CEH Mid-Plan Report Completed, Presented to the Governing Board

The effort to review and refine the priorities for the next five years of the regional Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness moved another step forward when the Mid-Plan Report was presented to the members of the Committee to End Homelessness Governing Board on May 25, 2011.

Members of the Governing Board were very complimentary of the work done to convene the charrette process to gain national and local perspectives as well as community input. They also voiced praise for the quality of the Mid-Plan Report and the information it provides on accomplishments to date, continuing challenges and the five proposed focus areas for the next five years which include:

1) Overarching priorities of maintaining the pace of production, creating effective performance measures and accountability, and increasing political will.
2) Moving forward with federal opportunities of health care reform, aligning with the National Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, and aligning with the Five Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness.
3) Local systems change through the Homeless Families Initiative, addressing homeless youth and young adults, serving the needs of immigrants and refugees, and increasing system level prevention.

The Governing Board also discussed whether to alter the regional timeline to be parallel to the National Strategic Plan and decided not to change the Ten Year time frame, but to revise some of the expected goals in that period.

Next steps: The Funders Group and key stakeholders are working to identify next steps and timelines for these initiatives. The Governing Board will review the work plans at the July meeting, as the region embarks on the second half of the Ten Year Plan.

Invite a Presenter from CEH to Discuss the Mid Plan Review Report

At the five-year mark in the community implementation of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, and recognizing the importance of taking stock to ensure the strongest possible path for the next five years, the Committee to End Homelessness undertook a mid-plan review of its original plan and priorities.

We would love to come to your organization, meeting or event and share our Mid Plan Review Report, our accomplishments and challenges ahead. To schedule a presentation contact Kristine Gullin at kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov or (206) 263-9083.

Veterans and Human Services Levy 2010 Annual Report

The 2010 Veterans and Human Services Levy Annual Report is completed and it celebrates another year of providing strong supports and services to King County veterans, their families and others in need. More than 30,000 veterans and others in need across King County were helped in 2010 with housing, health care, counseling and job training to assist them toward healthier and more stable lives. Read the 2010 annual report.

The Veterans and Human Services Levy was approved by the voters for six years and expires the end of 2011. In May, the King County Council unanimously approved an ordinance to place a Levy renewal measure before the voters on the August 16, 2011 Primary Election ballot. If approved by the voters, the measure would continue the existing levy for an additional six years at the current rate of 5 cents per $1,000 of assessed value. The average homeowner in King County will pay about $17 a year.

Seattle Housing Authority Awarded 100 Special-Purpose Housing Voucher

Grants will keep children out of foster care, young adults from homelessness

June 3, 2011 – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that it has awarded Seattle Housing Authority 100 Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers. HUD awarded Seattle Housing the same number of these special vouchers last August. Read more.
King County Housing Authority Awarded 10 VASH Vouchers
Grants to house homeless veterans with high needs

In June, KCHA was awarded 10 incremental new project-based VASH vouchers for a homeless veterans’ supportive housing program to be implemented jointly by KCHA, the VA and Community Psychiatric Clinic’s Project THRIVE program. The project will provide intensive ACT-level services through Project THRIVE (a SAMHSA-funded grant) and case management from VASH clinicians, and is expected to begin housing homeless veterans August 1st.

FUNDING and RFP’s

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Coordinated Entry and Assessment Program for Families
The request for qualification for the Coordinated Entry and Assessment Program for families experiencing or facing imminent risk of homelessness in King County is now available on the King County Housing and Community Development website. The Application deadline has been extended to Monday, July 25, 2011, no later than noon.

Multifamily NOFA Applications Due July 29
In May, the City of Seattle Office of Housing (OH) published the 2011 Multifamily Rental Housing Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). With this NOFA they announced the availability of approximately $22 million in capital funds to support the production and preservation of long-term affordable rental housing.

Nonprofit and private developers are invited to submit proposals for acquisition, rehabilitation and/or new construction of affordable rental housing for low-income households. More information and application materials are available now on the OH website. Applications are due to OH by noon on July 29, 2011, and funding decisions are expected to be announced in October.

King County Housing Finance Program Announces the 2011 Request for Proposals

Applying for funds to develop affordable housing – Housing and Community Development (HCD) has a variety of fund types available for housing development projects in our fall 2011 application round.

Applying for funds to create homeownership – HCD will accept applications for home ownership projects in the summer of 2011 funding round.

Click here for details on eligible uses for these funds and restrictions as to where they can be used and to read the application documents. Applications for funding are due August 5, 2011 by 4pm.

EVENTS

Ending Family Homelessness Initiative in King County Presents:
Community Rebuilders from Grand Rapids, MI
Rebuilding hope through housing opportunities for families and individuals with support services during transitions

The Ending Family Homelessness Initiative in King County is happy to welcome Anna Diaz, Housing Resource Specialist Coordinator from Community Rebuilders. Anna will talk to our community about Community Rebuilders’ work in helping families who are experiencing homelessness, with a focus on rapid re-housing and strength-based service delivery.

Capacity is limited and RSVPs are required. For more information or to RSVP contact Triina Tennelo at triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov.

Annual Day of Caring – September 16, 2011
United Way’s annual Day of Caring offers a rewarding way for you and your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to get more involved in the community and make a real difference. Last year's Day of Caring was the biggest yet! Over 10,500 volunteers came together and collectively changed our community for the better at 424 project sites across King County.

This year's Day of Caring will take place on Friday, September 16! Sign up here and UWKC will contact you when registration opens on August 2. We hope you’ll join forces with UWKC this year, and help do more to help those in our community who need it most.
CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board
Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)

Recent Meeting: May 25, 2011
Review Mid Plan Report. Discussion of adjusting the goals of King County’s Ten Year Plan. Concurrence with proposal to establish priorities for years six through ten of King County’s Ten Year Plan around:
- Overarching Priorities: Performance Measures, Building Political Will, Housing Production
- Alignment with emerging Federal Initiatives: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, Veterans Five Year Plan, Healthcare Reform
- Systems Changes: Homeless Families Initiative; Revising the Emergency Shelter System for Single Adults; Addressing the Needs of Youth and Young Adults; Services and Systems Coordination for Immigrant and Refugee Populations; Systems level prevention

Upcoming Meeting: July 27, 2011, 8:30-10:30am
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Review and endorse final set of Investment Priorities and Workplans

Interagency Council (IAC)
Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov).

Recent Meeting: June meeting was cancelled

Upcoming Meeting: July 11, 2011, 2–4pm
Bellevue City Hall
450 – 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

Agenda Topics: Nomination of new members:
- Mohamed Aden, Muslim Housing Services (Immigrants & Refugees);
- Nora Gibson, Full Live Services (Seniors);
- Harry Hoffman, HDC (Housing Developers);
- Jason Johnson, City of Kent (South County);
- Dinah Ladd, Seattle School District (K-12);
- Janna Wilson (Public Health)
Review and comment to Investment Priorities and workplans resulting from Mid Plan Review

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)
Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Kristine Gullin (kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at www.cehkc.org.

Recent Meeting: June 15, 2011
Mid Plan Review Report and next steps were discussed.

Upcoming Meeting: July 20, 2011, 6–7:30pm
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Count Us In Report
- Concepts of Task Forces: Youth & Young Adults and Immigrants & Refugees
- Focus Group Feedback: Frontline Providers/Caseworkers
CEH Population Committees Update

Following the Mid Plan Review Report, the work of CEH around creating a youth and young adult system, making single adult shelter a pathway to housing and better serving refugees and immigrants will be focused on task forces created in response to the Mid-Plan Review Report. The existing population committees will no longer have staff support from the CEH Funders Group members. Accordingly, the population committees are discussing what role they should have (or not have) in the future. In June the Youth and Young Adult Committee discussed its usefulness in providing coordination and networking on an Executive Director level and will meet in September to review the work of the Y&YA task force and to decide whether the existing Youth and Young Adult Committee should continue in some form. The single adult committee will have a similar discussion in July. The families committee has been integrated into the various task forces and advisory committees working on the Homeless Families Initiative.

Single Adults Committee -- Last Quarterly Meeting, July 18th
Chair: Steve Roberts (steveSroberts@comcast.net) and Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). This will be the final quarterly meeting, and future meetings may be called on an ad hoc basis to respond to emerging proposals or initiatives.

**Upcoming Meeting:**
July 18, 2011, 2:30-4pm
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:**
Next steps for implementation of Mid Plan priorities, particularly Emergency Shelter for S.A.
Comments to GA-U/Disability Lifeline housing proposal

Public Relations
Chair: Sherry Hamilton (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:**
July 27, 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). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30–10, via conference call.

**Upcoming Meeting:**
Committee on hiatus until 2012 legislative session

RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

**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 9–10:30am 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:**
July 6, 2011, 9–10:30am
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

**North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting**
Contact: Harry Hoffman at harry@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: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11:30am–1pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N.

**Upcoming Meeting:**
July 13, 2011, 11:30am–1pm
Shoreline City Hall 3rd floor conference room, 17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline

**Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)**
Contact: Arthur Sullivan ArSullivan@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, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

**Upcoming Meeting:**
July 14, 2011, 2–4pm
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue
**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 or call at (425) 442-5418.

**Upcoming Meeting:**
July 20, 2011, noon–1:30pm  
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle

**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:**
July 13, 2011, 11am–12:30pm  
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 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

**Upcoming General Meeting:**
July 21, 2011, 9–11am  
Alvirita Little Building @ East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

**Other SKCCH Meetings and Events**
**Youth & Young Adults Committee** – July 12, 2011, 10:30am-noon, Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle
**Single Adults Advocacy Committee** – July 14, 2011, 2:30pm, YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle
**Families with Children Committee** – July 27, 2011, 9:30–11:00am, E Cherry YWCA, 2820 E Cherry Street

**Project Cool for Back-To-School**
Join Project Cool for Back-To-School to help provide backpacks, school supplies, and gift certificates for new shoes to homeless children in King County!

Help out by organizing the collection of school supplies - to host a supply drive for Project Cool, contact the Supply Drive Coordinator, Danny Meltzer, at danny@homelessinfo.org or 206-357-3149.

You can also make a donation to Project Cool by visiting www.homelessinfo.org

There are other ways to help! To get involved with Project Cool, contact us at projectcool@homelessinfo.org or 206-926-9300. Find out more by visiting SKCCH’s website at www.homelessinfo.org