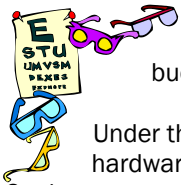




BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Kristine Gullin at kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION



Low-Cost Eye Wear for Medicaid Clients

Legislation passed during this year’s regular legislative session will help state Medicaid clients affected by a budget cut that eliminated coverage of frames, lenses and contacts from the medical assistance program this year.

Under the new law, Airway Heights’ Correctional Industries Optical Center, which has been the manufacturer of vision hardware for the Medicaid program – will continue to make the items that are prescribed by Medicaid providers. The Spokane center now will charge the doctors for the actual cost of producing the glasses, and the doctors will be able to pass that same charge along to the clients. The legislation presumes neither eye doctors nor the center will make a profit on the transactions. Prices are expected to range around \$20 for a pair of glasses.

The vision benefit budget cut was one of several cuts affecting Medicaid clients ages 21 and older. Others included elimination of coverage for hearing aids and other hearing hardware, and limiting the adult dental benefit to emergency treatments for pain, infection or trauma. Persons with developmental disabilities were exempted from the original cut in the dental benefit, and the final legislative budget directed Medicaid to also restore the benefit for pregnant women later this summer. (None of the cuts affected children’s benefits, which are generally protected under federal Medicaid law.) The cuts also did not change coverage of eye or hearing exams for adults. Those remain covered by Medicaid. Medicaid clients who are interested in obtaining new eyeglasses should talk to their optometrist, ophthalmologist or primary care provider for a referral to an eye doctor.

FUNDING and RFP’s

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Time Limited Housing and Emergency Services

Approximately \$3.9 million is available annually. Eligible uses of these funds include:

- Operating and support services for transitional housing facilities and emergency shelter facilities;
- Transitional rental assistance with services; and
- Emergency Assistance



Eligible Populations to be served with these funds include homeless families and individuals. For a complete overview of eligible populations to be served, eligible uses of funds, and who may apply, please thoroughly review the RFP guidelines and application [available here](#).

Applications for this RFP are due August 3, 2011 by 4pm

Please contact Janice Hougen or Linda Greenway if you have any questions.

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King County Housing Finance Program Announces the 2011 Request for Proposals



- **Applying for funds to develop affordable housing** – Housing and Community Development (HCD) has a variety of fund types available for housing development projects in our fall 2011 application round.
- **Applying for funds to create homeownership** – HCD will accept applications for home ownership projects in the summer of 2011 funding round.

[Click here](#) for details on eligible uses for these funds and restrictions as to where they can be used and to read the application documents. **Applications for funding are due August 5, 2011 by 4pm.**

City of Seattle and Building Changes Request for Investments: Homelessness Prevention

Seattle Human Services and Building Changes are seeking investment proposals for programs designed to prevent homelessness in Seattle. Approximately \$1.67 million is available for the period of January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012. Complete Request for Investments (RFI) materials are available at: <http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding>.

Deadline for investment proposal submittals for this RFI is 5:00pm on August 26, 2011. Contact Kim von Henkle, kim.vonhenkle@seattle.gov or (206) 615-1573, for questions about this RFI or to request paper copies of the RFI.

EVENTS

Ending Family Homelessness Initiative in King County Summer Speaker Series Presents: Heartland Alliance from Chicago, IL

'Heartland Alliance advances the human rights and responds to the human needs of endangered populations – particularly the poor, the isolated, and the displaced – through the provision of comprehensive and respectful services and the promotion of permanent solutions leading to a more just global society.'

The Ending Family Homelessness Initiative in King County is happy to welcome Heartland Alliance to talk with our community about their work in helping families who are experiencing homelessness. They will be focusing their discussions on Heartland Alliance efforts around **rapid re-housing** and **strength-based service delivery**, and their journey to this new approach.



Capacity is limited and RSVPs are required. For more information or to RSVP contact Triina Tannelo at triina.tannelo@kingcounty.gov.

Learn More About the Countywide Coordinated Entry and Assessment Program (CEA)



What: Join us to learn about the CEA program for families experiencing homelessness or facing imminent risk of homelessness in King County
Date: August 17th, 2011
Time: 9:30 am-11:30 am, No R.S.V.P. required
Where: Mercer Island Community and Event Center
8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040
[Driving Directions](#)

The goal of the meeting will be to present the purpose and design of the countywide Coordinated Entry and Assessment program and to answer questions. If you have questions, please contact Deborah Kuznitz at (206) 263-9071 or deborah.kuznitz@kingcounty.gov



Annual Day of Caring – September 16, 2011

United Way's annual [Day of Caring](#) offers a rewarding way for you and your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to get more involved in the community and make a real difference. Last year's Day of Caring was the biggest yet! Over **10,500** volunteers came together and collectively changed our community for the better at **424** project sites across King County.

This year's Day of Caring will take place on Friday, September 16! [Sign up here](#) and UWKC will contact you when registration opens on August 2. We hope you'll join forces with UWKC this year, and help **do more** to help those in our community who need it most.

CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (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

Recent Meeting: July 27, 2011

Review of CEH Bodies of Work – feedback to proposed goals and related policy considerations around:

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| 1 – Housing Production | 4 – Veterans 5 Year Plan | 6 – Youth & Young Adult Task Force |
| 2 – Families Initiative | 5 – Client Care Coordination | 7 – Single Adult Shelter Task Force |
| 3 – Performance Measures/HMIS | | 8 – Immigrant & Refugee Work Group |

Upcoming Meeting: October 26, 2011, 8:30-10:30am
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, 2-4pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: July 11, 2011

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Upcoming Meeting: September 12, 2011 - *August 1 meeting cancelled, next meeting will be in September*
Renton City Hall – 1055 S Grady Way, Renton

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, 6-7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: July 20, 2011
Count Us In Report and CEH Bodies of Work

Upcoming Meeting: August 17, 2011, 6-7:30pm
CAC Summer Picnic – Cal Anderson Park, Capitol Hill neighborhood in Seattle

Agenda Topics: Network and Socializing

Public Relations

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

Upcoming Meeting: August 24, 2011, 3:30-4:30pm
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 8:30-10, via conference call.

Upcoming Meeting: Committee on hiatus until 2012 legislative session

CEH Population Committees Update

Following the Mid Plan Review Report, the work of CEH around creating a youth and young adult system, making single adult shelter a pathway to housing and better serving refugees and immigrants will be focused on task forces created in response to the Mid-Plan Review Report. The existing population committees will no longer have staff support from the CEH Funders Group members. Accordingly, the population committees are discussing what role they should have (or not have) in the future. In June the Youth and Young Adult Committee discussed its usefulness in providing coordination and networking on an Executive Director level and will meet in September to review the work of the Y&YA task force and to decide whether the existing Youth and Young Adult Committee will continue in some form. The single adult committee held a similar discussion in July in July and agreed to go on hiatus for the time being. The families committee has been integrated into the various task forces and advisory committees working on the Homeless Families Initiative.

Single Adults Committee -- Last Quarterly Meeting, July 18th

Chair: Steve Roberts (steveRoberts@comcast.net) and Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). This will be the final quarterly meeting, and future meetings may be called on an ad hoc basis to respond to emerging proposals or initiatives.

Recent Meeting: July 18, 2011, 2:30-4pm
Next steps for implementation of Mid Plan priorities, particularly Emergency Shelter for S.A.
Comments to GA-U/Disability Lifeline housing proposal



RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

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 9-10:30am 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: August 3, 2011, 9-10:30am
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

Agenda Topics: Employment Training and Job Placement for People Experiencing Homelessness: A Panel Discussion

- Jim Boland, Multi-Service Center
- Chelsea Van Rask, FareStart
- Mike Schwartz, YWCA
- Amy Maxwell, Transitional Resources
- Mychal Boiser, Kona Kai Coffee & Halo Network

North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting

Contact: Harry Hoffman at 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: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11:30am-1pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N.

Upcoming Meeting: August 10, 2011, 11:30am-1pm
Shoreline City Hall 3rd floor conference room, 17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline

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, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

Upcoming Meeting: August 11, 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: 3rd Wednesday of the month, noon-1:30pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: August 17, 2011, noon-1:30pm
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle

University District Service Provider's Alliance Service Provider Team

Contact: 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, 11am-12:30pm

Upcoming Meeting: August 10, 2011, 11am-12:30pm
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle

Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

The General meeting is the 3rd 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

Upcoming General Meeting: August 18, 2011, 9-11am
Alvirita Little Building @ East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

Other SKCCH Meetings and Events

Youth & Young Adults Committee – August 9, 2011, 10:30am-noon, Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle

Single Adults Advocacy Committee – August 11, 2011, 2-3:30pm, YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle



Families with Children Committee – August 24, 2011, 9:30-11:00am, 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 shoes to homeless children in King County!

Help out by organizing the collection of school supplies - to host a supply drive for Project Cool, contact the Supply Drive Coordinator, Danny Meltzer, at danny@homelessinfo.org or 206-357-3149.

You can also make a donation to Project Cool by visiting www.homelessinfo.org

There are other ways to help! To get involved with Project Cool, contact us at projectcool@homelessinfo.org or 206-926-9300. Find out more by visiting SKCCH's website at www.homelessinfo.org