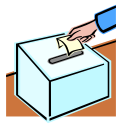




BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

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

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION



Council Sends Renewal of Veterans and Human Services Levy to the Voters

Proposal sent to August primary ballot

May 2, 2011 - The Metropolitan King County Council unanimously approved legislation sending the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy to the voters at the August primary election. [Read more.](#)

New Bill Creates a Doorway to Services for Homeless Families and Individuals

On May 3, 2011, Governor Chris Gregoire signed into law a bill that will help families and individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness quickly connect to the support they need. [Read more.](#)



Board Approves Yesler Terrace Development Plan

Described as 'framework for neighborhood transformation'

In a unanimous decision at its May 17 meeting, the Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners approved a sweeping plan for the redevelopment of the 30-acre Yesler Terrace Neighborhood. [Read more.](#)

King County Housing Authority Accepting Applications for Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Wait List until June 7

After June 7th, KCHA will hold a random drawing among those who applied to create a waitlist. As the number of Section 8 vouchers is limited, KCHA will place no more than 2,500 names on its wait list. (The current voucher turnover rate among is approximately 30-50 per month.) Eligible applicants must meet one of the following preferences:

- Households are homeless or about to become homeless;
- Families living in substandard housing; or
- Families spending more than 50 percent of their incomes on rent and utilities.

For information about the application process, call KCHA at (206) 214-1300, or go to their [website](#). Only one application per household is allowed. Application forms are available online, or at any of 11 locations listed on KCHA's website, and are due (electronically or postmarked) by June 7th.



Low Cost Cell Phone Plans for People Who Are Low-Income / Homeless

Community Voice Mail (a program of Solid Ground) has compiled an excellent [brochure](#) comparing low-cost cell phone plans. Assurance Wireless and SafeLink Wireless both offer a free phone and 250 free minutes a month.

These are pay-as-you-go programs that do not require a contract, monthly bills, or a credit check. Assurance offers either 250 extra minutes for \$5 or 750 extra minutes and 1000 text messages for \$20, while SafeLink charges 20¢ for each additional minute. CVM also offers free voice mail to those seeking jobs, housing and human services, allowing people to stay in touch with prospective landlords, employers and case managers. For agencies interested in partnering with this program on behalf of their clients, see CVM's [webpage](#).

Count Us In - Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Count

On May 25th, 374 young people from all over King County attended 8 different sites to have a free meal, get some bus tickets and the opportunity to talk with trained staff and volunteers about their housing situation. A report out on the survey results will take place the first week of June. This count was conducted by service providers across King County, in coordination with United Way of King County, at multiple meal sites offering free food and limited assistance to young people without a safe and permanent home. The goal of this pilot effort was to draw youth and young adult in for a free meal, ask them to complete a short survey, and gain a clearer understanding of the number of young people living without a stable place to live on any given night in King County. Stay tuned for analysis of the data and what it tells us for our next steps in creating a community where no youth is left without a place to call home. Contact Derek Wentorf for more information: dwentorf@uwkc.org

FUNDING and RFP's

2011 Combined Funders Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Housing with Supportive Services for Homeless Families, Individuals and Young Adults

The 2011 Combined Funders NOFA is now available, [click here](#). The application workshop will be held June 1, 2011, 1-3pm at [Mercer View Community Center](#), 8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island.

Deadline for 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Capital Activities Extended

The application deadline has been extended to noon on June 6, 2011. [Click for more details.](#)



EVENTS

Federal Advocacy 101 sponsored by SKCCH and FAITH

June 4, 2011, 10am – noon at Keystone United Church of Christ, 5019 Keystone Ave N, Seattle

This workshop is an interactive introduction to grass-roots democratic action with nationally-acclaimed teacher and activist Nancy Amidei, Director of the Civic Engagement Project, and will feature:

- How you and your circle can take action!
- The top 3 homeless housing priorities this summer
- Clear and useful information from local experts

Register at www.homelessinfo.org or call SKCCH at 206-357-3149.

Moving Forward: Preventing and Ending Family Homelessness in King County

Thank you to everyone who joined meetings with team members of the Family Homelessness Initiative in May. Follow up meetings will follow in June to continue the dialogue!

June 15, 2011 – 1-3pm

Renton Library, Room #1
100 Mill Avenue S, Renton

June 16, 2011 – 1-3pm

Bellevue Library, Room #1
111 – 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue

June 20, 2011 – 9:30-11:30am

Wellspring Family Services, Rotary Support Center
1900 Rainier Avenue S, Seattle

The June meeting will summarize the May meetings and include a review of the initial results of the Family Homelessness Initiative Provider Survey. Other topics:

- Next steps in the funding framework to support community realignment process
- Examples of strategies to guide agencies through the transformation process
- Initial thoughts regarding the community professional development series

Because continuity and momentum is critical to this initiative, agencies are urged to consider selecting 1-2 representatives that can consistently attend these meetings and are a part of the agency's planning and implementation process.

Emails will soon be sent regarding Coordinated Entry and Assessment.

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)
Meeting dates vary: Time: 8:30–10:30am. Location: YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

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: The 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). Typical Meeting Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2-4pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: May 4, 2011
Review and discussion of Mid Plan Report and Charrette Recommendations. See Gov Board summary above.

Upcoming Meeting: **June Meeting Cancelled** - Next meeting: July 11, 2011, 2-4pm
Bellevue City Hall
450 - 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

Agenda Topics: 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: May 18, 2011
Recap of the Mid Plan Review charrette and a legislative update

Upcoming Meeting: June 15, 2011, 6-7:30pm
Plymouth Congregational Church - 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Focus group planning and membership recruitment

Single Adults Committee

Chair: Steve Roberts (stevesroberts@comcast.net) and Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: Single Adults meets quarterly in, 2:30-4pm at YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle.

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.

Families Committee

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

Recent Meeting: May 25, 2011

- Feedback to upcoming Mid Plan Review Charrette topics, particularly Emergency Shelter for Single Adults
- Updates on 2011 legislative session, particularly related to Disability Lifeline

Upcoming Meeting: June 16, 2011, 1-3pm
Bellevue Library, Room #1 - 111 - 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

Agenda Topics:

- Next steps in the funding framework to support community realignment process
- Examples of strategies to guide agencies through the transformation process
- Initial thoughts regarding the community professional development series

Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

June 8 is the FINAL CEH Youth and Young Adult Committee meeting

Recent Meeting: May 11, 2011
Point in Time discussion with Derek Wentorf. Charrette debrief with Gretchen Bruce and discussion on next steps for the homeless youth/young adult services in the 10 Year Plan.

Upcoming Meeting: June 8, 2011, 2-4pm
The 2100 Building - 2100 - 24th Ave S, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Debrief from the May 25th Point in Time Count



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: TBD
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: June 1, 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: June 8, 2011, 11:30am–1pm
Shoreline City Hall 3rd floor conference room, 17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline

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: June 9, 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 Kirilin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: June 15, 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: June 8, 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

June 16, 2011, 9-11am

General Meeting:

Alvirita Little Building @ East Cherry YWCA - 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

Other SKCCH Meetings and Events

Single Adults Advocacy Committee - June 9, 2011, 2-3:30pm
YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

Youth & Young Adults Committee - June 14, 2011, 10:30am-noon
Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, 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 organize the collection of school supplies during the months of April, May, and June - to host a supply drive for Project Cool, contact the Supply Drive Coordinator, Danny Meltzer, at danny@homelessinfo.org or (206) 357-3149.

There are also other ways to help! To get involved with Project Cool, contact us at projectcool@homelessinfo.org or (206) 926-9300. You can also find out more by visiting SKCCH's website at www.homelessinfo.org