BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION
If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Ayesha Kelly at ayesha.kelly@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

Where to Find Winter Shelter in Seattle and Surrounding King County Areas
A complete list of winter and severe weather shelters is now posted on the Committee to End Homelessness’ (CEH) website. Many thanks to 2-1-1 and others for compiling all this information in one place. If any information changes or something is missing, please let CEH staff know right away.

The list can be found by clicking on the "Where to find shelter in your area" link on the CEHKC.org homepage: http://cehkc.org/scope/shelters.aspx

Register for Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day: February 11, 2013 in Olympia (Note Date Change)
2-11: Hear the Call for Housing and an End to Homelessness. Register here

The day includes:
- Inside information and timely updates on affordable housing and homelessness legislation.
- Workshops on how to talk to your elected officials and be the most effective advocate possible.
- Meetings with your lawmakers for which you’ll be armed with key messages, supporting documents and facts to help share your story.
- And an opportunity to feel the power of a strong and growing movement for affordable housing and an end to homelessness.

SKCCH One Night Count – Friday January 25 from 2-5 am
The Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness is gearing up for the 2013 One Night Count. Each January, SKCCH dispatchs teams of volunteers with trained leaders to count every person they see outside, as part of our community’s point-in-time census of people without shelter. The One Night Count has grown to involve 800-1000 volunteers counting from ten headquarters.

CLICK HERE to sign up on the VOLUNTEER WAIT LIST

Youth & Young Adult Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness
The Y/YA Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness was launched by the Committee to End Homelessness’ YYA Task Force and local philanthropy in 2011. “Priority Action Steps to Prevent and End YYA Homelessness” emerged from that effort, and defines the initial priorities to improve how our system addresses the needs of homeless YYA. Megan Gibbard, Planner to the Initiative is hosting monthly Homeless YYA Stakeholder Forums. These will be an opportunity to hear about changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County. All are welcome. Megan’s contact information is: megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-2974.

In other Y/YA news:
- The January Y/YA Stakeholder Forum will be held Tuesday January 22nd from 2 – 3:30 (location TBD)
- Count Us In – part of this year’s One Night Count: King County will participate in a pilot effort to count YYA who are unstably housed and homeless in King County by combining and enhancing our two previous youth count efforts: Count Us In and the One Night Count. See page 6 of All Things CEH for more information.
- Y/YA Planner Position: The initiative is hiring an additional planner (PPM II) to help with the project. This is a career service position, seeking a dedicated staff team to help implement youth and young adult (YYA) system changes and develop the comprehensive plan to end YYA homelessness in King County by 2020. This position will also support the launch of YYA coordinated engagement in King County. The job posting is located here, and closes January 7th.
Communities Count Website  www.communitiescount.org

Communities Count is a public-private partnership that reporting on social, economic, and health indicators in King County since 2000. The new website infuses traditional quantitative analysis with the perspectives of real people – parents raising young children in the midst of an economic recession that, for many, still hasn’t ended.

Because the struggle to meet basic needs continues, particularly for people of color and families with children, the website launch focuses on the fundamentals: food, housing, income, child care, employment benefits, and emotional support for child rearing. Data on reading and telling stories to young children – crucial to early development – are included as well. The Communities Count partnership include The Seattle Foundation, United Way, Bellevue Parks & Community Services, City of Renton, City of Seattle, Public Health–Seattle & King County, and King County Department of Community & Human Services.  For questions, contact: Louise Carter at (206) 263-8308, louise.carter@kingcounty.gov or Gloria Albetta at (206) 263-8683, gloria.albetta@kingcounty.gov

NEW! 2-1-1 App Now Available on IPhone

WIN211 now has the WIN211 app for both androids and iPhones. With the click of a button you can be connected to the resources you need with no extra web browsing, searching or typing. The WIN211 app is available in multiple languages based on the phone language selection. To download your WIN211 app, visit Google play or iTunes.

Service of Remembrance --  Friday, January 4th at 4 p.m.

The Church of Steadfast Love, 77 South Washington St., under the viaduct. The service is a time to remember, honor and pray for those who have died on the streets or as a result of being homeless. Rick Friedhoff, Executive Director of Compass Center will be the speaker. Contact Pastor Kristy Daniels at 206.357.3112 for more information or if you have any names to add to the list.

United Way Seeks Human Services Organizations for Partnership

Is your organization ready to take volunteer engagement efforts to new heights? In the current economic climate, human service organizations must maximize all resources – including smart and effective use of volunteers. United Way of King County, in partnership with 501 Commons, is offering two initiatives to help make the most of your volunteer program. Find out ways to partner at the United Way website.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE: NAEH Family & YYA Conference in Seattle, February 21-22

The National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness will be held in Seattle next year, February 21 - 22, 2013 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. See details on the tentative agenda at the NAEH website.

Social Media 101 for Housing Advocates, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 11-11:30 a.m.

Learn how to use social media tools like Twitter and Facebook at a free training session, "Social Media 101 for Housing Advocates," Wednesday, Feb. 6, 11-11:30 a.m. Watch this videoconference from your office, or from a live extended training session at Seattle University. Registration information will be available mid-January at www.wliha.org.

The workshop is targeted to people who want to learn social media basics and advocate online for affordable housing, whether it’s at Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day (Feb. 11), or all year long. It’s presented by Firesteel, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and Seattle University's Project on Family Homelessness. Contact Catherine Hinrichsen, hinrich@seattleu.edu Project Manager for Seattle University Project on Family Homelessness. Read about their work on family homelessness at http://www.su-familyhomelessness.org or http://www.seattleu.edu/artsci/communication/csc.
Promising Strategies: Ending Family Homelessness in Mercer County, New Jersey

The Mercer County Board of Social Services (MCBOSS) and Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness (Mercer Alliance) in New Jersey are transforming the County’s response to family homelessness and they are seeing results. In a two year period, the number of families in shelter or transitional housing on any given day declined by 20 percent and the number of families residing in motels over the course of a month declined by 66 percent. This was achieved through expanding rapid re-housing and shifting how Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) resources are used to help families move quickly out of shelter programs and into housing and jobs. For more detailed information, please see the NAEH website.

CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.brace@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.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, January 23rd 8:30 – 10:30 am YWCA 5th & Seneca Multipurpose Room

Agenda Topics

Y/YA Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness, Single Adult Shelter Task Force Report & Recommendations, 2013 Legislative Session

Recent Meeting:

Agenda Topics

Proposed 2013 Legislative Agenda Items, Emerging data on Family Housing Connection and opportunities to move towards Rapid Rehousing, Single Adult Shelter and Unmet Need

Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman & Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.brace@kingcounty.gov) and Anna Markee (anna.markee@kingcounty.gov) Typical Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2–4pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, January 7, 2 – 4 pm, Renton City Hall

Agenda Topics

Single Adult Shelter Task Force – emerging recommendations, Alternative Housing Models

Recent Meeting:

Discussed

Feedback to CEH Advisory Bodies, Y/YA Charter, Local Families Data & Future Strategies

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.brace@kingcounty.gov) Typical 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

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Plymouth Congregational

Agenda Topics

Single Adult Shelter Task Force – emerging recommendations, Recruitment

Recent Meeting:

Discussed

Housing Models, Healthcare Reform, CEH Bodies of Work 2011-2015

Public Relations

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

Upcoming Meeting: TBD

Agenda Topics

Public Relations Committee on hiatus until notice. Committee members will be notified of next meeting.

Legislative Advocacy

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.brace@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: Every Other Tuesday during session, from 8:30–9:30, in person or via conference call.

Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 15 – Chinook 116 8:30 am – 9:30 am, and Conference Line 205-1111

Tuesday, Jan 29 – Chinook 116 8:30 am – 9:30 am, and Conference Line 205-1111

Agenda Topics

Planning for legislative breakfast, 2013 legislative session
## Population Affinity Groups

**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.

**Family Homelessness Initiative Information Sessions:** Held each 3rd Wednesday of the month. Debbi Knowles and Triina Tennelo will host an open session to talk with local stakeholders (providers and funders) about the work of the Family Homelessness Initiative. The next meeting will be on January 16th, 9:30am – 11:00am. Location: TBD. An email will be sent out prior to the meeting or contact Triina Tennelo for information: 206.263.9110 or triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov.

Also visit the Family Homelessness Initiative website for more information! http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx

**Family Housing Connection (Coordinated Entry) Feedback Sessions:** FHC staff invite local providers to discuss the implementation of Coordinated Entry for Families. Feedback sessions are typically held the third Monday of the month from 10:30 am - noon. See the Family Housing Connection website [http://www.ccsfhc.org/en/](http://www.ccsfhc.org/en/) and their provider page, with calendar listing for dates and locations of feedback sessions: [http://www.ccsfhc.org/for-providers/calendar/](http://www.ccsfhc.org/for-providers/calendar/)

**YYA:** Megan Gibbard has begun holding monthly Y/YA Stakeholder Forums. The January Y/YA Stakeholder Forum will be held Tuesday January 22nd from 2 – 3:30, with location to be determined. Contact Megan at [megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov](mailto:megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov)

**King County Homeless Youth and Young Adult Leadership Council –** The KC HYYALC is an open meeting convened by YYA providers whose mission is to provide a forum for connecting leaders on issues pertaining to homeless youth & young adults. Meetings are quarterly. Next meeting date and location is TBD. Contact Marci Curtin for information at [marci.curtin@seattle.gov](mailto:marci.curtin@seattle.gov)

## 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 2, 2013, 9-10:30  
**Agenda Topics:** 2013 One Night Count, South King County efforts

### 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:** No January Meeting. Will meet in February.  
**Agenda Topics:**

### 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 10, 2013, 2 – 4 pm  
**Agenda Topics:**

### 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. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at [itfh@comcast.net](mailto:itfh@comcast.net) or (425) 442-5418.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, January 16, 2013, Noon – 1:30 pm  
**Agenda Topics:** TBD
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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 14, 2013, 9am–11:30 am
Agenda Topics:
Contact Natalie for Location

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: January 9, 2013, 11am–12:30pm
Street Youth Ministries, 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle
Agenda Topics:

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

General Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2013, 9–11am
E Cherry YWCA 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle
Agenda Topics: Workshop with Nancy Amidei

SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings
SKCCH has lively committee and general membership meetings happening in January as well as our annual One Night Count. Please join us!

One Night Count: Early Friday morning, January 25, 2013 2-5 a.m.
Every year, SKCCH organizes the One Night Count of homeless men, women and children who are sleeping outside. We field between 800-1000 volunteers in team from 10 headquarters around King County. Visit www.homelessinfo.org for information and to sign up on our volunteer waitlist.

SKCCH General Membership meeting: Thursday, January 17, 9-11 a.m.
E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle, WA 98122.
General meeting will feature a special workshop with Nancy Amidei entitled “Advocacy for Everyone!” She will explain how service providers can tell effective stories about the way public policies affect real people who are homeless or low income. Don’t be afraid: talking with elected officials can be fun & empowering!

SKCCH Youth and Young Adults Committee: Tuesday, January 8, 10-11:30am

SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy Committee meeting: Thursday, January 10, 12-1:30 pm
Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apartments, 2119 3rd Ave, Seattle, WA 98121.

SKCCH Families with Children Committee meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 9:30-11.00 am
E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle, WA 98122.
**One Night Count and Count Us In – A Primer**

**What is the One Night Count?**

The One Night Count is King County’s annual point in time count of people who are homeless. The One Night Count documents the nature and extent of homelessness in King County and builds public engagement around the issue. The number of homeless individuals counted in our community is reported to Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a requirement of our application for $22 million in federal funds for homeless housing and services each year.

The One Night Count has two parts:

1. People in shelter and transitional housing. This information is gathered from Safe Harbors and surveys.
2. People who are homeless and without shelter. The Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness organizes this street count. Included are youth and young adults (YYA) who participate in “sleepover” events at YYA agencies.

**What is Count Us In?**

Count Us In is King County’s annual effort to count YYA’s who are unstably housed or homeless, started in 2011. Count Us In documents the nature and extent of homelessness among youth and young adults in King County, and builds better understanding about this unique population, their reasons for experiencing homelessness, and their needs. Data from Count Us In and the One Night Count will inform the comprehensive plan to end YYA homelessness by 2020, helping us understand the scope of the problem and whether we are making progress toward solving it.

A steering committee (King County, the City of Seattle, the United Way of King County, YYA providers) organizes Count Us In.

**What is the USICH Youth Count Pilot?**

The United Stated Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) launched a 2013 Youth Count Pilot to learn more about effective strategies for counting YYA’s. Nine locations were selected across the country – including King County and the balance of Washington State – to test creative methodologies to count homeless YYA and to participate in a post-count evaluation. The USICH plans to use this information to develop national guidance around future One Night Counts.

**What’s New in January 2013: Count Us In together with the One Night Count**

King County will participate in the USICH pilot and count YYA who are unstably housed and homeless in King County by combining and enhancing our two previous youth count efforts: Count Us In and the One Night Count.

- **King County YYA providers survey young people as part of Count Us In during the day to early evening on 1/24/13.** Surveys are conducted with youth known to be unstably housed or homeless, in public areas where YYA’s congregate, drop in centers and meal programs for homeless youth. King County and Seattle libraries are anticipated to host count tables in strategic library branches.

- **As the day draws to the evening and the One Night Count begins, agencies serving homeless youth host YYA “sleepover” events during the night/early morning on 1/25/13.** YYA who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets are encouraged to gather at these locations to be counted.

- **Data eligible for our point in time count (One Night Count) is reported to HUD, including the numbers of homeless YYA under 18 and 18 – 24 years old.**

- **Additional data gathered through Count Us In as part of the pilot is reported to USICH, including numbers of youth who are unstably housed, and greater demographic information from the surveys.**

Results from Count Us In shape a complementary view of YYA homelessness, another “chapter” in the One Night Count. Together, our count efforts build momentum toward addressing the crisis of homelessness among our young people. Contact Megan Gibbard for additional information at megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov.