

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

STAFF CHANGES AT CEH

Last August we temporarily said goodbye to Gretchen Bruce, Program Manager, while she was on loan to the Office of the Public Defender and hello to Laird Heia. It is now time for us to reverse those greetings and welcome back Gretchen and farewell to Laird. Gretchen is returning to CEH this month to resume her duties as Program Manager of CEH and Laird will be returning to her duties with the Community Services Division. We thank Laird for all of her hard work and support she has provided us the last five months.

NEW REPORT ON HOMELESS NEEDS

A new report, "Seattle Homeless Needs Assessment 2009: Report on Findings," provides important new data on homeless people living on the streets in Seattle. The report is a result of a survey of homeless people in the city taken on the evening of April 13, 2009. Community volunteers walked along city sidewalks, through parks and parking areas, and under bridges to survey people who would spend that night unsheltered. The City of Seattle partnered with United Way of King County, the Committee to End Homelessness in King County, and the University of Washington in developing the report. To view the report, click [here](#).



Funding Opportunities

The King County Housing and Community Development Program announces the release of the King County Neighborhood Stabilization Program Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

This RFQ will be of interest to individual agencies and agency partnerships that are interested in acquiring foreclosed properties; participating in the rehabilitation and upgrading of those properties for energy efficiency; selling the properties to income-eligible homebuyers, or leasing the properties to eligible households with a lease-purchase option, or maintaining the property(s) as rental housing for homeless households.

The RFQ is posted on the Housing and Community Development Website at: www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing.aspx in the "What's New" section

KCNSP RFQ Process Schedule:

Issue Request for Qualifications.....January 13, 2010
Pre-Submittal WorkshopJanuary 20, 2010 at 10:00 am
Due Date for Submittals.....February 5, 2010, no later than 4:00 pm
Notification of Qualification
for Program Participation February 16, 2010

The King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for its Outreach to Minority and Women Veterans Project - DCHS is accepting proposals from agencies to provide outreach services to connect minority and women veterans to veterans' benefits, services and other resources in a culturally appropriate manner. The purpose of this project will be to locate, identify, engage and refer minority and women veterans and their families, to veterans benefits, services and resources, and other regional housing, health and human services available to them, providing advocacy and follow-up as needed. An RFP application packet is available on the Levy's website at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/DCHS/Services/Levy/LevyRFPs.aspx> You may also receive an application packet by contacting: Marcy Kubbs at marcy.kubbs@kingcounty.gov or calling (206) 263-9102 during business hours. All applications need to be received by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2010.**

The City of Seattle Human Services Department is seeking Requests for Investments (RFI) from nonprofit organizations to provide shelter and/or day center services for single adult, low-income homeless women - Shelters provide homeless people with a clean, safe and supportive place to sleep. Day centers are places where homeless people can access a clean, safe and supportive environment and meet basic needs such as hygiene and meals. Access to internet and telephones, storage space and information and referral services may also be provided.

The 12-month allocation is \$100,000 from the City of Seattle General Fund. Applicants can obtain information and the RFI packet at: <http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding/> or by contacting Arlene Oki at 206-684-0106 or arlene.oki@seattle.gov. Proposals are **due** to the Human Services Department by **5:00 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2010**

Out-of-school arts training for middle and high school youth

Youth Arts is an annual funding program that supports arts training for Seattle's middle and high school youth outside of school hours. Youth arts provides funding for projects in all artistic disciplines led by experienced teaching artists. Funding awards range from \$1,500 to \$10,000 for projects that will take place between September 2010 and September 2011.

Eligibility: Individual artists, arts and cultural organizations or youth-service agencies with nonprofit status or fiscal sponsorship are eligible. Priority is placed on serving youth or communities with limited access to arts and culture.

Deadline: Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, 11 p.m. (PST)

Apply: Access the online application and guidelines: http://www.seattle.gov/arts/funding/youth_arts.asp

Info: irene.gomez@seattle.gov, (206) 684-7310. For help with the online application, call (206) 684-7171.

Events & Volunteer Opportunities

SAVE THE DATE!

Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day is February 12, 2010 in Olympia and is a great opportunity to meet with your elected officials, network with fellow advocates, and attend workshops to become a more effective activist. Together we can change the conversation in Olympia and ensure that access to affordable housing is **preserved**. We will urge our lawmakers to **protect** resources such as Operations and Maintenance funding for Housing Trust Fund developments and GAU and tell them to **rebuild** our safety net by passing revenue as part of a balanced budget. **Register now!** Contact Michael Kelly, Mobilization Coordinator, 206-442-9455 x 203, Michael@wliha.org.



UNITED WAY OF KING COUNTY SPONSORING FREE TAX SERVICES

If your combined household income was less than \$50,000 last year, you qualify for free tax services at 17 locations throughout King County. Sites open on January 12th, 2010. Sites can prepare returns for 2008, 2007 or 2006 after March 1st, 2010.

Please go to www.uwkc.org/ourcommunity/endinghomelessness/eitc/default.aspsee to see the list of locations, times and languages or call 2-1-1 to find the nearest free tax preparation site.



CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Kurt Triplett. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Laird Heia (Laird.Heia@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



All Things CEH

an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives for February 2010

Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Laird Heia (laird.heia@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: January 11, 2010

The Combined NOFA for Capital Funding for New Affordable Housing and for Operating Support, Rental Assistance & Supportive Services for New and Existing Housing were announced. Awards were over \$9 million dollars and approximately \$12 million respectively.

The CEH Youth and Young Adult (YYA) committee presented current best practices and recommendations to the IAC. Melinda Giovengo, YouthCare, walked the council through a developmental model for ending youth homelessness in our community, described a system of intervention and reviewed the implications for Youth and Young adult program development. David Okimoto, United Way of King County (UWKC) stated that UWKC will facilitate a planning process to map out the full continuum/resources needed to support youth and will be hiring a consultant to help with the process. The plan will build on all of the previous efforts designed for youth. To conclude the presentation, Mike Heinisch, Kent Youth and Family Services and CEH YYA co-chair stated that permanent housing is not a solution for the youth and young adult homeless population. We need to be flexible, just as we know our own growing teenagers need the flexibility to test out their futures. It's how kids work – our kids and homeless kids.

Governing Board meeting preparation: The IAC provided recommendations on how best to use the influence of the Governing Board in 2010.

HMIS: The tri-lateral committee will host the HMIS meeting that was requested after the December IAC meeting. Sola Plumacher, City of Seattle, Safe Harbors Manager, reviewed the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) that was recently submitted to Congress. AHAR includes the number and characteristics of people who use homeless residential services and their patterns of use. Congress mandated this report in legislation for the HUD McKinney-Vento funding. Four table shells were submitted in this report. Of the four tables submitted, it is likely that only one will be accepted. The recurrent challenge is accurate exit data. For details on this report, please contact Sola.

Legislative Advocacy: The state legislative session started on January 11 and is short. GA – U will now be called Disability Lifeline. Speaker Chopp has a plan to put \$100 million in the State Housing Trust Fund. If you are a 501C3 you can lobby. Get your boards involved.

Upcoming Meeting: February 1, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 1245 Tenth Avenue E, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: Funders Group Expiring/Renewing Fund Source discussion; Coordinated Entry for Families; One Night County survey feedback; UWKC Shelter survey feedback; Michael Ramos Shelter Discussion; Agenda setting for the IAC retreat; discussion around how the IAC can be more involved with the Governing Board.

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Chair: Rotating 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: January 20

Michael from WLIHA came to share the efforts that WLIHA and SKKCH are working on for Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day and recruit some members of the CAC to go to Olympia. Reviewed the Governing Board January 27, 2010 agenda and continued to work on their membership recruitment planning efforts.

Upcoming Meeting: February 17, 2010, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: Discussion on Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day, recruitment, One Night Count Results.



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 2009, 2:30pm – 4:00pm at YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle.

Upcoming Meeting: February 22, 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00p,
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: Coordination with/barriers encountered in mainstream systems; Governing Board actions; legislative advocacy; additional topics to be announced.

Families Committee

Co-Chairs: Doreen Cato & Dan McDougall-Treacy. Staff: Laird Heia (laird.heia@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: quarterly or ad hoc from 10 am to Noon. FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT WELLSRING FAMILY SERVICES, 1900 Rainier Ave South.

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, January 25 (4th Monday), 2010, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Wellspring Family Services - 1900 Rainier Avenue S, Seattle

Recent Meeting: January 25, 2010
The CEH Families Committee meeting included a 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.

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: January 6, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Reviewed CEH Y&YA subcommittee IAC presentation

Upcoming Meeting: February 10, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
2100 Building – 2100 24th Avenue S, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: Debrief CEH Y&YA subcommittee's IAC presentation and discuss future presentation opportunities. Review 2009 CEH Y&YA subcommittee goals and discuss 2010 goals. Review rough draft platform paper information and discuss possible uses.

Public Relations

Chair: Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov).

Upcoming Meeting: New meeting schedule being determined for 2010
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 [2009 State Legislative Agenda](#)

Upcoming Meeting: February 9, 2010, 8:30am – 10:30am
DESC/DSHS Shared Building – 2106 Second Ave, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: Continued tracking of 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: February 18, 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am
East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle



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Agenda Topics: Rapid Rehousing for Families and Singles, Olympia update, THANKS to One Night Count leads

Upcoming SKCCH Events:

Saturday February 6, 2010 – Go BEYOND the ONE NIGHT COUNT!

Seattle, St. James Cathedral Parish Hall, 10:00am to noon

Kent, Alliance Center, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Last Friday, nearly a thousand volunteers counted 2,759 people trying to survive outdoors without shelter in King County – learn what you can do to change this.

Join SKCCH and FAITH (Faithful Action in Transforming Homelessness) for one of our FUN, FREE, and INSPIRING advocacy workshops. TAKE ACTION on KEY HOMELESSLESS PRIORITIES, and HEAR DIRECTLY from people working in Olympia to pass laws to fund more housing and help people who are homeless. SIGN UP TODAY on-line at www.homelessinfo.org or by calling (206) 357-3149, or sending a message to BONC@homelessinfo.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 10:30-Noon at the Capitol Hill Library NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME!

SKCCH Youth and Young Adults Committee meeting – all are welcome.

SKCCH YYAC will now meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 10.30-noon.

For more information, contact YYA Co-Chairs Lee Colbert and Ken Myers at: skcch_yyac@homelessinfo.org

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:

February 17, 2010, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 2nd Floor Conference Room

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:

February 3, 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)

Recent Meeting:

January 14, 2010

Funding Expirations, review of 2010 workplan, report and coordination discussion on connecting medical benefits to clients, KCHA eligibility training.

Upcoming Meeting:

February 11, 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:

February 10, 2010, 11:00am – 12:30pm

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