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

Landlord Liaison Project
The Landlord Liaison Project has been up and running since January of 2009. In the past 17 months LLP has successfully housed 235 households which include approximately 450 total household members. The program works with approx. 35 different agencies which include about 40 total programs that are approved to submit client applications to LLP.

The LLP often goes into the field and makes “cold calls” to landlords when we have a client that would like to live in a particular area that we lack an adequate pool of landlords in attempts of getting new landlords to sign on as partners with the program. The LLP team includes:
- Mona Tschurwald, program manager
- Kathy Brown, Lead Housing specialist
- Michael Anderson, Housing Specialist
- Steve Grey, Housing Specialist
- Rachel Wilch, Education Specialist

Andrews Glen Breaks Ground
Development of 40 new units of supportive housing for homeless veterans and other low-income and homeless households officially got underway with the ground breaking held Monday, April 5, 2010 for Andrews Glen in the Factoria area of Bellevue. Many of the partners and funders of the project shared in the celebration, including St. Andrews Housing Group, King County, the state of Washington and the City of Bellevue. Read more from King County and the Seattle P.I.

2010 One Night Count
The 30th annual One Night County of people who are homeless in King County, which took place on January 28, 2010, has two components:

1. A Street Count of people who are homeless and surviving on the streets without shelter. The Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH) implements the street count. Information about the methodology for the street count and results of the One Night Count for 2010 and prior years can be found on their website.

2. A Survey that counts and gathers demographic information about the people being served in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs on that same night. The survey is conducted by staff from King County Department of Community and Human Services, and completed by staff of emergency shelter and transitional housing programs across King County. The survey summary can be found on the King County Department of Community and Human Services website.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

New Funding Opportunity for Programs Serving Youth and Young Adults
Application Deadline: May 10, 2010
The Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration has released a solicitation for applications for competitive grants to help young adult offenders and high school dropouts in high-poverty, high-crime communities prepare for the workforce. All core elements of Transitional Jobs programs may be supported using these funds. Funded programs must contain all of the following elements: Employment strategies, including Transitional Jobs; Case management; Training and educational strategies; Mentoring; Restorative justice projects; and Community-wide efforts to reduce crime and violence. Grantees will also be required to competitively select sub-grantees to operate the program in at least five high-poverty, high-crime sites across two states, and to partner with state correctional agencies, local parole offices, local drug and alcohol abuse centers, and Workforce Investment Boards.
EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 workshop was April 29th. Attendance is free and on a first-come basis, the next two workshops will be held on:

- May 24, 2010 8:30am - 12:30pm at Casey Family Programs, 1123 – 23rd Avenue
- June 23, 2010 8:30am - 12:30pm at 2100 Building, 2100 – 24th Avenue S

SKCCH Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Food and Fact Fair:
The Annual Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee Food and Fact Fair is June 4th, noon-3pm at Gas Works Park. The event has been held for over 14 years. Each year the fair 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. To reserve an agency table please contact Charlotte Tucker at charlotte@neighborcare.org

CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board
Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Kurt Triplett. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Gretchen Bruce (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

Recent Meeting January 27, 2010
Introduction of new board members: King County Executive Dow Constantine, Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, Mercer Island Councilmember Mike Cero, Seattle Councilmember Nick Licata and Renton Councilmember Greg Taylor; a review and discussion around the CEH 2009 Year End Dashboard which noted the cumulative total of 4,111 units opened or in the pipeline since the beginning of the plan; a review and discussion of CEH progress and challenges since the previous board meeting.

Highlights from the discussion: CEH Funders Group is fully implemented and has been reporting progress on its priorities and work plans; Coordinated entry for families and single adults is progressing as planned; legislative work is progressing on federal, state and local levels to change policy and maintain revenue to existing programs. Policy discussion on the most effective way to leverage Governing Board strengths.

Upcoming Meeting: May 26, 2010, 8:30am – 10:30am
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

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, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of previous IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: April 5, 2010
The near final draft of the Strategic Plan for Ending Family Homelessness was presented. It identifies five key areas for enhancements and strategic alignment:

- Coordinated Entry and Assessment
- Prevention of Homelessness for Families Most at Risk
- Moving Families Quickly to Stable Housing
- Focusing Support Services on Housing Stability
- Linkages to Mainstream Services to Support Families

Coordination with Mainstream Services, including:

- Education / K-12 Schools with a brief presentation by Casey Trupin (Columbia Legal Services) on the number of homeless children within the school system and the issues that need to be addressed.
**Interagency Council (IAC) continued.....**

- DSHS with a brief presentation by Deborah Doyle (DSHS) on the types of supports that are available through DSHS and number of people served – particularly through public benefits (TANF/Foodstamps, etc.) Health (Medicaid) and Child Welfare (CPS)

**Upcoming Meeting:**
May 3, 2010 Retreat
Bellevue City Hall

**Draft Agenda Topics:**
- Funding Expirations
- NOFA Priorities
- Trend Considerations
- Connection to Mainstream Systems

**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, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at www.cehkc.org

**Recent Meeting:**
April 21, 2010
Attended the North King County Affordable Housing Stakeholder Forum at Shoreline City Hall

**Upcoming Meeting:**
May 19, 2010, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

**Draft Agenda Topics:**
- Report from IAC Retreat and issues of import for the upcoming Governing Board meeting

**Single Adults Committee**

Chair: Steve Roberts (steveSroberts@comcast.net) and Bill Block (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**
February 22, 2010
Discussion of new HPRP Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Projects for Single Adults. Discussed FACT / PACT / FISH Projects – intensive service & housing projects for Chronically Homeless Single Adults. Dave Murphy contact. (dave.murphy@kingcounty.gov) Brainstorm which systems will be important for coordinating mainstream systems.

**Upcoming Meeting:**
May 17, 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00pm
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

**Draft Agenda Topics:**
- GAU and its implications for the system

**Families Committee**

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

**Recent Meeting:**
January 25, 2010
Thorough review of the King County Family Homelessness Project, the proposed strategies for moving towards the Housing Stabilization Model, the proposed design for Coordinated Entry and Assessment for Families.

**Upcoming Meeting:**
May 10, 2010, 10:00am – 12:00pm
**“Note Location change:** 2100 Building – 2100 – 24th Ave S, Seattle

**Draft Agenda Topics:**
- Implementation strategies for the Families Initiative
Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)
Co-Chairs: Mike Heinisch, Brooke Scharnke  Staff: Marci Curtin (marci.curtin@seattle.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd 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: May meeting cancelled; next meeting June 9, 2010

Seattle Youth Commission: Teen Homeless Prevention proposal
On April 15th the Seattle Youth Commission, a group of high school juniors and seniors, presented five proposals to Mayor McGinn. One of the proposals focused on teen homeless prevention. The Teen Homeless Prevention group wrote a proposal to contract with the Cocoon House Project SAFE program a nationally recognized homeless youth prevention program. Project SAFE provides 90 minute phone counseling sessions with a masters level therapist for parents of youth at risk of or currently homeless. Project SAFE served over 500 families in 2009. In cases where parents were asked to phone in and set up a counseling session before signing their child into the shelter, Cocoon House Project SAFE had a 90% success rate in resolving conflict in the home to the point that shelter services were not needed and the youth could remain home. Two months after the over-the-phone therapy session 85% of parents stated that the situation at home had improved. This contracted service would have a formal agreement to receive referrals from YouthCare’s teen shelter.

Public Relations
Chair: Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov). *NEW MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010* Typical Meeting Schedule: 4th Wed of month, 3:30pm – 4:30pm at Chinook Building 401 – 5th Ave, Room 526.

Upcoming Meeting: May 26, 2010, 3:30pm – 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). Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd 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

RELATD COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH)
The General meeting is the 3rd 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

Upcoming General Meeting: May 20, 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am
East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

Agenda: GAU/Disability Lifeline
We have invited Speaker Frank Chopp and Rep. Mary Lou Dickerson, as well as key staff who worked on the law to explain:
- What is in the new Disability Lifeline law?
- What has changed?
- What still has to be worked out?

How does national Health Care Reform fit in with GAU and Basic Health?
Client Care Coordination for adults in King County
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, 12:00pm -1:30pm at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: May 19, 2010, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, 2nd Flr Conference Rm, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle

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 9:00am – 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: May 5, 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 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, (NOTE: new time) First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE (just south of 520)

Upcoming Meeting: May 13, 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.spl@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, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Street Youth Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15th Ave NE

Upcoming Meeting: May 12, 2010, 11:00am – 12:30pm
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle