

#### BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

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#### LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

##### Fifth Annual State Housing and Homelessness Legislative Breakfast

The Fifth Annual State Housing and Homelessness Legislative Breakfast held January 5, 2011 at the Community Center at Mercer View offered an interesting and informative program on the success of local efforts to prevent and end homelessness, as well as an opportunity to hear about federal efforts toward the same goals. The breakfast featured opening remarks by King County Executive Dow Constantine, co-chair of the Committee to End Homelessness (CEH) Governing Board and an introduction of legislators by King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert, member of the Governing Board. In all, more than 100 local leaders working together in the effort to address homelessness in King County were in attendance, including 10 state legislators from King County and 13 local elected officials representing King County, Bellevue, Mercer Island, Renton and Seattle. The keynote speaker was Barbara Poppe, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, who spoke about the federal plan to end homelessness released by the Obama Administration in 2010 and how the federal government and local and state governments can and should work together to help individuals and families in need. The meeting ended with a call to action presented by Governing Board co-chair Dan Brettler, Chief Executive Officer of Car Toys, who asked for the state's continued commitment to funding housing and supportive services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, as a means to preserve the gains made and sustain the forward momentum to end homelessness in King County and across the state.



Seattle City Council member Sally Bagshaw, CEH Governing Board member Sheriff Sue Rahr and

##### 2011 One Night Count of People Who are Unsheltered Down 11%



Last night, while most residents of King County were sleeping safely in their warm beds, hundreds of volunteers with [Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness \(SKCCH\)](#) made the annual One Night Count of People who are Homeless outside happen. Thank you.

Nearly 900 volunteers in 130 teams found 2,442 people sleeping on the streets, under bridges, in their cars, on public transit, in temporary shelters and in makeshift campsites. This is 317 fewer people than teams counted one year ago, a drop of 11%. ([Click here](#) to review the 2011 summary results on our web site.) This is the first double-digit drop we have seen in years of counting. If supported by other indicators, it could be a very encouraging sign.

##### Mid Plan Review: CEHKC at Year Five

The Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness began just over five years ago (the first Governing Board meeting was in July of 2005). Now that we are in the middle of the plan, the CEHKC is conducting a comprehensive Mid-Plan Review. The Mid-Plan Review will look at the original goals under the Ten Year Plan, what has been accomplished to date, what has changed in the economy, emerging federal and state priorities related to housing and homelessness, and most important, what we need to do going forward to end homelessness.

The effort is overseen by a steering committee with members selected for their expertise in housing and homeless issues, population and regional knowledge, and personal commitment to seek input on Mid Plan Review policy questions. In March CEH will host a series of community meetings to gather input from the broader community, the Governing Board, IAC and CAC to identify key policy issues that should be explored through a charrette process. In April CEH will host a two-day charrette, and anyone who is interested may attend. The charrette process will address five to six major policy issues, and will be conducted on April 25 and 26. A final report and recommendations will be presented at the May 25 CEH Governing Board meeting.

**\*\*Read the March All Things CEH for the dates and locations of the March community meetings to provide input on what policy questions should be considered as part of the Mid Plan Review. Check the CEH website ([www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)) or contact Gretchen Bruce for information at [gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)**

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

### U.S. Mayors Release Annual Report on Hunger and Homelessness

The United States Conference of Mayors released their annual report on hunger and homelessness in U.S. cities. According to the report, in each of the 27 cities surveyed (including Seattle) requests for emergency food and housing increased – with the number of families requesting these services also increasing dramatically. Seventy-two percent of surveyed cities said they expect the number of homeless families to continue to rise over the next year. [Read the full report.](#)



### Grand Opening of Tamarack Place



The grand opening of Tamarack Place took place on January 20, 2011! Tamarack Place is a new apartment building at Rainier Vista providing 83 units of low-income housing, located between the Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club and the Columbia City Link Light rail station. For more information on Tamarack Place visit their website, [www.tamarackplace.org](http://www.tamarackplace.org).



### Dekko Place Affordable Housing and Gethsemane Kindred and Hope Groundbreaking

On January 14, 2011, Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Compass Housing Alliance joined together to celebrate the commencement of their joint redevelopment project – [Dekko Place Affordable Housing and Gethsemane Kindred and Hope Centers](#). The project includes 50 units of affordable housing, new and re-designed church space, and improved areas for Mary's Place and other outreach activities.

## FUNDING

### Seattle, King County Receive More Than \$21.5 Million in Federal Homeless Assistance Grants

The City of Seattle and King County have been awarded 2011-2012 federal homeless assistance funds totaling more than \$21.5 million, providing renewal funding for 65 existing housing and supportive service programs helping people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. King County Executive Dow Constantine and Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn announced the award on January 19, 2011 following the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announcement of \$1.4 billion awarded nationwide. [Read more.](#)

### Hunger Relief Capacity Building Grants – Application deadline February 2, 2011

United Way is accepting applications from non-profit agencies to help people who are homeless, homebound or have low incomes meet their basic nutritional needs. United Way will make one-time grants of up to \$15,000 for individual agencies and up to \$30,000 for collaborative efforts for the following:

- Capital investments such as transportations, technology, refrigeration or storage that will increase capacity to distribute food or increase the availability of food;
- Investments that will increase capacity to recruit and manage volunteers;
- Investments that will increase coordination and/or resource sharing among hunger relief providers;
- Investments to start or expand a summer meal program for school age children.



Grantees are expected to participate in the Federal Summer Food Service Program. Click [here](#) for more information.

## EVENTS

### Homeless Housing Advocacy Day – February 14, 2011

This winter ushered in both a cold snap and news from Olympia that Washington's revenue crisis will continue. Both events underscore the importance for affordable housing for the over 80,000 Washingtonians who will face homelessness this year.



This legislative session, budget cuts threaten critical services designed to help families struggling to find work, stay housed, and care for their sick family members. Now more than ever, affordable housing and homelessness advocates have to call for an honest discussion about what our communities need and how best to meet those needs.

[Register today](#) and join hundreds of housing and homelessness advocates on February 14.

### EVENTS continued.....

#### Landlord Liaison Project Case Manager / Agency Training – February 15, 2011, 1-3pm Together Center – 16225 NE 87<sup>th</sup> St, Suite A-5, Redmond

LLP is offering a training to agencies who are new to LLP, or interested in becoming LLP partners. The training will cover agency requirements to participate in LLP, including expectations for case management to clients, the application process, which types of clients are appropriate to refer to the program, and the actual referral process. Contact Gwen Mimms with questions 206-336-4633.



#### Donated Dental Services Day – February 18, 2011

Redmond Family and Cosmetic Dentistry – 8350 164<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Suite 100, Redmond (866) 883-1253

Each year the doctors and staff of Redmond Family and Cosmetic Dentistry donate their time and services to those unable to afford the costs associated with their needed dental care.

Children and adults in need of dental care will be seen by appointment only. Cleanings will not be performed. To schedule your appointment **call February 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon**. Appointments will be made on a first call, first serve basis. Appointments will not be made prior to February 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 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)

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

**Draft Agenda Topics:**

- Update and policy questions for consideration under Mid Plan Review Process.
- Report on the 2011 One Night Count

### 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:** January IAC meeting was held electronically  
Review and offer feedback to the IAC and Funders Group charters

**Upcoming Meeting:** February 7, 2011, 2–4pm

**Shoreline City Hall - 17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline – NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**

**Agenda Topics:**

- Update and policy questions for consideration under Mid Plan Review Process.
- Approval of IAC Charter
- Discussion of how health care reform will affect efforts to end homelessness
- Update on renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy

### 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:** January 19, 2011  
Heard updates/feedback from the IAC, Funders Group and legislative breakfast. Brainstormed potential key points for the mid-plan review. Worked on planning for the Frontline Staff focus group.

**Upcoming Meeting:** February 16, 2011, 6–7:30pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:**

- MID Statistics
- Potential Budget Cuts Update
- How to Write Legislators
- Focus Group Planning

### 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 will meet quarterly in 2010, 2:30–4pm at YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle.

**Upcoming Meeting:** February 28, 2011, 2:30–4pm  
YWCA opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:**

- Update on the Mid Plan Review and policy questions for consideration under the Mid Plan Review as pertains to Single Adults.
- Update on Project THRIVE, by Community Psychiatric Clinic

### 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:** January 12, 2011  
Review 2010 CEH Y&YA goals/successes and vote on 2011 CEH Y&YA subcommittee goals. Discussion with SKCCH and ASK-Y co-chairs on how each group's 2011 goals connect and how to support each group's annual events. Presentation/discussion with YouthCare staff Hedda McLendon on Federal Plan to End Homelessness with her experience in D.C. and other national Homeless Youth events and issues.

**Upcoming Meeting:** March 9, 2011, 2-4pm  
Kent Family Center – 13111 SE 274<sup>th</sup> Street, Kent

**Agenda Topics:** 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. More topics TBA.

### 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:** February 23, 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](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:** February 8, 2011, 8:30–9:15am  
via conference call – 206-205-1111

**Agenda Topics:**

- Housing Trust Fund
- Home Security Fund Shortfall
- Home Security Fund Sunset
- Social Safety Net
- Mobilizing the Grassroots
- HMIS Opt Out

## 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:** February 2, 2011, 9–10:30am  
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

### North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting

Contact: Karen Williams at [karen@housingconsortium.org](mailto: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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11:30am-1pm, (brown bag) Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park.

**Upcoming Meeting:** February 9, 2011, 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](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, (NOTE: new time) First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

**Upcoming Meeting:** February 10, 2011, 2-4pm  
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

### 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** February 17, 2011, 9-11am  
**General Meeting:** East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

#### Other SKCCH Meetings and Events

**Youth & Young Adults Committee** – February 8, 2011, 10:30am-noon  
Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle

**Single Adults Advocacy Committee** – February 10, 2011, \*2-3:30pm  
YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle \*Please note the changed meeting time

**Families with Children Committee** – March 23, 2011, 9:30-11:30am  
E Cherry YWCA, 2820 E Cherry Street, Alvarity Little Building

**Go Beyond the One Night Count: Homelessness Advocacy 10** – February 12, 2011  
10am – noon - St. James Cathedral, 804 Ninth Ave, Seattle  
1:30 – 3:30pm – Compass Veterans' Center, 419 S. Second Street, Renton  
On-line registration at [www.homelessinfo.org](http://www.homelessinfo.org)

How do we make sure that Everyone Counts? We take what we learn during the One Night Count to Olympia to inform advocacy for housing, services, and support to prevent and end homelessness. Come learn how to be an effective advocate in a fun, accessible, and lively workshop! The workshop will be led by pro-democracy cheerleader Nancy Amidei, who will present simple actions and sample messages, along with policy highlights.

### 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 Kirilin-Hackett at [itfh@comcast.net](mailto:itfh@comcast.net) or call at (425) 442-5418.

**Upcoming Meeting:** February 16, 2011, noon-1:30pm  
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:** Street Outreach training/education with Joe Ingram and representatives from YouthCare.

### 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, 11am-12:30pm

**Upcoming Meeting:** February 9, 2011, 11am-12:30pm  
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle