

**BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION**

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Gretchen Bruce at gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov

**LOCAL NEWS & ACTION**

**HousingSearchNW is (Almost) Here – Real Time Vacancies in Affordable Housing**

Seattle Office of Housing has convened housing and service agencies, private landlords and government agencies to create a free housing locator service that will provide information about real-time vacancies in rental housing. The design of the site is finalized, and landlords can begin registering their properties on [HousingSearchNW.org](http://HousingSearchNW.org). Registration can be done online or by contacting Socialserve toll free at 1-877-428-8844 or info@socialserve.com. Listing information will include number of bedrooms, rent, accessibility features, access to transit, and more. Up to 10 pictures may be included per property. HousingSearchNW will offer training sessions in January to landlords -- including nonprofits, other owners of subsidized housing, and private market property owners -- on how to list properties and update vacancy information. There will also be trainings for social service agency staff who assist clients in looking for housing on the new website.

Beginning in February, tenants will be able to search HousingSearchNW.org to find affordable rentals in Seattle and King County. The site will have an affordability calculator for tenants to use, along with mapping and shopping cart features that will help people looking for housing to compare properties. For more information, contact Amy Gray at (206) 684-0262 or amy.gray@Seattle.gov.

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**Housing and Essential Needs – Rent & Utility Assistance Available to Eligible Individuals**

People enrolled in DSHS-sponsored Medical Care Services program may be eligible to receive rent and utility assistance through a new program called Housing and Essential Needs (HEN). Catholic Community Services (CCS) is working in collaboration with King County and DSHS to distribute this money. HEN is not an entitlement program and participants do not receive any cash. CCS can only distribute checks to landlords and/or utility companies. The maximum amount of combined rent assistance and utility assistance per month is $200 per person. In addition, the program can make one time payments of up to $400 for back rent/utilities.

To schedule an appointment call (206) 328-5755. The phone number is staffed during business hours (9 am to 5 pm). After an initial eligibility screening by phone, individuals will need to attend an in-person screening at one of four offices, co-located with DSHS offices: Belltown, White Center, Kent and King North. Due to the expected volume of clients the project cannot accommodate walk in clients. Clients must call the intake line (206-328-5755) to schedule an appointment. For additional details on the program and eligibility and documentation requirements, go to [www.henkingcounty.org](http://www.henkingcounty.org)

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**Without a Net? A Report on the State of Human Services in King County**

United Way of King County, along with their State of Human Services partners released a report: [The State of Human Services in King County](https://www.kingcounty.gov/CommunityHealth/HumanServices/UniWay/千万别打乱了)/. Since the recession began in December 2007 “temporary belt tightening” has gradually given way to the dismantling of the basic infrastructure for health and human services. Cuts proposed at the federal and state level in this upcoming session no longer just “trim” programs and push them to be more efficient and effective: they eliminate whole support systems that compromise individual well-being and community stability. The philanthropic sector has stepped up its efforts, but private donations, charity and volunteerism cannot replace the loss of public funding. UWKC encourages partners to read the report, and help educate regional leaders on what’s at stake given recent cuts in human services funding.

**NATIONAL NEWS & ACTION**

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) is hiring four new regional homeless coordinators. (Long-time regional coordinator Paul Carlson has assumed another position within HUD.) The regional coordinator [job announcement](https://www.usich.us/jobs) is available online. Regional Coordinators are part of the USICH National Programs team and serve as the bridge between the work of the Council, the nation’s governmental leaders and communities across the United States to support and enhance efforts to end homelessness and facilitate implementation of Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.
FUNDING and RFP’s

$100 million to help low-income and homeless veterans and their families: **Webinar Jan 12**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that $100 million is available to community agencies to assist very low-income veterans and families facing homelessness. These funds are offered through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, a homeless-prevention and rapid re-housing program. The “Notice of Funding Availability” and applications are available on the VA website at [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp).

SSVF Program Office is having a SSVF Grant Application Workshop webinar on January 12, 2012. Potential applicants are encouraged to participate in this webinar to get information about the NOFA and the SSVF application process. [Click here](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp) for the registration link. [Click here to download presentation materials](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp). For other questions about the SSVF NOFA contact Jackie M. Smith, NW Regional Coordinator-SSVF, [VA National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp), PH: (206) 876-0526

Seattle HSD: Communities Supporting Safe and Stable Housing Investment Plan

The Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) has launched a new initiative to develop a vision and plan for the City’s future investments in emergency shelter, transitional housing, day centers/hygiene centers and supportive services for adults, families with children, youth and young adults, and domestic violence survivors who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. HSD plans to release the [Communities Supporting Safe and Stable Housing Investment Plan](http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/initiatives.htm#safe) in late January. Information about the Investment Plan and community meetings will be posted on the HSD webpage: [http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/initiatives.htm#safe](http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/initiatives.htm#safe). For additional information, contact Andrea Akita (206) 684-0113 or andrea.akita@seattle.gov

EVENTS

**Annual One Night Count – Point in Time Census of People Who Are Homeless**

The annual One Night Count (ONC) will be held in the wee hours of Thursday January 26th / Friday January 27th from 2 – 5 am. Volunteer Sign-up: [http://www.homelessinfo.org/one_night_count/](http://www.homelessinfo.org/one_night_count/)

**Annual Service of Remembrance: Friday January 6th, 4 pm**

The Church of Steadfast Love and Compass Housing Alliance host an annual Service of Remembrance, a time to remember, honor and pray for those who have died on the streets or as a result of being homeless. The service will be held January 6th, at 4 p.m. at 210 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98104 (there is very limited parking close to the building due to the work under the viaduct so plan accordingly.) Those who would like to contribute may bring hygiene items to be distributed through Compass housing programs. Community members are also invited to attend regular services, held Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30, with Dinner at 5:30. Contact Pastor Kristy Daniels at 206-357-3112 with questions.

**Community Resource Exchange, Friday, January 13th**

United Way of King County will host a [Community Resource Exchange](http://www.unitedwaykingcounty.org) at CenturyLink Field (formerly Quest Field) Friday, January 13, 2012, from 9 am – 2:20 pm. The event connects homeless individuals and families 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, and voicemail accounts. [Click here](http://www.unitedwaykingcounty.org) to volunteer or find out more about the event.

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.bruc@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov))

Typical Meeting Schedule, 4th Wednesday of the Quarter, 8:30–10:30am at YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Upcoming Meeting:** January Governing Board meeting cancelled
### 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.bruc@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruc@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](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Upcoming Meeting:** January IAC meeting cancelled.
Next meeting February 6th at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral – 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle

**Recent Meeting, Discussed**
- Nomination of Jeff Lilley (Union Gospel Mission) and Ken Taylor (Valley Cities) to the IAC.
- Emerging trends among veterans in King County
- Updates on CEH Task Forces. See pages 5-6 for recap of CEH Task Forces
- Review and approval of the 2012 CEH Legislative Agenda

### Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)) and Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wed of the month, 6–7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church in Seattle. Meeting summaries of previous CAC meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Upcoming Meeting, Agenda Topics**
Wednesday, January 18, 6:00–7:30 pm
Plymouth Congregational Church
Feedback to the Immigrant and Refugee Task Force, Update on Legislative Efforts,

**Recent Meeting, Discussed**
December 21 at Plymouth Congregational Church
- Legislative Breakfast, 2012 legislative agenda
- Planning for 2012 CAC meetings

### Public Relations

Chair: Sherry Hamilton ([sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov](mailto: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, Agenda Topics**
To Be Determined
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: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30–10, via conference call.

**Upcoming Meeting, Agenda Topics**
Tuesday, January 10, 8:30 – 9:30 am
2012 legislative session
Homeless Housing Advocacy Day, Friday January 20th – Olympia

### Population Affinity Groups

With the completion of the CEH Mid Plan Review in spring of 2012, the population committees of CEH have sunset in consideration of the task forces and workgroups that are going forward. The following are updates on population-based groups or initiatives that are going forward aligned with CEH.

