



# All Things CEH

April 2011

an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives

## BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Kristine Gullin at [kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov)

## EVENTS

### Be a Part of the CEH Mid Plan Review! - April 25 & 26, 2011

Tukwila Community Center, 12424 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S, Tukwila

The Committee to End Homelessness will host community discussions on key policy changes needed to fully implement the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. These discussions will take place in the context of two-hour conversations among national and local experts and interested community members on what key policy changes are needed during years six through ten of The Plan. The key policy topics and conversations are:



Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

- Performance Measures and Accountability at All Levels (9 am – 11 am)
- Homeless Youth and Young Adults (11:30 am – 1:30 pm)
- Systems Level Prevention (2 pm – 4 pm)

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

- Emergency Housing for Homeless Single Adults (9:30 – 11:30 am)
- Political Will (12 noon – 2 pm)
- Immigrant and Refugee Communities (2:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

On April 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3:30 pm at Tukwila Community Center, we will roll out the first draft of the plan for comment. For more information visit [our website](#).

### United Way of King County Community Resource Exchange - April 22, 2011, 9am – 3pm

East Hall of Qwest Event Center – 800 Occidental Ave S, Seattle

United Way's Community Resource Exchange connects people experiencing homelessness with the services they need all in one place, in one day—with everything from housing, employment and legal assistance to free health services, haircuts, voicemail accounts and supply-filled backpacks. Last September more than 100 services providers and 300 volunteers served 2,400 people experiencing homelessness. With your help we can do it again this April. To learn more about the CRE visit [www.uwkc.org/cre](http://www.uwkc.org/cre). You can register as a service provider by clicking on [this link](#). To request CRE flyers or posters e-mail [cre@uwkc.org](mailto:cre@uwkc.org).



**WA State Coalition for the Homeless 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness**  
May 11 – 13, 2011, Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 West Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick  
For more information visit the WSCH [website](#)

## LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

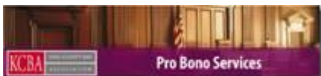


### Brettler Family Place

On April 7, Solid Ground will celebrate the grand opening of Brettler Family Place and the official naming of the Lowry Community Center, located at SandPoint (6850 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, Seattle). Speakers include Solid Ground Executive Director Cheryl Cobbs, Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, David Bley of the Gates Foundation, and Dan Brettler, CEO of Car Toys and CEH Governing Board co-chair. The celebration begins at 5:30 pm.

First Tenants Move In at Brettler Family Place - Read the [Solid Ground Blog](#) posted on March 8

Families' New Lives a Sign Homeless Isn't Hopeless – [Seattle Times](#) published March 14



### Elderly Tenants and Housing

The **Housing Justice Project (HJP)** is a homelessness prevention program of the Pro Bono Services division of King County Bar Association, providing volunteer-based legal services to tenants facing eviction in King County. HJP has compiled information on how to best provide assistance to elderly tenants, noting that mental and physical illness, in addition to other natural changes that can come with age, make it difficult for elderly tenants to meet their lease obligations. Fortunately, there are services in place to help seniors maintain their housing. For advocacy tips and more information on services, click [here](#).



## LOCAL NEWS & ACTION continued.....

### Seattle's Yesler Terrace Faces the Future – Seattle Times, published March 19

No federally subsidized housing anywhere in the country claims a better location, just minutes from downtown jobs and culture, a short walk to hospitals and services. And probably none has a richer history. Yesler Terrace was the nation's first racially integrated public housing. Pacific Magazine provides a review of the challenges and opportunities ahead as the community adapts to a changing environment. [Read more](#)



### 60 Minutes Segment on Homeless Families

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, CBS 60 Minutes aired a powerful segment on homeless families and the struggles they (especially the children) face in getting back on their feet. It chronicles the growing number of families facing homelessness in our country and points out that the poverty rate for U.S. children will soon be at a shocking 25 percent. [Hard times generation: homeless kids](#)

## FUNDING

### 2011 Funding Allocation Process for 2010 Community Development Block Grant Capital Activities

#### Pre-application deadline: April 11, 2011

The King County Housing and Community Development (HCD) Program is pleased to announce the opportunity to pre-apply for funding from the federal Community Development Block Grant program for 2012 year funds. Community Development Block Grant funds will be available for non-profit and public agencies for capital project funding in 2012. The funds may be used for acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of community facilities, public improvements or other activities determined eligible per HUD regulations. [Click here](#) for more information and application.

## CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Governing Board

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

#### Recent Meeting:

February 23, 2011

- Review of Safe Harbors Dashboard, implementation improvements in Safe Harbors
- Update on the Mid Plan Review and feedback to key policy questions
- Update on 2011 legislative session
- Update on the 2011 Point In Time Homeless census – Street count is down 11% in 2011
- Healthcare reform and affect on people who are homeless

#### Upcoming Meeting:

May 25, 2011, 8:30-10:30am

Bellevue City Hall – 450 – 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue

#### Agenda Topics:

- Review Mid Plan Update: Priorities for years six through ten
- Recap of 2011 Legislative Session

### Interagency Council (IAC)

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

#### Recent Meeting:

March 7, 2011, 2–4pm

- Mid Plan Review charrette topic selection
- Update on Five Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness
- 2011 Legislative Session
- CBS 60 Minutes segment on homeless families

#### Upcoming Meeting:

April 4, 2011, 2–4pm

Saint Mark Episcopal Cathedral – 1245 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle

#### Agenda Topics:

- Roll out of the Homeless Families Initiative
- Roll out of the Veterans Five Year Plan
- Update on Mid Plan Review Process



### Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)) and Kristine Gullin ([kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Recent Meeting:** March 15, 2011

- One Night Count Report
- Updates from IAC and Funders Group
- Legislative Session Update

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 20, 2011, 6–7:30pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:** Mid Plan Review Charrette Update and Five Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness

### Single Adults Committee

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

**Recent Meeting:** February 28, 2011

- Feedback to Mid Plan Review – key policy questions for consideration as it relates to single adults
- Update on Project THRIVE
- Update on Disability Lifeline

**Upcoming Meeting:** Monday, April 18· 2011, 2:30 – 4 pm  
YWCA opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:** Mid Plan Review, Legislative Update (particularly around Disability Lifeline)

### Families Committee

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

**Upcoming Meeting:** TBD

### Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

Co-Chairs: Mike Heinisch, Charlotte Tucker Staff: Marci Curtin ([marci.curtin@seattle.gov](mailto:marci.curtin@seattle.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed every other month, 2pm–4pm, usually at the 2100 Building but may rotate.

**Recent Meeting:** March 9, 2011

Finalize 2011 CEH Y&YA goals. SKCCH IAC representative will attend and discuss SKCCH's vision for homeless youth and young adults as it relates to CEH. Gretchen Bruce provided update on Mid Plan review charrette process.

**Upcoming Meeting:** May 11, 2011, 2 – 4pm  
The 2100 Building – 2100 – 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Seattle

### Public Relations

Chair: Sherry Hamilton ([sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov](mailto:sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of month, 3:30–4:30pm at Chinook Building 401 – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room 526.

**Upcoming Meeting:** TBD  
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](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 8:30–10, via conference call.

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 12, 2011, 8:30-10am  
via conference call – 206-205-6641

**Agenda Topics:** Update on bills and budget



## RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

### South King County Forum on Homelessness

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent [JaJohnson@ci.kent.wa.us](mailto:JaJohnson@ci.kent.wa.us). The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9-10:30am 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/content.aspx?id=2728>

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 6, 2011, 9-10:30am  
Kent Senior Activity Center - 600 E Smith Street, Kent

**Agenda Topics:**

- King County Family Homelessness Initiative
- Telephone Assistance Programs for the Homeless
- CEH Update

### North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting

Contact: Harry Hoffman at [harry@housingconsortium.org](mailto:harry@housingconsortium.org). The NKC Stakeholders group coordinates homeless housing & service activities in North King County. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11:30am-1pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N.

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 13, 2011, 11:30am-1pm  
Shoreline City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, 17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline

### Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)

Contact: Arthur Sullivan [ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov) or Sharon Anderson [sanderson@ci.kirkland.wa.us](mailto: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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 14, 2011, 2-4pm  
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue - 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

### 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, noon-1:30pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at [itfh@comcast.net](mailto:itfh@comcast.net) or call at (425) 442-5418.

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 20, 2011, noon-1:30pm  
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr Conference Rm, 1245 - 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle

### University District Service Provider's Alliance Service Provider Team

Contact: Lindsey Nutting [udsp.spt@gmail.com](mailto: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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11:0am-12:30pm

**Upcoming Meeting:** April 13, 2011, 11am-12:30pm  
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In - 4540 - 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle

### Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

The General meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month, 9-11am 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](http://www.homelessinfo.org)

**Upcoming General Meeting:** April 21, 2011, 9-11am  
Alvirita Little Building @ East Cherry YWCA - 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

#### Agenda Topics

- Is it possible to end discrimination against people with criminal histories in housing and employment? Learn about the proposed new Seattle law; what do you think this law would mean for the people you work with and the work you do?
- Update on Gates Family Homelessness Initiative in King County. News, Q&A for King Co. homeless service providers.
- 2012 budget. The Legislature is supposed to pass a budget and leave Olympia on April 24<sup>th</sup> - maybe! You can count on SKCCH needing to speak up about crucial issues on April 21<sup>st</sup>.



### Other SKCCH Meetings and Events

**Youth & Young Adults Committee** – April 12, 2011, 10:30am-noon  
Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle

**Single Adults Advocacy Committee** – April 14, 2011, 2-3:30pm  
YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle \*Please note the changed meeting time

**Families with Children Committee** – May 25, 2011, 9:30-11:30am  
E Cherry YWCA, 2820 E Cherry Street

### **Project Cool for Back-To-School**

Join Project Cool for Back-To-School to help provide backpacks, school supplies, and gift certificates for new shows to homeless children in King County!

Help organize the collection of school supplies during the months of April, May, and June – to host a supply drive for Project Cool, contact the Supply Drive Coordinator, Danny Meltzer, at [danny@homelessinfo.org](mailto:danny@homelessinfo.org) or (206) 357-3149.

There are also other ways to help! To get involved with Project Cool, contact us at [projectcool@homelessinfo.org](mailto:projectcool@homelessinfo.org) or (206) 926-9300. You can also find out more by visiting SKCCH's website at [www.homelessinfo.org](http://www.homelessinfo.org)