

BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community for August, please contact Kristine Gullin at kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

CEH Comings and Goings

Laird Heia has stepped in as Program Manager for CEH in the wake of Gretchen Bruce's promotion to King County Office of the Public Defender. You can reach her at Laird.Heia@kingcounty.gov and 206-263-9085.

King County Department of Community and Human Services recently compiled the 2006-2008 Summary of Progress for HB 2163 and HB 1359 Document Recording Fees. As you know, over the past four years, the Washington State Legislature authorized a series of document recording fees, to be used to implement state and local plans to end homelessness. The King County Homeless Housing and Services Fund (HHSF) was established to administer this new funding, in coordination with other funding efforts in King County. Below is a summary of the progress of the HHSF, which presents information from projects awarded funds in three separate funding rounds that took place in 2006 and 2007.

Award Summary

Reporting Period	November 2006 – December 2008
Total funds awarded (multi-year funding commitments)	\$12.1 million
Total number of projects funded	29
Total number of agencies funded	20
Total number of units created	665
King County Housing Authority Section 8 subsidies	68
Seattle Housing Authority Section 8 subsidies	100

Project Success to Date

Total number of households in permanent housing	754
Percent of households who maintained permanent housing for at least one year	89%

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

- **The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the [Basic Center Program](#) (BCP), which is authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Act to address runaway and homeless youth (RHY) problems. **Deadline for applications: July 13, 2009.** BCPs provide an alternative for runaway and homeless youth who might otherwise end up with law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. View the full program announcement [here](#)**
- **City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) is offering experienced organizations an opportunity to Request an Investment (RFI) from the City of Seattle to **provide direct services to homeless and at-risk Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth and young adults, ages 12-24, who live in Seattle. Deadline for investment proposal submittals for this RFI is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.** Services targeted to this population may include drop-in for hygiene needs, street outreach, case management, or paid employment internship programs. For more information please contact Marci Curtin at marci.curtin@seattle.gov or 206-684-0550. The RFI packet can be accessed at <http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding>**

Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- **Volunteer at ROOTS.** Each summer, ROOTS faces a special need for volunteers, and they are currently seeking volunteers to make a difference in the lives of homeless young adults. As stated by Sinan, "Our volunteers are fun, responsible adults who help with a variety of vital program duties, including setting up and cleaning up the shelter, preparing hot meals, and creating positive relationships with guests. To learn more about our program and start volunteering, please call 206-632-1635 or e-mail volunteer@rootsinfo.org. You can also check out our website at www.rootsinfo.org.



- **SKCCH presents...2009 Food & Fact Fair** for homeless, street involved, and/or low income youth and young adults ages 13-25. Free resources, food and prizes. **Friday, July 24th, noon – 3pm at Gasworks Park**, 2101 N. Northlake Way. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Y&YA Co-chair Ken Myers: Kenm@lifelongaidsalliance.org

Governance Structure and Committees

Governing Board

Chairs: Dan Brettler and Kurt Triplett. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 4th Wed of the quarter, 8:30 – 10:30 am, Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: June 17th

The Governing Board reviewed CEH Progress and Challenges, with emphasis on the creation of the Funders Group, the effect of local and state budgets, the federal stimulus package, and empirical evidence that we are able to make a difference in the lives of people experiencing homelessness. The Governing Board discussed in depth the challenges involved in maintaining a competitive McKinney-Vento application and the problems created by our current “service heavy” McKinney-Vento funding package. A similar discussion of challenges addressed the new Gates Foundation families’ initiative including coordinated entry and tailored services. The Governing Board also elected new board members: Kurt Triplett, King County Executive, as Co-Chair; John Fletcher of Providence Health Care and Jaclyn Mellon, Consumer Advocate.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, September 23, 8:30 – 10:30, Opportunity Place

Interagency Council (IAC)

Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) Meeting Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2-4 pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Agendas and Summaries of previous IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: June 1st Retreat

The members discussed the work plans and progress on the five Funders Group priorities: capital production, access to existing housing, coordinated entry for chronically homeless single adults, coordinated entry for families, and full implementation of Safe Harbors HMIS. They also discussed draft funding policies for the Funders Group and priorities for 2010-2111. For a full meeting summary, please contact Laird Heia, Laird.Heia@kingcounty.gov.

Upcoming Meeting: **July meeting cancelled.** Next meeting August 3, 2009, 2-4pm, St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, 1245 – 10th Ave E

Draft Agenda Topics: Agenda to be determined.

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Contacts: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Kristine Gullin (kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6-8 pm at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1217 6th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101. Agendas and meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: June 17th

Continued discussion and planning for 2009 focus groups. CAC representative to Governing Board reported back on the Board meeting held on June 17th. CAC representatives to the IAC reported back on the IAC Retreat held on June 1st. Discussion followed about getting off the streets and the importance of community.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, July 15th, 6-7:15pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, 1217 6th Ave.

Draft Agenda Topics: Planning for CAC-led focus groups in 2009 and continued discussion on IAC Retreat



Single Adults Committee

Chair: Steve Roberts (steveSroberts@comcast.net) and Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov)

NOTE: Single Adults will meet quarterly in 2009, and the schedule is September 21st and November 16th. Meetings will be at Opportunity Place (2024 3rd Ave, Seattle) from 2:30 – 4 pm

Recent Meeting: May 18th

Conversation with staff from Begin at Home and 1811 Eastlake: Information beyond highly publicized cost savings of Housing First programs -- a conversation on lessons learned for future program needs. Updates on recently opened shelter programs on the eastside (Sophia’s Way for Women) and South King County (Men’s Shelter)

Upcoming Meeting: **Meeting changed to September 21st**, 2:30 – 4 pm at Opportunity Place.

Families Committee

Contacts: Co-Chairs: Doreen Cato & Dan McDougall-Treacy.

In 2009, meeting schedule may change to quarterly or ad hoc. Meeting time: 10 am to Noon. Stay tuned for details.

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, Sept 21st, 10 – 12pm, Catholic Community Services, 23rd & Yesler in Seattle

Draft Agenda Items: Coordination with other systems: school district’s homeless liaisons, Children’s Hospital, DSHS, other.

Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

Contacts: Co-Chairs: Mike Heinisch, Brooke Scharnke Staff: Marci Curtin (marci.curtin@seattle.gov)

Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wed of the month, 2-4pm, usually at the 2100 Building (2100 24th Ave S) Seattle but may rotate.

Recent Meeting: June 10

Discussed Federal Stimulus Funding. CEH Y&YA 2009 Work Plan report out.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, July 8th, 2-4pm, the 2100 building, 2100 24th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98144

Draft Agenda Items: Discussion on homeless youth/young adult continuum based off the recent United Way report. Discussion on CEH Y&YA subcommittee’s needs from the IAC. CEH Y&YA 2009 Work Plan report out.

Recent Homeless Youth and Young Adult Event:

- **The National League of Cities' Institute for Youth Education and Families** in collaboration with the National Alliance to End Homelessness put on an audio conference June 24th titled “**Re-engaging Homeless Youth: Promising City Approaches & ARRA Opportunities**”. City of Seattle Human Service Department (HSD) staff presented on the City of Seattle’s homeless youth and young adult emergency services and specialized services for homeless LGBTQ and teen parents. The City of Seattle participation in the event was the result of an interview between HSD staff and Carlos Becerra of the National League of Cities, earlier this year. Carlos was impressed with the City of Seattle’s financial dedication to homeless youth and young adults and the way PRO Youth and the Committee to End Homelessness Youth and Young Adult subcommittee help coordinate City/County homeless youth and young adult collaboration. The audio conference focused also on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, which can benefit homeless youth/young adults; and the City of Denver’s housing program and how it is linked to their Committee to End Homelessness. In addition, Mary Ellen Hombs, Deputy Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, was available for listener’s questions. The audio conference will be available on the National League of Cities website <http://www.nlc.org/>
- **KIRO TV aired a one-hour prime time documentary “When the Streets Are Your Home”** which focused on homeless youth/young adults in the University District and Capitol Hill. The documentary included extensive coverage of one chronically homeless young adult, still on the streets after five years and suffering from mental illness, along with some success stories of youth who have moved off of the streets. “Blue”, a



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formerly homeless youth, is one of the success stories. He currently works at Plymouth Housing after gaining support and training from Peace for the Streets from Kids on the Streets (PSKS) and is an active member of the CEH Consumer Advisory Council. The City of Seattle Human Service Department provided information on community resources that are available on the KIRO web site

<http://www.kirotv.com/streets/index.html>, <http://www.kirotv.com/streets/19827850/detail.html>.

Communications/Public Relations

Chair - Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov). Typical meeting schedule is the 1st Tuesday of the month, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Chinook County Office Building, 401 5th Avenue, Room 526 (5th Floor)

Recent Meeting: June 2nd

Discussion Items: Discussed plan for electronic newsletter and annual report.

Upcoming Meeting: July meeting CANCELLED. Next meeting August 4, 3:30 – 4 pm, 401 Fifth Ave., 5th Floor, rm. 526

Draft Agenda Items: Continued planning discussion of key messages for 2009 and assignments and next steps for 2008 Annual Report distribution on the Ten-Year Plan.

Communications / Legislative Advocacy

Contacts: Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: to be determined. Meetings typically held the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30 – 10am, 2106 2nd Avenue, Seattle (DESC/DSHS shared building)

Recent Meeting: June 9th

Upcoming Meeting: July meeting CANCELLED. Next meeting August 11, 8:30 am – 10am, 2106 2nd Avenue (DESC/DSHS Shared Building)

Draft Agenda Items: Review of final legislation from 2009 legislative session and next steps for shaping / implementation of funding and policy changes. Begin planning for legislative breakfast.

General Community Updates – Planning & Initiatives around Housing / Etc.

There are numerous collaborations underway around the county regarding ending homelessness. If you have information to share under this heading, please contact CEHKC Program Assistant, Kristine Gullin to discuss inclusion in All Things CEH. kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov

Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

General meeting 3rd Thurs of each month, 9-11 a.m. at E Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St. Seattle. 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: Thursday, July 16th, 9am – 11am. East Cherry YWCA, 2820 E Cherry Street. Contact Alison at skcch@homelessinfo.org to confirm.

Agenda: Financial services (old and new) for low income people. Low cost check cashing, low barrier financial services, protective payee services and more. Come learn about the new local credit union, and other financial, banking, and related services for people who are homeless and low income. Updated fact sheet on new predatory lending restrictions will be available.

Other Upcoming SKCCH Discussions

Homelessness 101: Youth and Young Adults trainings on Wednesday July 8th (6-10 p.m.) or Saturday July 18th (1-5 p.m.). "Homelessness 101: Youth and Young Adults" is an introduction to causes, perceptions, and issues of youth and young adult homelessness. This training prepares new staff and volunteers to begin working in programs serving homeless and street involved young people. Homelessness 101 is FREE to staff of SKCCH member agencies. A \$10 donation per participant is suggested, though not required, to offset the cost of supplies and materials. No one will ever be turned away. For more information, including locations for July trainings, please contact Laura Pritchard at homelessness101@gmail.com



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Racial Justice Initiative Brown Bag Discussion 2: Thursday, July 9th from 12-1:30. Join a lively conversation among providers for this month's topic: Racism in the Criminal Justice System. For more information or to receive copies of the handouts from last month's discussion about Education and Racism, please contact Dan Wise (danw@ccsw.org) or Tara Connor (Tconnor@plymouthhousing.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. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12-1:30 at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral (1245 10th Ave E, Seattle), 2nd floor conference room. Contact Bill Kirilin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, July 15th, 12-1:30pm, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. ALL WELCOME

South King County Forum on Homelessness

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent. Email: JaJohnson@ci.kent.wa.us. The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9am 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) coordinate our efforts in ending homelessness; and 5) help build connections between homeless and service providers. 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>

Recent Meeting: July 1

South County providers around the table shared resources with and for other SKC services providers to keep all abreast of openings, funding changes, staffing changes and information on future projects. Update on CEH work overall.

Upcoming Meeting: **August meeting CANCELLED**, next meeting Wednesday, September 2, Kent Senior Center 9 - 10:30 am

Draft Agenda Items: to be forthcoming.

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. Meetings typically scheduled the 2nd Thursday of the month, 3 – 4:30pm, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

Upcoming Meeting: Thursday, July 9th, 3 – 4:30 pm, First Pres. Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE

Draft Agenda items: Review and discuss DRAFT 2009/2010 Workplan recommendations provided by EHAC subgroup.

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. Meetings are scheduled the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11am – 12:30pm, Street Youth Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15th Ave NE

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, July 8th, 11am – 12:30pm, Street You Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15th Ave NE