



BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community for May, please contact Gretchen at gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

- **Seattle Foundation – Building Social Networks.** The Seattle Foundation is looking for proposals for grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to start or continue social networks that help people support each other in coping with the difficult effects of the recession. Groups can be formal or informal, but must have nonprofit status or be sponsored by a nonprofit. Deadline for application is May 15th, and information can be found here: <http://www.seattlefoundation.org/> and click on 2009 Building Resilience Fund RFP
- **SKCCH** is receiving applications for **Emergency Shelter and Prevention Services** (formerly known as ESAP and Families with Children funds) are due Friday, May 8th by 5 pm. The application and award process is managed by the Funding Resources Committee of SKCCH. Contact Manuela Ginnett at (253) 838-6810 ext. 111 or email her at manuelag@multi-servicecenter.com to request an application package.
- **Economic Stimulus Funds for Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing.** The City of Seattle is eligible to receive \$5 million from HUD under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP, a time-limited program created by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.) Funds are designed to provide financial assistance and services to prevent people from becoming homeless and to help those who are homeless move quickly into stable housing, and must be fully expended within three years. Seattle's use of HPRP funds is subject to HUD's approval of a *Substantial Amendment* to the City's 2008 Consolidated Plan. The proposed amendment describing Seattle's HPRP plan is available online at the Seattle Human Services Department: http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/community_development/

There is a public hearing on the plan before the Seattle City Council Housing and Economic Development Committee on May 6, 2009, 9:30 a.m., at Seattle City Hall, 600 4th Ave. 2nd Floor.

Comments on the proposed plan may also be submitted by e-mail or postal mail through May 6, 2009. For information contact Andrea Akita at andrea.akita@seattle.gov or (206) 684-0113.

Results of the Seattle Homeless Needs Assessment -- April 13th

On Monday night, April 13th, more than 535 volunteers mobilized to conduct a street needs assessment among unsheltered people in the City of Seattle. Volunteers spoke with hundreds of people all across the City of Seattle to help us increase our knowledge of the needs and services among people who are homeless and help them overcome the barriers they face to finding permanent housing. A report will be available in a couple months, and CEH will provide a link to the report when available.

Results of the Community Resource Exchange – April 8th

More than 400 volunteers and service providers helped about 1,500 homeless individuals and families at April 8th, Unite to End Homelessness **Community Resource Exchange** at Qwest Field. Qwest Field was packed with people eating hot meals and getting blood pressure tests, dental work, hair cuts, free voicemail account setups, ID cards and wheelchair maintenance. Free long-distance phone calls allowed guests to connect with friends and family for the first time in years. Also available were referrals to other important services such as housing, legal assistance, counseling, employment training and ESL classes.

SKCCH Racial Justice Initiative Brown Bag on Racism & Homelessness Thursday, June 4th, 12.30 – 2 pm at Plymouth Housing Group, 2113 3rd Ave., Seattle, WA 98121 For more information, please contact Dan Wise: danw@ccsw.org. Save the Date!

Governance Structure and Committees

Governing Board

Chairs: Dan Brettler and Ron Sims. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 4th Wed of the quarter, 8:30 – 10:30 am, New Holly Neighborhood Center. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: February 20th at Opportunity Place

The Governing Board welcomed **Senator Patty Murray** to their February 20th meeting at YWCA's Opportunity Place in Seattle. See the meeting recap in March All Things CEH.



Upcoming Meeting:

**The April Governing Board meeting has been rescheduled to:
Wednesday, June 17th at Opportunity Place, 8:30 – 10:30 am**

Interagency Council (IAC)

Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Meeting Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2-4 pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Agendas and Summaries of previous IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: April 6th at Saint Mark's

- Agenda topics for IAC Retreat (June 1st)
- Update on the state legislative session and potential federal stimulus funds
- Shelter costs – comparison of models of shelter as part of an exploration of the types / costs of housing models needed in the regional continuum

Upcoming Meeting: **May meeting cancelled!**

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Contacts: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6-8 pm at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1217 6th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101. Agendas and meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings are available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: April 15th

- Update on the April 8th Community Resource Exchange (see notice under Special Notices, Page 1)
- Discussion of the Seattle Homeless Needs Assessment (see notice under Special Notices, Page 1)
- Nomination of CAC representative to the IAC.
- Planning for future CAC focus groups. Group elected to hold focus groups and solicit feedback on issues/experiences of homelessness among Eastside Families, GLBTQ Youth and Refugees/Immigrants
- Presentation by CAC member on state benefits through DSHS

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, May 20th, 6-8pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, 1217 6th Ave.

Draft Agenda Topics: Selection of CAC representative to the Interagency Council; Planning for CAC-led focus groups in 2009; Continued discussion on recruitment, Update on Legislative session



Single Adults Committee

Chair: Steve Roberts (steveRoberts@comcast.net) . Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)

NOTE: Single Adults will meet quarterly in 2009, and the new schedule is: May 18th, August 17th and November 16th. Meetings will be at Opportunity Place (2024 3rd Ave, Seattle) from 2:30 – 4 pm

Upcoming Meeting: May 18th, 2:30 – 4 pm at Opportunity Place. Agenda to be determined.

Families Committee

Contacts: Co-Chairs: Doreen Cato & Dan McDougall-Treacy. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov)
In 2009, meeting schedule may change to quarterly or ad hoc from 10 am to Noon. Stay tuned for details.

Upcoming Meeting: May 18th **Location To Be Determined** from 10 am to Noon.

- Feedback to recommended principles for how coordinated entry might look for families, as developed by the advisory group of the UWKC/Gates funded family homelessness initiative.
- Opportunities for partnership between Children's Hospital and organizations serving homeless families

Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)

Contacts: Co-Chairs: Mike Heinisch, Brooke Scharnke Staff: Marci Curtin (marci.curtin@seattle.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Wed of the month, 2-4pm, usually at the 2100 Building (2100 24th Ave S) Seattle but may rotate.

Recent Meeting: Wednesday, April 8th

Discussed: CEH Y&YA subcommittee 2009 work plan - small group work and report out. Upcoming Seattle Homeless Needs Assessment.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, May 13th, 2-4pm 2100 Building, 2100 24th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98144

Draft Agenda Topics: United Way Out of the Rain initiative. CEH Y&YA subcommittee 2009 work plan - small group work and report out.

Communications/Public Relations

Chair - Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov). **Typical meeting schedule has changed!**
It is now the 1st Tuesday of the month, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Chinook County Office Building, 401 5th Avenue, Room 526 (5th Floor)

Recent Meeting: April 8th

Discussion of key messages for 2009 and Preparation for 2008 Annual Report on the Ten-Year Plan.

Upcoming Meeting: May 5th, 3:30 – 4 pm, 401 Fifth Ave., 5th Floor, rm. 526

Draft Agenda Items: Continued planning Discussion of key messages for 2009 and Assignments and next steps for 2008 Annual Report on the Ten-Year Plan.

Communications / Legislative Advocacy

Contacts: Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: to be determined. Meetings typically held the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30 – 10am, 2106 2nd Avenue, Seattle (DESC/DSHS shared building) [2009 State Legislative Agenda](#)

Recent Meeting: Continued discussion on achieving legislative goals in light of economic downturn, review potential changes to CEH State Legislative agenda, discuss federal stimulus package.

Upcoming Meeting: May 12th, 2106 2nd Avenue (DESC/DSHS Shared Building)

Draft Agenda Items: Review of final legislation from 2009 legislative session and next steps for shaping / implementation of funding and policy changes.



General Community Updates – Planning & Initiatives around Housing / Etc.

There are numerous collaborations underway around the county regarding ending homelessness. If you have information to share under this heading, please contact CEHKC Program Manager, Gretchen Bruce to discuss inclusion in All Things CEH. gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov

Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)

General meeting 3rd Thurs of each month, 9-11 a.m. at E Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St. Seattle. 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 General Meeting: Thursday, May 21st, 9 – 11am. E Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St. Seattle

- Jenny Louch (Health Care for the Homeless) with latest information from the Homeless Death Review report.
- Members of Seattle Police Dept's Office of Professional Accountability Review Board (OPARB) will seek input from SKCCH members as they prepare their annual work plan. OPARB is charged with providing civilian oversight of police practices, and the police conduct complaint and investigation practices. (Discussion questions distributed in advance through SKCCH listserv -- sign up at www.homelessinfo.org)
- Applaud all of SKCCH's nominees for the Mayor's Award for Human Services, prior to the award presentation at Seattle City Hall on June 3rd, 2009, 5.30-7.00 p.m. Contact Martha Reyes at the Seattle Human Services Coalition, mreyes@shscoalition.org.

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. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12-1:30 at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral (1245 10th Ave E, Seattle), 2nd floor conference room. Contact Bill Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, May 20th, 12-1:30pm, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. ALL WELCOME

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 9am 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) coordinate our efforts in ending homelessness; and 5) help build connections between homeless and service providers. 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: May 6th, Kent Senior Center 9 - 10:30 am

Draft Agenda Items: Updates & Announcements. Results of state legislative session

Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)

Contact: Arthur Sullivan, ARCH email: ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov. EHAC coordinates housing & service activities in East King County and the regions' response to homelessness. Most attendees are planners or providers, though anyone is welcome to attend. Meetings typically scheduled the 2nd Thursday of the month, 3 – 4:30pm, First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

Recent Meeting: April 9th

Community updates and strategies for implementing the Eastside Ten-Year Plan – strategies and next steps. Planning for upcoming Coordinated NOFA in light of service needs for projects coming online in 2010 – emphasis on LIHI and SAHG projects. Announcement that Sharon Anderson will assist with

Upcoming Meeting: Thursday, May 14th, 3 – 4:30 pm, First Pres. Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE

Eastside Legislative Advocacy

Contact: Rachel Krefetz; Suburban Outreach Director, Housing Development Consortium, 206/ 682-9541, www.housingconsortium.org.