**Single Adults:** Single Adults committee has been sunset. Meeting(s) may be convened as needed to seek feedback on the Homeless and Essential Needs or Single Adult Task Force as those bodies of work move forward.

**Families:** Follow the Families Initiative! See [Family Homelessness Initiative website](http://www.cehkc.org) for regular trainings and opportunities.

**YFA:** At the final CEH Youth and Young Adult subcommittee meeting in June, the group requested another meeting in order to receive a progress report from the newly formed CEH Homeless Youth and Young Adult Task Force and decide if the stakeholders concerned about homeless youth and young adult issues would like to move forward and continue meeting outside of CEH. The group will meet again on January 11th from 2 – 4 pm at 2100 Building.
**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](http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2728)

| **Upcoming Meeting:** | Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 9–10:30am | Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent |

### North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting
**Contact:** Kelly Rider at [kelly@housingconsortium.org](mailto:kelly@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: Every other month, 2nd Wednesday, 11 am – 1 pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N.

| **Upcoming Meeting:** | Wednesday, January 11, 11 am – 1 pm (brownbag) | Shoreline City Hall, 3rd floor, 17500 Midvale Ave N |
| **Agenda Topics:** | Moving forward with projects identified as part of the North County Forum. Congratulations to Ronald House for voting to move forward on feasibility studies for affordable housing in 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: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

| **Upcoming Meeting:** | Thursday, January 12, , 2012, 2–4pm | First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE |
| **Agenda Topics:** | Updates on Eastside Winter Shelter, Progress to date on EHAC priorities |

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

| **Upcoming Meeting:** | January 18, 2012, noon–1:30pm | Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle |

### University District Conversation on Homelessness
**Contact:** Nathalie Gerhke. Monthly Gathering share thoughts and strategies on local and regional concerns around homelessness. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday of the month, 9 – 11:30 am. Meetings rotate throughout the U District, and frequently at University Congregational Church though location may change.

| **Upcoming Meeting:** | January 9, 2012, 9am–11:30 am | University Lutheran Church, corner 50th & 16th, U District/Seattle |
| **Agenda Topics:** | Homeless women with children, Advocacy Day preparation, Organizing for Anniversary & Evaluation |

### University District Service Provider’s Alliance Service Provider Team
**Contact:** [udosp.spt@gmail.com](mailto:udosp.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:** | January 11, 2012, 11am–12:30pm | Street Youth Ministries, 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](http://www.homelessinfo.org)

| **General Meeting:** | January 19, 2012, 9–11am | Elvira Little YWCA, 23rd & Cherry in Seattle |
| **Agenda Topics:** | 2012 Advocacy priorities, Dept of Justice findings re: Seattle Police, Housing and Essential Needs Update |

Other SKCCH Activities to Note:
- **Tuesday, January 10:** Training for people who will be collecting information for the 2012 Family Turn Away Survey. E. Cherry St. YWCA from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please contact [Ally (206-357-3149)](mailto:Ally@206-357-3149) with any questions.
- **Tuesday, January 10:** Youth & Young Adults Committee meeting 10:30-noon at Capitol Hill Library. 425 Harvard Ave E
- **Thursday, January 12:** Single Adults Advocacy Committee meets noon – 1.30 p.m. at Plymouth Simons apartments: 2119 Third Ave. Agenda: Preparation for Jan. 13 Community Forum about Social Security Administration’s plan to close Belltown and ID offices and move into the Level 4 security Jackson Federal office building.
- **Wednesday, January 25:** Families with Children Committee meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. E. Cherry St. YWCA 2820 E. Cherry St. in Seattle. Agenda: Update on TANF and other family benefits.
The Mid Plan Review: Renewed Areas of Focus 2012 - 2015

In late 2010, just over half way through the Ten Year Plan, the governing bodies of the Committee to End Homelessness embarked on a Mid-Plan Review. This review included a review of the original goals, a broad evaluation of successes and shortfalls in meeting those goals, and the actions needed in the second half of The Plan. We have made some great gains since 2005, and the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County is regarded as one of the strongest ten year plans in the nation. Since 2005, our region has:

- Become a national leader in the creation of Housing First models for vulnerable populations
- Funded over 4,500 units of new homeless housing
- Created coordinated entry for chronically homeless single adults
- Implemented the Landlord Liaison Project breaking down housing barriers for over 900 households
- Created effective diversion programs interrupting the cycle of jails and psychiatric hospitals, realizing millions in cost offsets
- Established a nationally acclaimed Funder’s Group creating system change by coordinating resources.
- Helped more than 30,000 individuals exit homelessness (over 18,000 households during the first five years of The Plan)
- Stabilized existing housing for over 18,500 people (5,500+ households since 2005) through prevention assistance
- Reduced the point-in-time count of people on the streets and in emergency shelter by 4 percent in 2010 and 2012
- Enhanced the public’s awareness of homelessness.

More remains to be done, and The Mid Plan review resulted in a comprehensive Mid-Plan Review Report with eight key strategies going forward. Click [here](#) to read the report. Below are updates on the key strategies, These will be updated quarterly.

1-Housing Production updated 12/2012

Per the CEH Bodies of Work: the goal for the Housing Production investment priority is to develop and secure housing under the Ten Year Plan through a mix of capital development and leased housing. Specific strategies include: 1) Issue annual Combined Homeless Housing Funder NOFA that defines common funding priorities; 2) Utilize common application forms for fund sources supporting homeless supportive housing projects; and 3) Conduct collaborative reviews of applications among local and state funders. A subproject is the Rent Assistance Workgroup, working to coordinate and align all short-term, emergency rental assistance programs for ease of contracting, distribution, etc.

Update: The Coordinated NOFA was released during the summer of 2012 as a joint effort among seven funders and a total of $56 million for homeless and affordable housing, both capital, operating, services and rental assistance. Funding awards will be complete by the end of 2012 for contracts starting early 2012. The rental assistance workgroup is cataloguing existing and available rental assistance and researching national models and best practices. Highlights of this work will be forwarded to the Funders in January, and final recommendations for Funder review will be brought to the March 2012 Funders meeting, in time to inform the 2012 NOFA.

2-Homeless Families Initiative updated 12/2012

Per the CEH Bodies of Work: the goal for the Homeless Families Initiative is to transform the homeless families system to streamline entry into housing and implement best practices wherever possible, focusing on: 1) Coordinated Entry and Assessment; 2) Prevention; 3) Rapid Rehousing; 4) Transition to Housing Stabilization Approach; and 5) Connection to Mainstream Systems.

The King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) and Catholic Community Services of King County (CCS) have begun to work together on the implementation of the Coordinated Entry and Assessment (CEA) Program. DCHS and CCS are currently working on the contracting process between CCS and King County which should be completed by the end of November. Once the contract is signed the start up phase will begin and run over the course of the next five months. During this time work will be done to hire the CEA staff, finalize the assessment tool, engage with community/agency partners, work with Safe Harbors and 211 to finalize the screening, assessment and referral processes, and finally, begin the transition to the new system.

There will be a series of community meetings and individual meetings with providers once staff are in place, and KC DCHS and CCS will keep the community abreast of the implementation schedule as the project moves forward. For any questions please call King County, Debbi Knowles at 206-263-9088 or Deborah Kuznitz at 206-263-9071.

3-HEARTH and HMIS Implementation Work Group updated 12/2012

Per the CEH Bodies of Work: the goal for the HEARTH workgroup is to establish system-level measures of the status of homelessness in King County that aligns with HEARTH Act standard, focusing on: 1) Providing clear, consistent quarterly reports on the status of homelessness in King County, per Safe Harbors; 2) Establishing metrics for ending homelessness; and 3) providing recommendations for use of data in planning and evaluation related to homelessness.

Update: Planners and providers are identifying common reporting elements that will tell us how the system is working, boiled down to three main data elements.

- The length of time that people are homeless.
- The number of people who become homeless for the first time.
- The number of people who, having exited homelessness, become homeless again.
The workgroup recognizes there are a number of nuances and challenges in collecting and analyzing this information and is being thoughtful about the implications of selecting and measuring these specific data points and what they do (and don’t) tell us. A future work element may be exploring whether/how to establish common data elements across other funding sources or how to otherwise streamline data collection efforts.

4-Veterans Five Year Plan
Update will be drafted for February 2012 All Things CEH

5-Client Care Coordination
Update will be drafted for February 2012 All Things CEH

6-Youth and Young Adult Task Force
Per the CEH Bodies of Work: the goal for the YYA task force, arising out of the Mid Plan Review, is to explore and articulate a clear vision for a young adult system focused on housing, education, employment, with an emphasis on prevention (e.g., family reunification) & cross-systems connection (foster care, juvenile justice).

Update: The Task Force has been meeting regularly since October. It’s is to define the elements of a youth and young adult homeless ‘system’ focused on prevention, intervention and best practices. Several local philanthropies and investors (with leadership by the Medina Foundation and Raikes Foundation) have expressed interest in coordinating funds and influence to support a systemic response to youth and young adult homelessness. United Way and Building Changes are serving as a bridge between these foundations, the YYA Task Force of the IAC, and the Funders Group to assure that the development and funding of this system are informed by each other’s work. The task force will address three priority areas:

1. Prevention – to identify what priority action items need to be taken in order to prevent youth and young adults from entering the homeless system
2. Early intervention, consistent assessment, and shared outcomes – to assure that youth experiencing homelessness receive early intervention, including outreach, intake, housing, case management, education, employment services and other social and mental health services, including coordinated entry to assure youth receive consistent and streamlined services. Discussion of the community level goals of these services and shared outcomes
3. Database development, coordination and communication – to assure that data and information is shared among agencies and used collaboratively in order to improve services and outcomes for homeless youth and young adults.

7-Single Adult Shelter Task Force
Per the CEH Bodies of Work: the goal for the SA Shelter task force, arising out of the Mid Plan Review, is to explore and articulate a clear vision for the single adult shelter system, emphasizing placement in permanent housing, and a focus on long-term & frequent stay-ers of shelter. The task force may also explore use of short-term, shallow subsidies to facilitate exits, and conduct an inventory of Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing beds.

Update: The task Force which has met regularly since September, and is currently researching the number and type of beds existing in the current shelter/transitional housing system for single adults, access points for these beds, and other critical data needed to inform the group’s recommendations. The Task Force is also reviewing the CEHKC Emergency Housing Task Force Recommendations drafted in 2006 to reacquaint themselves with the report and determine which, if any, recommendations remain relevant to the current environment. They also plan to review the recommendations that arose out of the CEHKC Prevention Task convened in 2008 to see which, if any, should be carried over to this effort.

This effort has a county-wide focus, even as the task force recognizes that City of Seattle invests substantial funds in emergency shelter and many of the strategies and recommendations that arise from the effort may be specific to Seattle. The task force hopes to have recommendations for the Funders Group and the IAC to review by early 2012.

8-Immigrant and Refugee Task Force
Per the CEH Bodies of Work: the goal for the I&R task force, arising out of the Mid Plan Review, is to explore and recommend strategies to increase access to housing among culturally focused agencies and homeless housing providers.

Update: The I&R Task Force has been meeting since August identifying common themes and scenarios of how and why immigrants and refugees face homelessness; as well as resources and gaps in response to those scenarios – both at the cultural level as well as at the resource/mainstream system level. The final product from the group will be a resource cross-walk / toolkit to help both the culturally focused agencies and mainstream providers know where and how to access resources and supports for their clients, as well as recommendations for needed policy and/or system changes to help the two branches coordinate services. The Task Force expects to have this product completed by March, 2012.