BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION
If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Gretchen Bruce at gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

Landlord Liaison Project – 1,000 Households Helped!
On June 25th LLP held a small celebration marking the one thousandth household (1,792nd person) housed through LLP. LLP has substantially exceeded its goals which were to house 600 households by the end of 2012 (now 1,001); recruit 75 landlords (165 landlords currently partner with the project); and enroll 35 agencies (now at 52 agencies representing 81 programs.) This program was one of the first needs identified by the CEH Consumer Advisory Council, fine tuned by the IAC and recommended for funding by the Governing Board as part of the document recording fee and other associated fund sources.

A hearty congratulations and Well Done! to the YWCA for making the program such a success.

Changes to Downtown Seattle Ride Free Area
from the UWKC website: The Ride Free Area (RFA) for transit in downtown Seattle is scheduled to end on Sept. 29, 2012. Beginning then, bus riders will pay when they enter the bus for all trips. While the change will impact all riders, the elimination of the RFA will significantly impact people who currently use the free bus ride zone to reach healthcare, food banks, job training, and other essential services. Metro and Sound Transit are working with human service agencies on options to mitigate the impact to low-income riders. See UWKC website for opportunities to weigh in on the issue.

Count Use In! Point In Time Census of Homeless Youth & Young Adults
On May 16, 19 community partners collaborated for Count Us In, a point in time count of unstably housed youth and young adults in the King County area. Count Us In had record participation of 1,132 young people throughout Seattle and King County. The full report and final count of unstably housed and homeless youth in our community is anticipated to be released July 16, 2012. For more information contact Megan Gibbard, 206-605-5044 or megan@teenfeed.org.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Providing Healthcare & Health-Related Services to People who are Homeless – FREE!
July 12th & 13th, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm, Tukwila Community Center, 12424 - 42nd Avenue South
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council in Seattle will offer a regional training that highlights top tier faculty and emerging topics of importance in the field of serving persons without access to housing or standard health care. Register online here.

Topics include Core Skills for Homeless Service Providers offered by staff of the Center for Social Innovation, Medical Respite Care & Program Development, The Nuts & Bolts of Health Reform, LGBT Youth Health Care Challenges and many more. View the full agenda online. The training is free, and in many instances continuing education credits may be available for medical professionals, counselors, and social workers. (Please check with your credentialing body to verify.)

FUNDING and RFP's

2012 Combined NOFA
The 2012 Combined NOFA for Homeless Housing and Services has been released. Funding Partners in the NOFA include NOFA King County, City of Seattle, United Way of King County, ARCH, Building Changes, King County Housing Authority and Seattle Housing Authority. Application due dates vary by fund source(s). The following are the highlights of the 2012 funding priorities:

CAPITAL FUNDING PRIORITIES
1. Continue to Support the Campaign to End Chronic Homelessness and Expand the Continuum of Housing for Chronically Homeless Individuals
2. Supportive Housing for Homeless Households with Low to Moderate Need

COMBINED OPERATING SUPPORT RENTAL ASSISTANCE & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (ORS) PRIORITIES
1. New Capital Pipeline Projects and Renewing Capital Projects Funded in Previous ORS Rounds
2. Other Projects Providing Access to Non-Time-Limited Housing for Homeless Households

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE PRIORITY
1. Innovative Strategy Grants
2. Capacity-Building Grants

A workshop was held on June 22nd. An additional workshop for the Combined ORS application will be held on approximately August 23, 2012 (Location, Date, and Time TBD).
City of Seattle Office of Housing 2012 Multifamily Rental NOFA.
Nonprofit and private developers are invited to propose projects for acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of affordable rental housing for low-income households. Approximately $17 million in City funds is available for the 2012 NOFA round. For further details on project eligibility, funding policies and priorities, and application process and requirements, see the application at http://www.seattle.gov/housing/development/MultifamilyNOFA.htm Contact OH Lending Manager Laurie Olson (206) 615-0995 with questions.

Seattle Human Services Department
Communities Supporting Safe & Stable Housing – Investment Plan
The Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) has released the final Communities Supporting Safe & Stable Housing Investment Plan. The purpose of the plan is to fundamentally improve the City of Seattle’s ability to prevent and end homelessness, while maintaining its commitment to providing safe and accessible shelters and supportive services for people who need them. The strategy is to create a set of priorities and principles and then make certain that City resources support those priorities. For latest information, please visit HSD’s blog at http://humaninterests.seattle.gov/. For a copy of the plan and background information, please visit http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/initiatives.htm

Seattle Human Services Department
Request for Investment (RFI): Communities Supporting Safe & Stable Housing
The City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) is seeking investment proposals from organizations interested in providing services to assist homeless and low-income adults and families in Seattle. Approximately $4,450,000 is available through a Request for Investment (RFI) for Homeless Intervention Services (Community Day Center Services & Hygiene Center Services) and Housing Placement, Stabilization and Support Programs for Adults and Families with Children, Including Domestic Violence Survivors.

All proposals are due by 5 p.m. on Monday August 20, 2012. Contact RFI Coordinator Ann-Margaret Webb at 206-386-1133 or at ann-margaret.webb@seattle.gov for additional information.

Additional HSD Funding Opportunities:
In addition to the Communities Supporting Safe & Stable Housing RFI, HSD will issue funding opportunities for (1) shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and supportive services (including programs for domestic violence survivors) through a Letter of Intent process by invitation to existing contractors only; and (2) coordinated childcare, behavioral health and parenting services through an open Request for Qualifications processes in July and in August. Separate funding opportunities for services for homeless youth and young adults are planned in 2013.

HSD funding opportunities are posted online at: http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding/

Request for Investment Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in King County. HOPWA is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Seattle Human Services Department.

A HOPWA Request for Investments for rental housing repair/rehabilitation will be released in mid-July. HSD will accept proposals from eligible agencies to increase the inventory of housing dedicated to low-income people with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible projects include residential, non-time limited rental units in nonprofit-owned housing developments.

Contact Kim von Henkle at (206) 615-1573 or kim.vonhenkle@seattle.gov for additional information. HSD funding opportunities are posted online at: www.seattle.gov/humanservices/funding/.

EVENTS
Families Initiative: Monthly Informational Sessions with Family Homelessness Initiative Staff
Wednesday, July 18th 9:30am-11:00am (Occurring every 3rd Wednesday of the month)
2100 Building in Seattle -- 2100 24th Avenue South

Open invitation to come talk with Debbi Knowles and Triina Tennelo to find out more about the work of the Family Homelessness Initiative. These monthly informational sessions are an opportunity to talk about the efforts of the Initiative, hear about next steps, and ask questions. It is open to anyone who would like to come. Contact Triina for more information triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov
### EVENTS (continued)

**Families Initiative: Peer Learning Group for Family Programs**

Family Homelessness Initiative Staff are convening peer learning groups through which management and leadership of Family Homeless/Housing Programs will be meeting monthly to respond to the efforts of the Initiative. The meeting is intended to serve as a forum for networking, peer support, and brainstorming among this group of providers as our community transitions towards new ways of providing homeless family housing and services. Additional outreach and engagement opportunities will follow shortly for other levels of staff of family programs.

Please call or email Triina Tennelo if you’d like to learn more about these meetings at 206-263-9110 or triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov. See also [Family Homelessness Initiative website](http://www.cehkc.org) for regular trainings and updates on the initiative.

### CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@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:** Wednesday, July 25, 8:30 – 10:30 am  
**Agenda Topics:** Coordinated Entry; Cost Modeling for PSH for Single Adults; CEH Project Director Recruitment; other TBD

**Recent Meeting:** Wednesday, April 25, 8:30 – 10:30 am  
**Agenda Topics:** See May All Things CEH

#### Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman & Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.brace@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](http://www.cehkc.org).

**Upcoming Meeting:** Monday, July 9, 2 – 4 pm, Bellevue City Hall  
**Agenda Topics:** Coordinated Entry across populations; Cost Modeling for PSH for Single Adults; CEH Project Director Recruitment

**Recent Meeting:** June meeting cancelled – no update for June

#### 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](http://www.cehkc.org).

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, July 18, 6:00–7:00 pm  
**Agenda Topics:** Feedback to recommendations for rental assistance programs, CAC Recruitment, Focus Groups

**Recent Meeting:** June 20  
**Discussed:** Conversation on Couch Surfing, recruiting CEH Project Director

#### 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:** No Meeting July  
**Agenda Topics:** Email to confirm

#### 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. During legislative sessions, calls will be held every other week, though members are advised to call to confirm.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Legislative Advocacy Committee on Hiatus  
**Agenda Topics**
Population Affinity Groups

CEH sponsored population committees were sunset in consideration of the task forces formed as a result of the Mid Plan Review. The following is information on population-based groups or initiatives that are aligned with the Ten Year Plan, though no longer directly under the umbrella of 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:** Family Homelessness Initiative Information Sessions. Each 3rd Wednesday of the month, Debbi Knowles and Triina Tennenlo will host an open session to talk with local stakeholders (providers and funders) about the work of the Family Homelessness Initiative. Find out what’s happening next, how it may impact housing programs and ask questions that are important to you. Information sessions are the 3rd Wednesday of Each Month from 9:30am – 11:00am at Mercer Island Community & Event Center. Contact Triina Tennenlo for information: 206.263.9110 or triina.tennenlo@kingcounty.gov. Also visit the Families Initiative website for more information! [http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx)

**YYA:** The King County Homeless Youth and Young Adult Leadership Council will convene in the coming months based on feedback and urging of leaders within young adult homeless services. The Mission of the Leadership Council is to: Provide a forum for connecting leaders on issues pertaining to homeless youth and young adults. Meetings will be held quarterly. Next meeting, July 18th, 9 am – 11 am location to be determined.

**RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES**

**South King County Forum on Homelessness**

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent jaljohnson@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=2726](http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2726)

**Upcoming Meeting:** NO MEETING IN JULY

**North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting**

Contact: Kelly Rider at 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, July 11, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (brownbag) 11:30 am – 1:30 pm (brownbag) Shoreline City Hall, 3rd floor, 17500 Midvale Ave N

**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, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

**Upcoming Meeting:** Thursday, July 12, 2012, 2–4pm First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE

**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 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:** July 9, 2012, 9am–11:30 am University Christian Church, 4731 15th Ave NE

**Agenda Topics:**

Hear about Vehicle Residency Study done by Graham Pruss & students from Seattle U & UW
University District Service Provider’s Alliance Service Provider Team
Contact: u DPS 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 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

General Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 2012, 9–11am E Cherry YWCA 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle
Agenda Topics: Conversations with State Electeds – thanks for the 2012 Legislative session.

SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings
- Single Adults, July 12, 12:00-1:30pm at Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apartments: 2119 3rd Ave.
- Youth & Young Adults, July 10, 9:00-10:30am at Neighborcare Health Rainier Beach Medical & Dental Clinic: 9245 Rainier Ave S.
- Families with Children, July 25, 9:30-11:00am at E. Cherry YWCA: 2820 E. Cherry St.

The Mid Plan Review: Renewed Areas of Focus 2012 - 2015

In-Depth Update: Immigrant & Refugee Task Force Recommendations
The Immigrant and Refugee (I&R) Task Force met from August 2011 through February 2012, with representation among culturally-focused agencies, mainstream shelter providers, housing authorities, DSHS, schools, voluntary resettlement agencies and others. The Task Force goal was to develop recommendations and implementation strategies to increase access to housing and supportive services among immigrants and refugees in King County. The first body of work within the Task Force was to identify common SCENARIOS for how and why I&R households become homeless. Next, the Task Force identified that households facing these scenarios need a range of RESOURCES to respond to housing crises, identified BARRIERS they face in accessing these resources, and promising SOLUTIONS to streamline access and reduce barriers. Finally, the Task Force held a series of FOCUS GROUPS to vet the issues identified through the work of the Task Force and assist in developing final RECOMMENDATIONS.

As the work progressed, I&R Task Force members learned that 24% of King County households speak a language other than English at home, that shelters report an increasing number of immigrants and refugees among their participants, and that SHA and KCHA report that a majority of the families living in garden community public housing are I&R families. Their barriers are mostly around the need to acquire skills, tools and time to access living wage employment. With this as the focus, the proposed solutions to homelessness have less to do with an infusion of resources than the need to make the existing systems work better for I&R beneficiaries, and to provide more equitable and effective access to resources.

The Task Force’s recommendations comprise four distinct themes:

1. Progressive and Supportive English Learning Programs – address the language barriers / challenges of immigrants and refugees.

   Background: The major theme that arose from the Task Force work and focus groups was the need to support English acquisition among I&R populations in order that they might leverage appropriate resources and prepare themselves for survival, independent living, and living wage employment. The typical adult English learner requires three years active learning to become proficient. Federal funding cannot meet this challenge due to regulatory restrictions. Other pathways, including LEP (an employment-focused program for Limited English Proficient adults on TANF) are necessary but not sufficient because its ESL is time-limited and focused on skills training over basic English acquisition. Recommended solutions include progression of initial survival English, daily living English, and workplace ESL programs. As well, there is inadequate childcare, transportation and flexible scheduling to support attendance, while youth and young adults have specific learning needs. Short term, better linkages are needed among existing ESL services. Long term, we need to extend the ability of I&R adults to stay with their learning for years, not just months. This will likely require state or regional investment, and the need to identify a long-term ‘owner’ of this effort as it is outside of the purview of CEH.

   Recommendations for a CEH role:
   - Identify existing coalitions and programs that facilitate progressive and supportive English learning (I&R providers, schools, colleges, etc.) and help establish partnerships to better link existing ESL trainings
   - Assist the partnership in seeking initial and ongoing funding sources.
   - Seek a permanent owner for the project. Potential co-owners: Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs and King County Equity & Social Justice Initiative (ESJI).
2. **Increase Representation of Immigrants and Refugees on Policy Boards to Develop an Immigrant and Refugee Lens – eliminate institutional barriers created when I&R issues are dealt with as an afterthought.**

Background: Policy is frequently developed with minimal input from immigrant and refugee communities. Emerging policy considerations need to better evaluate policy decisions and program outcomes by developing and using an "Immigrant & Refugee Lens". Since 24% of KC residents speak a language other than English at home, such focus is appropriate and necessary. The Task Force recommends that regional policy boards set a goal of increasing representation of immigrants and refugees among board members and commissioners.

Recommendations for a CEH role:
- Identify at key policy boards for which to urge representational consideration, seeking I&R representatives on each board (depending on board make-up, a goal would be three reps to assure ‘critical mass’ and reduce isolation of members.)
- Monitor rate of ethnically-focused agencies delivering services within the homeless system.
- Work with mainstream homeless system to facilitate true partnerships across providers and culturally-focused providers; encourage other mainstream systems to adopt similar approaches.

3. **Increase and Reward Cultural Competency in Mainstream Homeless System – enhance the current service delivery system and how to make it more responsive.**

Background: In order for I&R populations to access and benefit from community supports, it is critical that these supports be delivered in a culturally competent manner. The definition of cultural competence, however, is largely undefined. The Minority Executive Director’s Coalition (MEDC) has developed a definition that emphasizes “a set of behaviors attributes and policies enabling an agency (or individual) to work effectively in cross cultural situations”, using three guiding principles: Commitment, Accessibility and Relevance. Cultural competency could also be addressed through funding and contract monitoring practices, and creating stronger partnerships between mainstream homeless providers and culturally-focused agencies with more balanced compensation.

Recommendations for a CEH role:
Share MEDC’s definition of cultural competency and assure that RFPs require and reward substantive evidence of 1) Commitment, 2) Accessibility, and 3) Relevance. Options may include the a bigger point spread for respondents demonstrating cultural competence, stronger evidence of partnerships across culturally-focused and mainstream homeless agencies, a commitment to consistently include reviewers who bring with them an I&R lens as their main focus, and accountability to demonstrate that the funded agencies provide evidence of follow through on cultural elements written into funding proposals.

4. **Increase Efficiency within Existing Resources – improve the current resources so they serve more immigrants and refugees along with other vulnerable populations.**

Background: Immigrants and refugees are in need (sometimes in desperate need) of the same sorts of resources needed by other homeless or at-risk households: housing supports, cash assistance, child care, treatment to overcome trauma and PTSD. As noted above, many of solutions discussed by the I&R task force have less to do with an infusion of resources than the need to make the existing systems work better for I&R beneficiaries and provide more equitable and effective access to resources. Efficiencies can be gained making it easier to navigate services in ways that better accommodate limited English speakers, improve linkages to programs that create self-sufficiency, and support more rapid movement out of public housing and thereby increase opportunities for new arrivals to access supported housing and, in turn, move towards self sufficiency.

Recommendations for a CEH role:
- Work with Housing Authorities to develop a toolkit of incentives and subsidies to support efficient use of public housing stock
- Work with Seattle Office of Housing and non-profit housing developers to identify specific housing designs that serve newly arrived and/or low-income I&R populations [initial discussions are pending].