, though anyone is welcome to attend. SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: <http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/humanservices/index.aspx?id=2728>

Upcoming Meeting:

April 7, 2010, 9:00am – 10:30am

Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)

Contact: Arthur Sullivan ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov or Sharon Anderson sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us. EHAC coordinates homeless housing & service activities in East King County. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, (NOTE: new time) First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

Upcoming Meeting:

April 8, 2010 2:00pm – 4:00pm

First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

University District Service Provider's Alliance Service Provider Team

Contact: Lindsey Nutting udsp.spt@gmail.com U-District Service Provider's Alliance share information relevant to working with homeless youth and young adults, program updates, and neighborhood updates. A service provider debrief follows each meeting. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Street Youth Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15th Ave NE

Upcoming Meeting:

April 14, 2010, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle