All Things CEH
May 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

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

Moving Forward – Preventing and Ending Family Homelessness
The Families Initiative is excited to share that they are moving forward with implementation of the strategic plan to end family homelessness in King County. The intention is to reach out to as many of partners as possible with updates about system-wide changes that will be forthcoming, and opportunities to participate in regional forums to prepare for those shifts. Some of these changes will significantly impact our community’s response to family homelessness, and staff with the initiative (Debbi Knowles, Deborah Kuznitz, and Triina Tennelo) are committed to providing support along the way so that the changes have the best possible outcomes for families experiencing homelessness and the programs supporting them. Family providers are encouraged to attend one of the following community meetings at which staff will roll out the next steps in implementation:

- Wednesday, May 4, 2011: 10am – Noon
  Bellevue Library, Room #1
  1111 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue

- Thursday, May 5, 2011: 9 – 11am
  CEH Families Committee
  Wellspring Family Services
  Rotary Support Center (street parking)
  1900 Rainier Avenue S., Seattle

- Tuesday, May 10, 2011: 1 – 3pm
  Burien City Library, Multipurpose Room
  400 SW 152nd Street, Burien

In the meantime, look to the homeless families initiative website for updated news and information, as well as a schedule of upcoming events! Copies of the strategic plan and related planning documents are also available online.

Affordable Housing Providers Join Smoke-Free Trend
No-smoking policies a result of partner efforts to promote healthier places
Nine King County housing providers – including Seattle Housing Authority, King County Housing Authority, and Housing Resources Group – are developing no-smoking policies for their properties. The clean air transition will benefit residents living in more than 9,000 units across King County. Read more.

New Report Examines Link Between Homelessness and State Social Services
The Department of Social and Health Services recently released a report profiling housing assistance recipients in Washington state. The report examined trends in social service use, publicly funded medical coverage, employment, and arrests for homeless individuals who also used DSHS services.

Homeowners Facing Foreclosure Win Right to Mediation - Seattle Times April 13
Gov. Chris Gregoire signed into law a bill that could help more homeowners in Washington State avoid unnecessary foreclosures. Read the Seattle Times article.

FUNDING and RFP’s

Request for Proposals: Portfolio Preservation Planning Grants – Application Deadline May 6, 2011 at 4pm
The City of Seattle has had a longstanding commitment to preserving affordable housing. The Seattle Housing Levy and other sources have created a large “new generation” of affordable housing, with long-term affordability covenants and mission-driven, nonprofit owners. Today, Seattle Office of Housing and the Washington State Department of Commerce are working together to bolster the long-term financial and physical viability of these properties. Click here for an application and more information.

2012 CDBG Final Application Period Has Begun
Applications due May 23, 2011, applicants were required to submit a pre-application by April 11, 2011.
The King County Housing and Community Development (HCD) Program is pleased to announce the opportunity to apply for funding from the federal Community Development Block Grant program for 2010 year funds. Community Development Block Grant funds will be available for non-profit and public agencies for capital project funding in 2012. The funds may be used for acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of community facilities, public improvements or other activities determined eligible per HUD regulations. Click here for more information.
Grant Funds Now Available to Bridge the Digital Divide!
The City of Seattle Department of Information Technology is now accepting applications for the Bill Wright Technology Matching Fund. Grants of up to $20,000 are available. **The deadline is Wednesday, May 18 at 5pm.**

The Technology Matching Fund provides funds for digital inclusion projects located in Seattle, serving Seattle residents. The goals of the fund are to:

- increase technology literacy and access
- provide residents with access to computers, the internet and other information technology
- increase residents’ use of technology for community problem solving, civic engagement and community building

The City will be accepting applications via a new online grants management tool. The grant guidelines and application link are available at [www.seattle.gov/tech/tmf](http://www.seattle.gov/tech/tmf). For help using the online system, contact delia.burke@seattle.gov, (206) 233-2751 or drop-in to the Garfield Community Center Technology Lab, 2323 East Cherry Street, Saturday, May 9th between 10:30am – noon for hands-on assistance with the new tool.

**Spring 2011 Request for Proposals for Funding to Support Employment Services for Immigrants and/or Refugees in King County – Application due date: June 1, 2011**

Beginning in July 2011, United Way will invest $450,000 in programs that prepare and connect low income immigrants and/or refugees to employment opportunities. They will fund pre-employment, job training, job placement and job development services for this population. United Way will prioritize funding for programs that have history of successfully serving immigrant and/or refugee communities and connecting them to employment and programs that leverage other community resources. Click [here](http://www.seattle.gov/tech/tmf) for more information on this RFP, important dates and an application.

**2011 Multifamily NOFA to Be Issued**

The Seattle Office of Housing intends to adhere to the following timeline for its 2011 Multifamily Rental Housing Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA):

- NOFA publication: Mid-May
- Consistency letter checklists due: June 1
- Applications due: July 29
- Announcements: October

The goal during the pre-application process is to offer as much constructive feedback as possible as to the competitiveness of specific projects so as to avoid unnecessary investments in predevelopment. Pre-application meetings are required prior to submitting an application. **To schedule a pre-application meeting to be held by May 31, please contact Debbie Thiele, Multifamily Lending Manager at Debbie.thiele@seattle.gov.**

Please note that checklists for Consolidated Plan consistency certifications (including neighborhood notification) must be submitted to Amy Gray, Community Development Specialist, by June 1. To submit your certification or ask questions about consistency certifications, please contact Amy at amy.gray@seattle.gov or (206) 684-0262 and/or visit the OH website for more information about the Consolidated Plan and certification checklists.

City of Seattle Office of Housing is planning to publish approximately $20 million in capital funds for its Rental Housing Program in mid-May, with applications due in late July. The Rental Housing Program finances development of long-term affordable housing projects, including supportive housing projects dedicated to housing homeless households. Priority populations include homeless families, youth and young adults, and individuals, including chronically homeless individuals with disabling conditions served by a Housing First approach.

The City of Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services Dept invites proposals for use of the Resource Center, a city facility, located in 315 East Meeker in downtown Kent. Due to budget reductions, existing programs operating at the facility were consolidated to the Kent Commons and the City of Kent seeks a tenant for the building. The building is 5772 square feet on two stories. The first floor consists of a front counter, a fireside room, a kitchen, and a large meeting area with stage. The second floor is comprised mainly of office space. There are 25 on-site parking stalls.

All proposals should include an element of public benefit, and must cover the lease (market appraisal $5,000/mo) and leasehold tax, as well all operational and utility expenses (approx. $15,000/year). Proposals that consist of a partnership between multiple agencies are encouraged. A building plan is attached to the RFP and is available on-line at [www.ci.kent.wa.us/Planning](http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/Planning).
### EVENTS

**WA State Coalition for the Homeless 21st Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness**

May 11 – 13, 2011, Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 West Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick

For more information and to register visit the WSCH [website](#).

### 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).

**Upcoming Meeting:** May 25, 2011, 8:30-10:30am

Bellevue City Hall – 450 – 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

**Agenda Topics:**
- Mid Plan Review: Priorities for years six through ten of the Ten-Year Plan
- 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)).


**Recent Meeting:** April 4, 2011

- Next steps to implement the Homelessness Families Initiative – a presentation by Triina Tennelo
- The Five Year Plan to End Veteran Homelessness – discussion of veteran needs and plans to coordinate policy and services at the local, state and federal level to prevent and end veteran homelessness. Panel: VA, WDVA, Compass Center and KC
- Mid Plan Review – update on key policy areas for discussion within the six charrette panels, experts and next steps

**Upcoming Meeting:** May 2, 2011, 2–4pm

Renton City Hall – 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton

**Agenda Topics:**
- Mid Plan Review: Priorities for years six through ten of the Ten-Year Plan

#### 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: 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](http://www.cehkc.org).

**Recent Meeting:** April 20, 2011

Mid Plan Review, 2011 legislative session and an overview of the Five Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness

**Upcoming Meeting:** May 18, 2011, 6–7:30pm

Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:**
- Next Steps of the Mid Plan Review

#### 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:** April 18, 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:** July 18, 2011

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.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Thursday, May 5, 2011: 9 – 11 am, Wellspring Family Services. Rotary Support Center 1900 Rainier Avenue S., Seattle (Street parking only. Parking lot is reserved for staff & clients)

**Agenda Topics:** Discussion of the Homeless Families Initiative. Topics will include:
- What do we need to do to make the shift within the Families System a reality?
- What must change to accomplish these goals?
- What are the best actions to accomplish these goals?
- How are we going to work together and move forward towards these goals?
- The proposed Interim Housing Model – structure, housing resources and targeted services

**Youth and Young Adult Committee (YYA)**

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

**Recent Meeting:** March 9, 2011
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. Gretchen Bruce provided update on Mid Plan review charrette process.

**Upcoming Meeting:** May 11, 2011, 2 – 4pm
The 2100 Building – 2100 – 24th Ave S, Seattle

**Agenda Topics:**
- 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.

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

**Agenda Topics:** Update on bills and budget

**RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES**

**South King County Forum on Homelessness**

Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent. Jason@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:** May 4, 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:** May 11, 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: May 12, 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 Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or call at (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: May 18, 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: Lindsey Nutting 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: May 11, 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 General Meeting: May 19, 2011, 9–11am
Alvirita Little Building @ East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

Other SKCCH Meetings and Events
Youth & Young Adults Committee – May 10, 2011, 10:30am-noon
Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle

Single Adults Advocacy Committee – May 12, 2011, 2-3:30pm
YWCA Opportunity Place, 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

SKCCH Quarterly Case Manager Training: - May 6, 2011, 9:30-11:30am, Plymouth Housing Group Simons Building room 288, 2119 3rd Ave, Seattle
Understanding and Helping Traumatized Children, with Jason Gortney, M.A. from Children’s Home Society of Washington
RSVP to Katie Baum at katieb@ccsww.org, put “Quarterly Training RSVP” in the subject line of your e-mail and include your name, agency, full mailing address, phone number and e-mail.

Families with Children Committee – May 25, 2011, 9:30-11:00am
E Cherry YWCA, 2820 E Cherry Street

Public Reading by Teresa Gowan, author of Hobos, Hustlers, and Backsliders: Homeless in San Francisco
May 18, 2011, 7pm in the Microsoft Auditorium of the Seattle Public Library, Central Branch, 1000 4th Avenue, Seattle

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