LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

Welcome Catherine Lester - Interim Director of City of Seattle’s Human Services Department

Catherine Lester is the Interim Director of Seattle’s Human Services Department (HSD). HSD directs a $124 million budget and has 338 employees, and is a key player in the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. HSD funds and operates programs for people with low incomes, children, domestic violence and sexual abuse survivors, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people experiencing homelessness, and persons with disabilities. Catherine served with Dannette Smith as the HSD Deputy Director from June 2011 to June 2013. Catherine was born in Boston and grew up in Toronto Canada. She is passionate about serving children, and families and the community. In April 2013 Catherine was one of 16 leaders from across the country selected as one of the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s 2013-2014 Children and Family Fellows.

Shelters Extended Through Summer

The City of Seattle and King County have kept available 165 shelter beds, originally slated to close on June 15. Shelter beds will remain open through September, offering a safe place for men and women needing overnight emergency shelter. Shelter extensions through September include:

- Seattle City Hall: Serving adult men and women, located on Fourth Avenue between James and Cherry streets. Shelter doors open at 7 p.m. Capacity is 75 people.
- Angeline’s Center for Homeless Women: Serving women only, located at 2030 Third Avenue. Intake begins at 6 p.m. Capacity is 40 women.
- King County Admin Building: Serving men only, located on Fourth Avenue between James and Jefferson streets. Shelter doors open at 8:30 p.m. Capacity is 50 people.

Nyer Urness House Opens in Ballard

Compass Housing Alliance, recently opened the Nyer Urness House, a seven-story, 51,664 square foot mixed-use building with a green roof. The 80 apartment building in Ballard will soon be the residence of formerly homeless men and women. The bulk of the first two floors of the building are dedicated to human services uses, including office for social workers, addiction counselors, mental health professionals, health-care providers and employment specialists who primarily serve the residents in the building. There are also meeting rooms for support group sessions. Congratulations to Compass Housing Alliance on this accomplishment!

Community Resource Exchange, Tuesday, September 17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Seattle Center

Last October, the Community Resource Exchange brought together more than 400 volunteers and 100 service providers. This community event enabled more than 1,200 men, women and children facing homelessness to receive the services they need most. This year, free services include:

- Legal Counseling
- Medical and dental
- Hot meals
- Haircuts
- Books, socks and hygiene kits
- Employment assistance
- Public benefits assistance
- Housing referrals and MORE

You can support the 2013 Community Resource Exchange by holding a supply drive. Sign up here to assist with the collection of socks, sneakers and hygiene kits.

Summer Food Service Program

Thousands of Seattle children ages 1 through 18 will enjoy free breakfasts and lunches this summer through the Seattle Human Services Department’s Summer Food Service Program. The U.S. Department of agriculture-funded program is open from June 24th through August 23rd, at approximately 100 sites across the city. These include designated community centers, Seattle park playgrounds, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA and YWCAs, and other community sites throughout Seattle and other parts of King County. For a complete list of sites and hours for the Summer Food Service Program, please call 206-386-1140 or visit the Seattle Human Services Website.
Full/Part-Day Preschool Available

Slots are now available for high-quality low-cost preschool for the 2013-2014 school year through the Seattle Human Services Department’s Step Ahead Preschool Program. Step Ahead preschools are located in numerous locations in Seattle. Step Ahead teachers have degrees in early childhood education and receive continuing education. Schools feature small class sizes and enriched learning environments. Bilingual programs and staff are available. For more information, call 206-386-1050.

**Full-Day Preschool:** For families needing help for a full-day program, payment assistance is available through the Working Connections Child Care (DSHS) or the City of Seattle Child Care Assistance program. Programs are located in the Seattle area. Parent needs to pay part of the cost.

**Part-Day Preschool:** Free for eligible families. To qualify:
- Children must be three or four years old by August 31, 2013
- Families must live in Seattle city limits
- Parents must be employed/training
- Families must meet the income guidelines based on family size

One Million Meals Campaign

United Way is feeding hungry kids this summer. The goal in this two-year One Million Meals Campaign is to serve 1 million summertime meals to kids and teens all over King County. About 99,000 school children rely on free or reduced-price lunch during the school year but in the summer, only 1 in 7 takes part in free meal programs. Hundreds of locations and community partners are setting up meal and activity sites where anyone 18 and younger can get a free bite to eat. Click here to learn how you can volunteer or participate in this tremendous effort.

Project Cool for Back to School!

Every fall through Project Cool, South King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH) members and volunteers make sure that hundreds of homeless children and youth start the school year off right. Project Cool helps homeless students who may have lost most or all of their personal possessions get the school supplies they need to feel confident and be prepared. Included with every backpack a student receives a Know-Your-Rights flyer on the educational rights for homeless students outlined in the McKinney Vento Act. For over 24 years, Project Cool has helped more than 23,000 homeless students be ready for the first day of school.

Project Cool for Back-to-School needs volunteers this month to help prepare 1300 backpacks to make sure that homeless children in preschool through twelfth grade start the school year off right in the fall. Click here to find out how you can be involved or contact Kathryn Murdock, Project Cool 2013 Coordinator at kathrynm@homelessinfo.org.

Night out at the Movies, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Art Experience

Thursday, August 1, 6:15 p.m.

The Wing Luke Museum will be showing a film titled “Out on a Limb”, a movie about a man who lived in a tree in Northeast Seattle. There will also be free admission in the museum that day, so that people can view the exhibits on homelessness in the Asian American community and also view the new exhibit on race.

Fair Housing Survey -- Deadline for Feedback extended to July 5th

The Puget Sound Regional Council, in tandem with the Fair Housing Center of Washington, is gathering information on barriers to equal housing opportunities with a special focus on the major transportation corridors in Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties. This Fair Housing Equity Assessment is part of the Growing Transit Communities three year project to ensure equity along transit lines.

*Please complete this short survey* through this Constant Contact link http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e7gbibo4he7u8ay/start or by clicking the Growing Transit Communities icon on the Fair Housing Center of Washington website at www.fhcwashington.org.

Survey respondents need to live or work in King, Pierce, or Snohomish County.
All-Star Softball Classic for Homeless Youth a HUGE hit

United Way, together with thousands of fans, raised $1.2 million for homeless youth on June 15, 2013. Among those who made up the multitude at the All Star Softball Classic at Safeco were:

- Thousands of fans in the stands
- 11 youth centered nonprofit and government partners
- 40 companies, represented by players and guests
- 52 players, including big names like former Mariner Jay Buhner, former Sonic Gary Payton, Seahawk wide receiver Golden Tate, Pearl Jam’s Jeff Ament, award winning author Sherman Alexie, and Dan Wilson

For a full overview of the event please visit the United Way of King County website.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**FREE – Basic Financial Management Classes**

Learn how to control your money, build a budget, track expenses, understand banking, credit, taxes, insurance & fraud. Continued one-on-one coaching is provided and flexible class opportunities are available. Call Georgene at Multi-Service Center 253-854-4406 x142 to reserve a class.

**FUNDING and RFP’s**

**2013 Combined NOFA to be released**

The 2012 Combined NOFA for Homeless Housing and Services will be released in July. Funding Partners in the NOFA include 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), and workshops for potential applicants will be held. Check partner websites for updates, and the August All Things CEH for additional information.

**NAEH National Conference on Ending Homelessness: Reframing for the Future**

The National Alliance to End Homelessness hosts its annual summer conference on Ending Homelessness this July 22-24. The focus for this year’s conference is *Reframing for the Future* – recognizing that while challenges to progress mount, it will take even greater skill, determination and commitment to achieve our goal of ending homelessness.

Award-winning broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff of PBS's "NewsHour" will deliver keynote remarks on the second day of the Conference, and Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council Cecilia Muñoz will deliver keynote remarks on the final day of the Conference. Though conference registration is closed, information about conference workshops, track options, and conference schedule, is available at the conference website. Conference workshops are broken out by several tracks: Advocacy, Systems, Youth, Veterans, Chronic, Rapid Re-Housing, Ending Family Homelessness, CoC/HEARTH and Funders.

**King County Programs Highlighted by United States Interagency Council on Homelessness**

Many communities use data from public service systems like jails, homeless services, hospitals, and Medicaid to identify the subset of people experiencing homelessness who are high utilizers of emergency public services. The premise behind these approaches is that priority for housing should be given to individuals who are caught in a revolving door of crisis and who also drive up public costs as a result. While some communities use a simple cross-match of data between HMIS and health care or corrections data, other communities use more sophisticated predictive algorithms that help to select individuals who are expected to continue their pattern of high utilization. Examples of these approaches include: King County (WA)'s Client Care Coordination High Utilizer Database Project, the Economic Roundtable's 10th Decile Triage Tool, and the Corporation for Supportive Housing’s Frequent User Systems Engagement project.

**HUD Releases Guidance on Providers' Role in Helping Disabled Individuals**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued guidance that clarifies how housing providers can support state and local efforts to increase integrated housing options for disabled individuals who are at risk of entering institutions, nursing homes, and other segregated settings. The guidance specifically addresses the role of housing in furthering the goals of the collection of federal laws and court rulings known as Olmstead that protect people with disabilities from discrimination and prohibit all public programs, state programs included, from segregating people with disabilities from the rest of society. The guidance further explains how grantees and program administrators can support Olmstead implementation. It also discusses other federal housing rules that affect how people with disabilities can access appropriate housing. Read the guidance.
CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)  Typical Meeting Schedule, 4th Wednesday of the Quarter, 8:30–10:30am. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org.

Upcoming Meeting: TBD – Contact ayesha.kelly@kingcounty.gov for further details

Agenda Topics

Recent Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 – 10:30 am

Discussed: 2013 Funding Priorities, Homeless/Housing Planning Tools, Progress on Single Adult Shelter

Interagency Council (IAC)


Upcoming Meeting: Monday, July 8, 2–4 pm

Bellevue City Hall

Agenda Topics

Recent Meeting: Monday, May 6

Discussed: CoC Governance & Responsibilities, Family Homelessness Initiative, Health & Human Services Transformation Panel

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@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, July 17, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Plymouth Congregational

Agenda Topics

Recent Meeting: Tuesday, June 18

Discussed

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

Legislative Advocacy

Chair: Harry Hoffman. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: Every Other Tuesday during session, from 8:30–9:30, in person or via conference call.

Upcoming Meeting: TBD

Agenda Topics

Population Affinity Groups

Family Homelessness Initiative Information Sessions:
Debbi Knowles and Triina Tennelo host open sessions to talk with local stakeholders (providers and funders) about the Initiative. Reoccurring: 3rd Wednesdays each month 9:30 – 11:00am at the 2100 Building (unless otherwise noted)
Next meeting: July 17, 2013 9:30-11 at 2100 Building 2100 24th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144
Contact Triina Tennelo for more information: 206.263.9110 or triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov or visit the Initiative website for more information: http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx

Family Housing Connection: FHC staff holds quarterly meetings of feedback sessions to talk with family housing providers on how to make the coordinated entry system for families most effective.
Next meeting: September 16, 2013 10:30am – Noon at CCS – 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98144
Family Housing Connection website: www.ccsfhc.org

Youth & Young Adult (Y/YA): Contact Megan at megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov
Megan Gibbard has begun holding monthly Y/YA Stakeholder Forums. This forum provides a monthly opportunity to hear about the changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County. The June Y/YA Stakeholder Forum will be held Tuesday July 23rd, from 2 – 3:30, Location TBD, check the YYA Website soon for location
RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

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 9–10:30am at Kent Commons.
SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2728

Upcoming Meeting: CANCELLED
Agenda Topics:

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. Typical Schedule: Every other month, 2nd Wednesday, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 11:30 – 1:30 pm Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N, Room 301

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. 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 11, 2013, 2 – 4 pm 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. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2013, Noon – 1:30 pm St. Mark’s 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: Monday, July 8, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m. Seattle Vineyard Fellowship, 4142 Brooklyn Ave, 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: Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 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. Learn more and sign up for meeting reminders at www.homelessinfo.org

General Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2013, 9–11am E Cherry YWCA 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings
SKCCH Youth and Young Adults: Tuesday, July 9, 10-11:30am, Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle
SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy: Thursday, July 11, 12-1:30 pm, Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apartments, 2119 3rd Ave, Seattle
SKCCH Families with Children: Wednesday, July 24, 9:30-11.00 am, E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle
Coming on October 1, 2013!

**Washington health care coverage – changes coming soon**

Washington Healthplanfinder new web portal to apply for health care coverage

Washington Healthplanfinder will be a new online marketplace for individuals, families, and small businesses in Washington. They can compare and enroll in health insurance coverage and gain access to tax credits, reduced cost sharing, and public programs such as Medicaid. Washington Healthplanfinder will begin enrolling consumers on October 1, 2013, for health insurance coverage beginning on January 1, 2014.

**Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) - New adult coverage group**

Individuals with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level may apply through the Washington Healthplanfinder, beginning October 1, for coverage that begins on January 1, 2014.

**Washington Apple Health - Family, children and pregnant women**

Families, children, and pregnant women may apply, renew and report changes to their health care coverage beginning October 1 using Washington Healthplanfinder.

Watch for more information coming this summer!

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