



**BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION**

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Kristine Gullin at [kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov)

**LOCAL NEWS & ACTION**

**HUD is collecting comments to the new HEARTH** (reauthorization of McKinney) definition on homelessness. NAEH has a good document that compares the [old vs. the new definition available for viewing](#). **Comments are due to HUD by June 21st**, and may be submitted electronically at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (choose "submit a comment"; where it says "enter keyword or ID" type "HUD HEARTH"; then click on "Search". Under "Actions" (lower right corner of page), click on "submit a comment")

**Washington Health Program**

The Washington Health Program is open for business! With over 100,000 people on the Basic Health waiting list, Washington Health provides a coverage option for those who cannot afford private, individual coverage. Benefits are essentially the same as Basic Health, but with no state subsidy. HCA is contracting with Community Health Plan of Washington to provide Washington Health coverage. For more information visit the [Washington Health website](#).



**Housing Justice Project – Eviction Prevention Tip**

Exercising self help remedies can lead to unfortunate results for residential tenants. Tenants should not initially withhold rent if a landlord fails to respond to their repair requests or other housing quality issues. Failure to pay rent for any reason may be cause for a landlord to commence an eviction action. However, in some circumstances a tenant may be entitled to set-offs or reductions in their rent obligations if repairs are not started within the required time and if the tenant is paid up in rent and utilities. It is important that before exercising any statutory remedies, tenant be current in the payment of rent. Under the law, the landlord must receive written notice of the poor conditions and/ or repair requests prior to the tenant exercising any lawful remedy. It is the tenant's responsibility to have proper documentation of requests made to the landlord. Here are some tips for documenting habitability issues:

- Notify the landlord, in writing, of the poor conditions and request repairs (certified mail works best). A landlord cannot commence an eviction in retaliation for a repair request.
- Take pictures and/or video of the conditions (using a camera with a timestamp is ideal)
- Keep copies of any medical treatments for conditions related to the problems with the home
- Contact an outside agency for a free home health inspection. A landlord cannot commence an eviction in retaliation for a report to an outside agency. **\*HJP can refer clients directly to these agencies when the tenant indicates that there are unsafe living conditions.\***

HJP assists qualifying low income tenant with drafting the request for repairs, contacting outside agencies for home inspections, and negotiating or advocating for set-offs where conditions are well-documented.

**Where, When and How to Reach Services**

For more information, locations and hours call (206) 267-7090 (English) or (206) 267-7091 (Español) or visit:

<http://www.kcba.org/legalhelp/HJP/clients.aspx>.

The **Housing Justice Project (HJP)** is a homelessness prevention program providing accessible, volunteer-based legal services to tenants facing eviction in King County. HJP is managed by Community Legal Services at the King County Bar Association. Nationally recognized, HJP is the only court-based, housing-related legal services program in Washington that provides direct, immediate and real-time client representation to low-income residential tenants facing eviction in King County.



**New Online Resource for Renters – [www.solid-ground.org/tenant](http://www.solid-ground.org/tenant)**

Solid Ground Tenant Services has launched a new online resource for renters in Washington State containing valuable information on the laws that protect renters, community resources geared toward tenant needs, and best practices in asserting your rights as a renter.



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Request for Proposals: Outreach & Engagement services directed towards youth and young adults experiencing homelessness in King County (with an emphasis on East and South County areas)**

United Way of King County is accepting proposals from agencies that provide outreach and engagement services (with long term case management as a vital component) to youth and young adults that are living with out of a stable home. A strategic emphasis is being placed on services targeted towards youth and young adults in East and South King County. For more information contact Derek Wentorf at [dwentorf@uwkc.org](mailto:dwentorf@uwkc.org)

**Deadline: June 7, 2010**

### **@15 Community Grants Program through Best Buy Children's Foundation**

[Best Buy](#) is soliciting proposals from nonprofit organizations that provide positive experiences designed to help teens excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop leadership skills. The average grant amount is \$3,000 – \$5,000 with a maximum of \$10,000. Organizations with current 501(c)(3) tax status and serving a diverse population of young teens in the areas of learning, life skills, leadership, or relationship development are encouraged to apply. Special consideration will be given to programs that serve a diverse populations that build social, academic, leadership, and/or life skills in early adolescents (ages 13-18); show positive results against a demonstrated community need; and reach at-risk children in working families. **Deadline: July 1, 2010**

For more information: <https://secure5.easymatch.com/bestbuygrant/customercontent/grants/fundingandgrants.asp>

## EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **SKCCH Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Food and Fact Fair – June 4<sup>th</sup>, noon-3pm at Gas Works Park**

This event has been held for over 14 years and serves over a 100 homeless youth and young adults. The Food and Fact Fair provides food, activities, raffles, and resource tables focused on homeless youth/young adult housing, drop-in, medical, employment, and other needed resources.

### **Working with Youth of Color Who Don't Identify as Homeless**

The City of Seattle in conjunction with the Committee to End Homelessness Youth and Youth Adult Subcommittee is sponsoring 3 consecutive workshops focusing on working effectively with youth of color who don't identify as homeless. The first two workshops were April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. Attendance is free and on a first-come basis, the next workshop will be held on **June 23, 2010, 8:30am - 12:30pm at 2100 Building, 2100 – 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue S**

### **United Way of King County's Day of Caring – Save the Date: September 24, 2010**

Day of Caring represents the largest single day of volunteering in Washington State. [Sign up here](#) and UWKC will contact you when registration opens on August 10 and send you other important Day of Caring updates. Last year's Day of Caring was their biggest to date. Over 9,000 volunteers rolled up their sleeves and joined together to make a huge difference at 270 local organizations throughout King County.

## CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

### **Governing Board**

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)) and Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)) Meeting dates vary: Time: 8:30am – 10:30am. Location: YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

#### **Recent Meeting**

May 26, 2010

Nomination of Bellevue Councilmember John Chelminiak to the Governing Board. Progress on CEH Workplans, and inclusion of new workplan elements for 2010-2011, including:

- Increasing Collaborations with Mainstream Systems (specifically K-12 and Child Welfare)
- Coordination with Five Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness
- Implementation of the full Gates Homeless Families Initiative
- Restructuring Services Funding to Increase Flexibility

#### **Upcoming Meeting:**

July 28, 2010, 8:30am – 10:30am

YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle



# All Things CEH

## an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives

### for June 2010

#### Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)) and Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Recent Meeting:** May 3, 2010

- Reviewed and discussed progress points under the Ten-Year Plan, specifically Housing Production; Landlord Liaison Project; Coordinated Entry for vulnerable single adults; Coordinated Entry for families; and Safe Harbors/HMIS
- Discussed with Governing Board members the progress, future challenges, priorities and vision for CEH.
- Heard a summary of expiring funds and contracts in the coming years. Breakout sessions to discuss role of performance and evaluation in contracting/NOFA; system and funding priorities, including consideration of Gates Family Homelessness Plan, YYA model, and shelter; implication of funding situation for high needs vs. moderate needs programs; and funder responsibilities: benefits and challenges of increasing funding and potential for flexibility across contracts.
- Discussed mainstream connections, specifically with K-12 education and DSHS. Melinda Dryer (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction), Casey Trupin (Columbia Legal Services) Denise Revels Robinson (DSHS) and Toni Johnson (DSHS) were all participants in the discussion.

**Upcoming Meeting:** \*June meeting cancelled, next meeting July 12, 2010  
Bellevue City Hall – 450 – 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Bellevue

**Draft Agenda Topics:** Feedback to Funders Group workplans for 2010-2011

#### Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)) and Kristine Gullin ([kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:kristine.gullin@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Recent Meeting:** May 19, 2010

Gave feedback on the North King County Housing Stakeholder Forum, heard updates from IAC (see IAC Recent Meeting review above) and Funders Group. Reviewed Governing Board agenda for May 26<sup>th</sup> and gave input on what makes for an effective Consumer Advisory Council to share with to Alaska Housing Authority, which is convening a consumer board.

**Upcoming Meeting:** June 16, 2010, 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

**Draft Agenda Topics:** UWKC's Community Resource Exchange update and brainstorming session for the next focus group

#### Single Adults Committee

Chair: Steve Roberts ([stevesroberts@comcast.net](mailto:stevesroberts@comcast.net)) and Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: Single Adults will meet quarterly in 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00pm at YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle.

**Recent Meeting** May 17, 2010

Effect of the GAU reformation statute, creating the Disability Lifeline. Key elements were the limit of 24 months of support in any 5 year period (which will result in people being terminated this September 1) and the associated fact that no one will be terminated without a new review of their status to see if they qualify for GA-X or SSI. The group also discussed the element in the new law that provides that if there is housing available, a GA-U recipient will receive a housing voucher plus \$50 per month, rather than the full cash benefit. It remains unclear what constitutes "available housing" and what the level of voucher support might be.

**Upcoming Meeting:** July - TBD, 2:30pm – 4:00pm  
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

**Draft Agenda Topics:** TBD



# All Things CEH

## an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives for June 2010

### Families Committee

Co-Chairs: Doreen Cato & Dan McDougall-Treacy. Staff: Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: quarterly or ad hoc from 10 am to Noon.

**Recent Meeting:** May 10, 2010

Review of the Families Strategic Plan, and recommendations on implementation.

- Ensure the transition to the new framework for family homeless housing and services is a thoughtful process. Provide technical assistance and training to help agencies make the transition to the new strategies.
- Ensure the proposed regional hubs (and resulting placements) are culturally competent.
- Connect with natural community supports: foodbanks, churches, elders.
- Ensure the coordinated entry allows for resident choice.

**Upcoming Meeting:** August - TBD, 10:00am – 12:00pm  
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

**Draft Agenda Topics:** Coordination with K-12 School Liaisons

### Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

Co-Chairs: Mike Heinisch, Brooke Scharke Staff: Marci Curtin ([marci.curtin@seattle.gov](mailto:marci.curtin@seattle.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, usually at the 2100 Building but may rotate.

**Recent Meeting:** April 14, 2010

Began work on 2010 focus areas, announced upcoming workshops on how youth of color access homeless services, and Seattle Youth and Family Initiative caucus.

**Upcoming Meeting:** June 9, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
Friends of Youth – 16225 NE 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond

**Draft Agenda Topics:** Co-chair nominations, Seattle Youth Commission-Homeless Youth Prevention group's City Council presentation, platform paper info. review, United Way-Investments to Reduce Youth and Young Adult Homelessness in King County report discussion, review 2010 goals to confirm upcoming meeting topics.

### Public Relations

Chair: Sherry Hamilton ([sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov](mailto:sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov)). \*NEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010\* Typical Meeting Schedule: 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of month, 3:30pm – 4:30pm at Chinook Building 401 – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room 526.

**Upcoming Meeting:** June 23, 2010, 3:30pm – 4:30pm  
Chinook Building – 401 Fifth Avenue, Room 526, Seattle

**Draft Agenda Topics:** Distribution of 2009 Annual Report. Public Relations workplan for balance of 2010

### Legislative Advocacy

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: Bill Block ([bill.block@kingcounty.gov](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 8:30am – 10:00am, DESC/DSHS shared building

**Upcoming Meeting:** On hiatus until Annual Legislative Breakfast planning and 2011 session



## RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

### Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

The General meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month, 9:00am -11:00am 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](http://www.homelessinfo.org)

**Upcoming General Meeting:** June 17, 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am  
East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

**SKCCH Agenda:** What do we mean by "Outreach & Engagement?" What does it take to do good outreach and how do we engage effectively with people who are homeless? Plus, a special update from SKCCH's Outreach & Engagement Task Force & City of Seattle staff about people who are homeless on public land. Skilled outreach & engagement + accessible shelter that meets people's needs = success!

#### Upcoming SKCCH Events:

- **Host a supply drive for Project Cool for Back-to-School!** Help make sure that 2000 homeless children and youth receive backpacks, hygiene kits, books, pencils, and a new pair of shoes for the next school year! Volunteers welcome! Please contact [projectcool@homelessinfo.org](mailto:projectcool@homelessinfo.org) or call Virginia (206) 357-3149.
- **June 8th, 10.30 a.m. - noon: Youth and Young Adults Committee meeting** at the Capitol Hill Public Library (425 Harvard Ave. E.)
- **June 10th 1.30-3.00 p.m.: Single Adults Advocacy Committee meeting** at YWCA Opportunity Place (2024 Third Ave. in Seattle)

### 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 12:00pm -1:30pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at [itfh@comcast.net](mailto:itfh@comcast.net) or call at (425) 442-5418.

**Upcoming Meeting:** June 16, 2010, 12:00pm – 1:30pm  
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle

### 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 9:00am – 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/humanservices/index.aspx?id=2728>

**Upcoming Meeting:** June 2, 2010, 9:00am – 10:30am  
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

### 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, (NOTE: new time) First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

**Upcoming Meeting:** June 10, 2010 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

### University District Service Provider's Alliance Service Provider Team

Contact: Lindsey Nutting [udsp.spt@gmail.com](mailto: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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Street Youth Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

**Upcoming Meeting:** June 9, 2010, 11:00am – 12:30pm  
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle