

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



Severe Winter Weather Shelters

Severe weather shelters are now operating for the winter months of 2010/2011 throughout King County, including shelters in south county, eastside, and Seattle. Hours of operation vary from shelter to shelter. Please refer to the [CEH website](#) for a listing.

Utility Assistance Programs

King County Bar Association's Housing Justice Project has researched the availability of several utility assistance programs – especially important as we hit the cold weather months and people need help paying winter heating bills. Please refer to the [CEH website](#) for a pdf of the document they have compiled, and thanks to KCBA for pulling this together!



The Estimated Cut to the King County Mental Health System is \$5.22 million

The state Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) proposal is to cut non-Medicaid funding for mental health services by 22 percent, effective before the end of the state fiscal year (June 30, 2011). The estimated cut to the King County mental health system is \$5.22 million for the remainder of this biennium.

Reductions are also proposed to a range of health services and economic supports for low-income individuals and families. A summary of the estimated impacts to the programs and services directly provided by the Department of Community and Human Services is available [here](#). The analysis also shows the cuts to related programs and services that will impact county residents. CEHKC encourages partners to sign up for alerts through [Washington Low Income Housing Alliance](#) and plan to attend Homeless Housing Advocacy Day February 14th in Olympia.



Proposed Rules for National Housing Trust Fund Published

HUD just released a proposed rule governing use of the National Housing Trust Fund. The NHTF is designed to preserve the supply of affordable rental housing and increase homeownership opportunities. The proposed requirements specify how NHTF funds should be used within the first year, limits operating and administrative costs and sets a maximum rent amount that can be charged. However, the NHTF does not as of yet, have a funding source. Comments on the proposed rule are due December 28. Visit the [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) website for information on the proposed rules.

Permanent Site for Nickelsville

Mayor Mike McGinn has selected the Sodo site of a former peanut-butter factory, Sunny Jim's, for a city-sanctioned homeless encampment. Read more from the [Seattle Times](#) and [Seattle PI](#).



New Call Center Offers King County Veterans a Central Phone Number for Accessing Services



The King County Veterans Levy is increasing access to information and assistance for veterans living anywhere in King County. A \$150,000 grant to the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs' King County [Veterans Information and Assistance Call Center](#) is making the expanded access possible. Veterans, military personnel, National Guard, Reserves and their families can receive information related to benefits and services at the county, state and federal level by dialing (877) 904-VETS to reach the King County Veterans Call Center. The Call Center is staffed M-F 8am to 5pm, and callers may leave messages after-hours.

South King County Mobile Medical Care for Homeless People

The Mobile Medical program provides basic medical care to homeless individuals and families living in south King County. A doctor or nurse provides exams and treatment. The program does not charge a fee and does not require insurance. Visit their [website](#) for their schedule of locations and times.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Vulnerable Seattle Youth Develop Skills to Identify, Prevent, & Terminate Demeaning, Violent & Potentially Exploitative Relationships

The Seattle Human Services Department's (HSD) is offering collaborative partnerships, who provide services to Seattle residents, an opportunity to submit a proposal describing a **program to help vulnerable Seattle youth, 10 to 14 years old, develop the skills to identify, prevent, and terminate demeaning, violent, and potentially exploitative relationships**. \$183,400 in Seattle General Funds is available to fund one collaborative. Awards will be made for the period of March 1, 2011 – December 31, 2012.

The RFI can be accessed at <http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding/>. A Letter of Intent is due to Tan Mei Teo, tan-mei.teo@seattle.gov by **Monday, December 6, 2010** and all proposals must be received by **5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2011**.

United Way of King County Available Funding for Fiscal Year Beginning July 2011

[United Way of King County](#) will be soliciting [applications for funding](#) for the fiscal year beginning July 2011. The funding priorities are spelled out in the United Way of King County [Impact Plan](#), and the [Out of the Rain](#) and [Early Learning](#) Strategy and Investment Plans, copies of which are on our website, and available on eCimpact. Outcomes that are listed below are open competitively, as we are seeking to expand the breadth of applicants beyond those grantees currently funded in those specific outcomes. This will allow us to make decisions about funding to address disparities in need and funding. These disparities could be based on demographic factors or geographic factors. Visit [UWKC website](#) for more information.

EVENTS



Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington (SYLAW) Juvenile Record Sealing Clinic

Unlike other SYLAW programs, there is no age limit and no income cut off. The Clinic is FREE and anyone may attend to find out if they are eligible to seal their juvenile record (i.e. offenses that were charged before the person turned 18) and get assistance with the paperwork and court filings. Juvenile records in Washington are available to the public and unsealed juvenile records can prevent clients from getting jobs and housing and from pursuing some education opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY

To seal a juvenile misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, Class C felony, Class B felony, deferred disposition, diversion or any non-conviction data, at least 2 years must have passed since a person was last convicted or released from confinement for any crime (juvenile or adult), OR

To seal a juvenile Class A felony, at least 5 years must have passed since a person was last convicted or released from confinement for any crime (juvenile or adult), AND there must be no pending adult or juvenile criminal charges, AND restitution, court ordered fines and fees must be paid in full for the cause numbers that are being sealed.

NOTE: We CANNOT seal Sex Offenses or any adult criminal records

CLINIC DATES no appointments – it is first come, first served

It is helpful for those hoping to seal records to bring any documents relating to their juvenile cases but not necessary as our volunteers can look up their record.

In Snohomish County at Northwest Justice Project (2731 Wetmore Avenue N., Suite 410, Everett, WA 98201)

Mon. February 7, 2011 - 6-8pm	Mon. May 2, 2011 - 6-8pm	Mon. April 4, 2011 - 6-8pm
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In King County at SCRAP (1401 East Jefferson, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98122)

Wed. December 1, 2010 - 6-8pm	Wed. February 2, 2011 - 6-8pm	Wed. April 6, 2011 - 6-8pm
Wed. January 5, 2011 - 6-8pm	Wed. March 2, 2011 - 6-8pm	Wed. May 4, 2011 - 6-8pm

Please call 206-659-5029 or email info@sylaw.org with any questions.



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: 8:30am – 10:30am. Location: YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting October 27, 2010

- Brief updates on Funders Group Workplans/Dashboard elements
- Approval of CEH Legislative Agenda: Advocate for adequate funding for Housing Trust Fund, Housing Stabilization Fund, Washington Families Fund, and move towards “Opt Out” under HMIS. Continue to inform policy makers on the importance of mental health services and foster care supports to age 21
- Conversation with Congressman Jim McDermott on government and community response to social policy
- Role of the various advisory bodies under the Ten Year Plan

Upcoming Meeting: February 23, 2011, 8:30-10:30am
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: Mid Plan Review – What Will it Take to End Homelessness

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: November 1, 2010

- Updates on funding matters include McKinney-Vento funding and possibility of state block grants for several state fund sources for shelter, housing and services
- Discussion on maximizing the role of the Interagency Council and coordination across the various CEH advisory Bodies

Upcoming Meeting: December 6, 2010, 2–4pm
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Mid Plan Review and continued discussion on role of the various CEH Advisory Bodies

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

Recent Meeting: November 16, 2010
Discussed the Funders Group work plans and gave feedback

Upcoming Meeting: December 15, 2010, 6-7:30pm
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

Agenda Topics:

- LLP client focus group recap
- Focus group on HMIS and client data
- Recruitment of new members
- Vote on new IAC representative



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an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives for December 2010

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 September 20, 2010

- Update on GAU/Disability Lifeline
- Housing and Supports for ex-offenders exiting jails and prisons
- Update on Coordinated Entry for vulnerable single adults

Upcoming Meeting: February 28, 2010, 2:30-4pm
YWCA opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Feedback to the Mid Plan Review

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.

Upcoming Meeting: TBD

Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

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

Recent Meeting: November 10, 2010

Brainstorm and provide feedback on the funders group workplan to coordinate with child welfare. Kristen Winkel with KCHA attended meeting to hear feedback and provide insight. Discussion with SKCCH Executive Director Alison Eisinger on the one night count as it relates to homeless youth/young adults.

Upcoming Meeting: January 12, 2011, 2-4pm
The 2100 Building – 2100 – 24th Ave S, Seattle

Public Relations

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

Recent Meeting: September 22, 2010

- Overview and community roll out of the Homeless Families Initiative
- Initial planning for the 2011 Legislative Breakfast

Upcoming Meeting: TBD
Chinook Building – 401 Fifth Avenue, Room 526, Seattle

Agenda Topics: One Night County, Family Homelessness Initiative Kick-Off, Mid Plan Review

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: December 14, 2010, 8:30–9:30am
Via conference call (206) 205-1111

Agenda Topics: Legislative agenda and breakfast



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 9:00am – 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/content.aspx?id=2728>

Upcoming Meeting: December 1, 2010, 9–10:30am
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

Agenda Topics: South King County Mobile Medical Van and Vets/Human Services Levy

North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting

Contact: Karen Williams at karen@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 – 1:00pm, (brown bag) Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park.

Upcoming Meeting: December 8, 2010 11:30am–1pm
Lake Forest Park City Hall – 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park

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: December 9, 2010 2–4:00pm
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

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: December 16, 2010, 9–11am
East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Will the Disability Lifeline exist in 2011? What is the future of the Housing Trust Fund? Is this the year we succeed in passing the Fair Tenant Screening Act? Will WA help youth leaving foster care secure housing? Learn about priority issues & how to take action during the 2011 legislative session in Olympia!

Other SKCCH Events & Announcements

Youth & Young Adults Committee – Thursday, December 14, 2010, 10:30am-noon
Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle

Single Adults Committee – Thursday, December 9, 2010, 1:30-3pm
YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

Attention all Agencies participating in SKCCH's Family Turn Away Survey during the One Night Count!
Please be sure to send a staff person to the SPECIAL SKCCH Families with Children Committee meeting.
WHEN: Wednesday, December 15 from 9.30-11.30 a.m.
WHAT: Review the Turn Away Survey process and participation guidelines, as well as answer any questions.
WHERE: Alvarita Little Building, 2820 E. Cherry St, Seattle (AL is just west and down the alley from the YWCA building).



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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: December 15, 2010, noon–1:30pm
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle
with guest Rev. Craig Rennebohm

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: December 8, 2010, 11am–12:30pm
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle