

# All Things CEH

March 2011

an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives

## 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



### Help Us Frame the Ten-Year Plan Mid Plan Review

The Committee to End Homelessness is conducting a Mid Plan Review of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County, and will host a series of open meetings to gather input on which key policy questions are most important to answer for the second half of the Ten-Year Plan. These community meetings will be followed by a charrette April 24 and 25, open to the public, where the selected questions will be discussed and answered. The community meetings to frame the key questions will be held:

**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 4-5:30pm**

New Holly Gathering Hall – 7050 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S  
Seattle

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9-10:30am**

SeaTac City Hall – 4800 S 188<sup>th</sup> St  
SeaTac

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-5:30pm**

Bellevue City Hall – 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Bellevue

In 2005, our region embraced a Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and established the Committee to End Homelessness in King County (CEH), charged with implementing the goals of the Ten-Year Plan: prevent homelessness whenever possible; move people rapidly from homelessness to stable housing; increase the efficiency of existing systems and improve collaboration; and create the public and political will to end homelessness. Now, in year five of the Ten-Year Plan, CEH is conducting a mid-plan review. It will look at the original goals, accomplishments to date, external forces affecting implementation of the plan, including (and especially) changes in the economy and the emerging federal and state priorities relating to housing and homelessness. Most important, the mid-point review will develop recommendations for what we need to do going forward, as a region, to achieve the goal of ending homelessness, with a particular focus on what we need to be doing differently.

The Mid Plan Review will be a thorough process, meant to engage people in critical thinking to help refocus the community's efforts in the most meaningful way in the last five years of the Ten-Year Plan. It accepts that the original goals and objectives may need to change, that the priorities may need reordering, that resources may need realignment, and that partners' and players' roles may need to change.

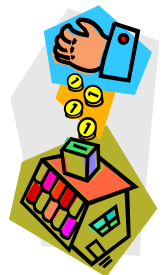


*Please attend a community meeting to share your knowledge, experience and passion!*

Questions: Gretchen Bruce, CEH Program Manager, 206-263-9085, [gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)

### King County Awards \$21.3 million Countywide to Create Affordable and Supportive Housing Projects Housing awards create jobs for construction of 495 new units of housing around King County

Creating housing opportunities for hundreds of local individuals and families in need, King County Executive Dow Constantine announced on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, \$21.3 million in grants and loans to create nearly 500 units of affordable housing and fund permanent supportive housing development across the county. [Read more.](#)



### New Website Helps Determine Eligibility for Government Services

DSHS has launched a new benefits portal, [www.washingtonconnection.org](http://www.washingtonconnection.org), where people can determine if they are eligible for state services as well as apply online for some programs. The website will be updated with additional features over the next several months.

### Free Tax Preparation Available

[United Way of King County](http://www.unitedwayofkingcounty.org) is providing quality free tax preparation services at [18 sites](#) across King County until April 14, 2011. Free tax preparation is available for taxpayers who make less than \$50,000 and who need basic individual tax returns.



For other free resources available with tax preparation for individuals and families visit the Washington Information Network 2-1-1 [online](#).

## FUNDING

### City of Seattle Office of Housing - Homebuyer NOFA: Notice of Funding Availability

The purpose of this program is to assist families and individuals earning at or below 80 percent of area median income to become homeowners. Nonprofit agencies, private, for-profit developers and mortgage lenders are invited to submit proposals for projects that will provide homeownership opportunities for low-income households. **The application deadline is noon on Friday, March 11, 2011.** For more information, click [here](#).



## EVENTS



### United Way of King County Community Resource Exchange - April 22, 2011 at Qwest Field

Join us for this powerful community event. You can register as a service provider by clicking on [this link](#) or share this information with your colleagues and partners.

United Way's Community Resource Exchange connects people experiencing homelessness with the services they need all in one place, in one day—with everything from housing, employment and legal assistance to free health services, haircuts, voicemail accounts and supply-filled backpacks. Last September more than 100 services providers and 300 volunteers served 2,400 people experiencing homelessness. With your help we can do it again this April. To learn more about the CRE visit [www.uwkc.org/cre](http://www.uwkc.org/cre) or e-mail [cre@uwkc.org](mailto:cre@uwkc.org).

### New this year:

- The event will run 1 hour longer from 9AM – 3PM.
- We are moving from Qwest Field Plaza to the East Hall of Qwest Event Center – this will give us an extra 30k square feet. (WAHOO!)
- We are eliminating the CRE Store to provide everyone with a more calm and safe experience. This will allow guests to spend more time connecting to services and less time waiting in long lines. The first 2,500 guests will receive a backpack filled with essential supplies.
- UWKC will provide all guests with backpacks. Providers are asked NOT to bring extra backpacks to giveaway. While these are always appreciated by guests we want to avoid long lines and stressful situations for a limited number of supplies.



### Important Dates

- April 6, 2011: 2PM-4PM - Service Provider Information Session @ United Way of King County
- April 21, 2011: 1PM - 5PM - Load-in / Set up date @ Qwest Field (All agencies should plan on loading in on this date!)
- April 22, 2011: 9AM - 3PM Community Resource Exchange @ Qwest Field (Providers should arrive by 7:30AM)

## 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: 8:30-10:30am. Location: YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

#### **Recent Meeting:** February 23, 2011

- Review of Safe Harbors Dashboard, implementation improvements in Safe Harbors
- Update on the Mid Plan Review and feedback to key policy questions
- Update on 2011 legislative session
- Update on the 2011 Point In Time Homeless census – Street count is down 11% in 2011
- Healthcare reform and affect on people who are homeless

**Upcoming Meeting:** May 25, 2011, 8:30-10:30am  
Bellevue City Hall – 450 – 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue

**Agenda Topics:** Final review / Approval of the Mid Plan Review: Priorities for years six through ten of Recap of 2011 Legislative Session

## 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, 2–4pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Recent Meeting:** February 7, 2011, 2–4pm

- Update on the Mid Plan Review and feedback to key policy questions
- Update on 2011 legislative session
- Update on the 2011 Point In Time Homeless census – Street count is down 11% in 2011
- Healthcare reform and affect on people who are homeless

**Upcoming Meeting:** March 7, 2011  
Bellevue City Hall – 450 – 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue

- Agenda Topics:**
- Update Five Year Plan to End Homelessness among Veterans in King County
  - Recap of Mid Plan Review community meetings

## 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, 6–7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)

**Recent Meeting:** February 16, 2011 meeting was cancelled

**Upcoming Meeting:** **Tuesday**, March 15, 2011, 6–7:30pm **\*Note date change**  
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

- Agenda Topics:**
- Update Five Year Plan to End Homelessness among Veterans in King County
  - Recap of Mid Plan Review community meetings

## 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 meets quarterly in, 2:30–4pm at YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle.

**Recent Meeting:** February 28, 2011

- Feedback to Mid Plan Review – key policy questions for consideration as it relates to single adults
- Update on Project THRIVE
- Update on Disability Lifeline

**Upcoming Meeting:** TBD  
YWCA opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

## 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 10am-noon.

**Upcoming Meeting:** TBD

## Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

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

**Recent Meeting:** January 12, 2011

Review 2010 CEH Y&YA goals/successes and vote on 2011 CEH Y&YA subcommittee goals. Discussion with SKCCH and ASK-Y co-chairs on how each group's 2011 goals connect and how to support each group's annual events. Presentation/discussion with YouthCare staff Hedda McLendon on Federal Plan to End Homelessness with her experience in D.C. and other national Homeless Youth events and issues.

**Upcoming Meeting:** March 9, 2011, 2–4pm  
Kent Family Center – 13111 SE 274<sup>th</sup> Street, Kent

- Agenda Topics:**
- Finalize 2011 CEH Y&YA goals. SKCCH IAC representative will attend and discuss SKCCH's vision for homeless youth and young adults as it relates to CEH. More topics TBA.

### Public Relations

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

**Upcoming Meeting:** March 23, 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](mailto:bill.block@kingcounty.gov)). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 8:30–10, via conference call.

**Upcoming Meeting:** March 8, 2011, 8:30-10am  
via conference call – 206-205-6641

**Agenda Topics:**

- Housing Trust Fund
- Home Security Fund Shortfall
- Home Security Fund Sunset
- Social Safety Net
- Mobilizing the Grassroots
- HMIS Opt Out

## RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

### 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 9–10:30am 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:** March 2, 2011, 9–10:30am  
SeaTac City Hall – 4800 S. 188<sup>th</sup> St, SeaTac

**Agenda Topics:** This will be an opportunity to provide input and feedback to the Committee to End Homelessness Ten Year Plan Mid-Plan Review Steering Committee, and which key policy questions are most important to address in the second half of the Ten Year Plan from the perspective of south King County representatives.

### North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting

Contact: Karen Williams at [karen@housingconsortium.org](mailto:karen@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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 11:30am–1pm, (brown bag) Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park.

**Upcoming Meeting:** March 9, 2011, 11:30am–1pm  
Lake Forest Park City Hall – 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park

### 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:** March 10, 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, noon-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:** March 16, 2011, noon–1:30pm  
Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle

