The Mockingbird Society Youth Advocates Trai Williams and Lamar Campbell spoke to the CEH Governing Board about efforts for homeless youth in King County.

Photo courtesy of The Mockingbird Society.

Save the Date: CEH Annual Meeting on June 27

On Friday, June 27th, the Committee to End Homelessness in King County will host an open meeting to

- Engage the broad community,
- Share results of the plan to end homelessness to date,
- Affirm our updated Continuum of Care (CoC) Charter, and
- Set the stage for 2015 and beyond.

This open meeting is the first of what will become an annual conference, and will be held at the Georgetown Campus of South Seattle Community College, 6737 Corson Avenue South Seattle, WA 98108. We will hold general sessions, a short film, and two sets of breakout sessions.

Participants: We seek to broaden attendance to community members and organizations that don’t have as frequent access to the CEH Advisory Boards, while including people from the CEH Governing Board, Consumer Advisory Council, and Interagency Council. Space is limited to about 125 participants.

The meeting will run approximately from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. There will be no cost to attend; lunch will not be provided. More details to come.

Confirmed RSVP will be required. Some attendee limits may be imposed due to room size limitations. Reservation form will be posted by mid-May at www.cehkc.org.

Contact: Rebecca.Laszlo@cehkc.org.

Homeless Programs Receive More than $22 Million in Federal Homeless Assistance Grants

Federal homeless assistance funds totaling more than $22.7 million have been awarded to the City of Seattle and King County for 2014-2015, making it possible to continue a range of housing and supportive services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The award supports 70 community-based projects for a total of 2,024 units of housing: 727 units of transitional housing and 1,297 units of permanent housing for homeless people with disabilities. The total includes funding for two Safe Haven facilities that offer supportive housing for homeless adults with severe mental illness. Also renewed is funding for the Safe Harbors Homeless Management Information System, which collects data on services provided to homeless people in programs throughout King County.

"These grants are absolutely core to our efforts to prevent and end homelessness in King County," said Mark Putnam, director of the Committee to End Homelessness. "The support from the Federal government will support our progress, and we must continue to learn and innovate to make homelessness rare here in King County."

For more information, please see the full press release.
United Way Community Resource Exchange Serves More than 1,500
On Tuesday, April 29 600 volunteers served more than 1,500 people experiencing homelessness at the United Way of King County Community Resource Exchange. As a result over 200 people received DSHS benefits (Food Stamps, Job Training programs, etc.), and over a thousand people experiencing homelessness got a hot meal, shoes, and other quality of life services. View photos and read personal accounts of the event by clicking here.

24th Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness
Registration and scholarships for the 24th Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness are now open. Please join the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and over 500 homelessness providers and advocates from around the state for a dynamic mix of workshops, speakers, and exhibits—all focused on ensuring everyone in Washington has access to a safe, healthy, and affordable home. In addition to 50 workshops, the conference will also include a reception, networking opportunities, and four brand-new short films from the Seattle University Film & Family Homelessness Project. The conference takes place from May 21 & 22 at the Yakima Convention Center in Yakima, Washington. Register for the conference here.

2014 Saying It Out Loud Conference
Registration is now open for the May 16, 2014 Saying It Out Loud Conference: One Connection at a Time. The conference will be held at the Shoreline Conference Center. The conference’s focus is on behavioral and primary health issues related to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning communities. The conference is free, however, due to limited space registration is required. Please click here to register and learn more about the conference.

28th Annual Western Washington Fair Housing Conference
On Thursday, May 22, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, the Fair Housing Partners of Washington will present the annual conference at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center. The event theme is Taking the Lead: Creating Partnerships for Inclusive Communities. Keynote speakers are nationally renowned Dr. Joseph Hines and Dr. Manuel Pastor. Breakout sessions include Fair Housing Basics, Fair Housing Issues for Nonprofit Housing and Shelter Providers, Reasonable Accommodations for People with Disabilities, Communicating with Residents, and more. For more information click here. To register, click here.

Provide School Supplies to Homeless Children through Project Cool
Project Cool, a program of the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, provides over 1,000 homeless children with a brand new backpack and school supplies to start the school year off right in September. Even though the school year is coming to a close, Project Cool is already getting ready for September 2014. Community groups and agencies can help by hosting a supply drive or by taking this simple dentist letter to a dentist appointment to request a donation of toothbrushes, floss, and toothpaste from your dentist for Project Cool students.

Animated Film Shorts to Premiere at SIFF on May 19
Four animated short films created by filmmakers in the Film & Family Homelessness Project at Seattle University will premiere at the Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF) Monday evening, May 19 at the Harvard Exit Theatre in Seattle. The time will be confirmed, and ticketing will begin, May 1. See the trailer and find out how to get free tickets to the premiere and the after-party by signing up at www.americanrefugees.org, where you can also request a screening of the films for your organization.
FUNDING AND RFP’S
There are currently no funding or Request for Proposals available. Please sign up for our weekly news clips email by messaging anand.balasubrahmanyan@cehkc.org or check CEH’s website, cehkc.org, for updates.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

King County Office of Civil Rights Fair Housing Workshops
The King County Office of Civil Rights will offer two free fair housing workshops for nonprofit transitional and/or shelter providers this year. The training, Fair Housing 101 for Nonprofit Transitional and Shelter Providers, provides a presentation that covers an introductory look at fair housing laws, with a special emphasis on nonprofit housing providers. Transitional and shelter managers of halfway houses, domestic violence shelters, clean and sober housing, etc. will find this workshop particularly helpful in understanding the fair housing aspects of short-term housing situations. RSVP for either of the below trainings by clicking here.

Tuesday, June 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m., in room 121/123 at the Chinook Building, 401 5th Avenue

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m., in room 121/123 at the Chinook Building, 401 5th Avenue

CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board
Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule, 4th Wednesday of the Quarter, 8:30–10:30am. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org. 
Equivalent to: Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 8:30 – 10:30 am Seattle City Hall, Bertha Landes Conference Room

Recent Meeting: Wednesday, April 23
Agenda Topics TBD
Discussed CEH Homeless Youth and Young Adult Initiative, Strengthening Crisis Response, State Legislative Session Recap and 2015 Planning

Interagency Council (IAC)

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, May 5, 2:00 – 4:00 pm Renton City Hall
Agenda Topics CEH Annual Meeting, Rapid Rehousing for Families Pilot, Families Initiative, Single Adults Crisis Response

Recent Meeting: Monday, April 7
2014 Coordinated Notice of Funds Available, Crisis Response Elements, Feedback to CEH Advisory Bodies

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)
Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov). Typical Schedule: 3rd Wed of the month, 6-7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church in Seattle. Meeting summaries of previous CAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 6 – 7:30 pm Plymouth Congregational Church
Agenda Topics Focus Group Report Back, Annual Meeting Planning

Recent Meeting: Wednesday, April 16
Discussed Homeless Teen Mothers Focus Group
Population Affinity Groups

Family Homelessness Initiative Information Sessions:
Debbi Knowles and Triina Tennelo host open sessions to talk with local stakeholders (providers and funders) about the Initiative. Recurring: 3rd Weddays each month 9:30 – 11:00 am at varying locations
Next meeting: The May FHI Info Session is cancelled to accommodate the WA State Conference to End Homelessness. Our next Info Session will be on June 18th at a to be determined location.

Contact Triina Tennelo for more information: 206.263.9110 or triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov or visit the Initiative website for more information: http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx

Family Housing Connection:
FHC staff holds quarterly meetings of feedback sessions to talk with family housing providers on how to make the coordinated entry system for families most effective. Check Family Housing Connection website for dates: www.ccsf hc.org

Youth & Young Adult (Y/YA):
The monthly Y/YA Stakeholder Forums provide a monthly opportunity to hear about the changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County. Please check the YYA Webpage for updates. For more information on the Comprehensive Plan to Prevent and End Youth and Young Adult Homelessness in King County contact Megan Gibbard (megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov) or visit the YYA Webpage. To be added to the YYA stakeholder email list, which provides bi-weekly updates on the initiative, email Carrie.Hennen@kingcounty.gov.

- **Homeless YYA Initiative Advisory Group- Tuesday, May 6, 2014 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, University Presbyterian Church (4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle) Calvin Room. Every four months the YYA Advisory Group meeting is opened to all stakeholders and the meeting time is extended.
- **YYA Stakeholder Forum - May 27, 2-3:30pm, Street Youth Ministries (4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle.)The forum is a monthly opportunity to hear about the changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County. The forum will be preceded by a Community Sign In Training (1-2pm), and immediately followed by a YHC feedback forum (3:30-4:30pm). Please RSVP for the Community Sign In Training by emailing Megan Gibbard.

RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

South King County Forum on Homelessness
Contact: Manuela Ginnett, manuelag@multi-servicecenter.com or Jo Cherland, johannac@ccsww.org. The SKC Forum on Homelessness meets the 1st Wed. of every month at 9–10:30am at Kent Commons, 525 – 4th Ave N. SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: http://kentwa.gov/content.aspx?id=2728

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 9 – 10:30a.m. Kent Commons, 525 – 4th Avenue N.
Agenda Topics: Sound Mental Health, Valley Cities Counseling & Consultation

North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting
Contact: Kelly Rider at kelly@housingconsortium.org. The NKC Stakeholders group coordinates homeless housing & service activities in North King County. Typical Schedule: Quarterly, 2nd Wednesday, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m. Shoreline City Hall

Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC)
Contact: Arthur Sullivan ASullivan@bellevuewa.gov. EHAC coordinates homeless housing & service activities in East King County. 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: Thursday, May 8, 2014, 2p.m. – 4p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE

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. Contact: Bill Kirlin-Hackett at itfh@comcast.net or (425) 442-5418.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Noon – 1:30p.m. Saint Mark’s Cathedral, 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle

University District Conversation on Homelessness
Contact: Nathalie Gerhke Monthly Gathering share thoughts and strategies on local and regional concerns around homelessness. Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Monday of the month, 9 – 11:30 am. Meetings rotate throughout the U District, and frequently at University Congregational Church though location may change.

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2014, 9 – 11:30a.m. University Lutheran Church, 1604 NE 50th St. Seattle
University District Service Provider’s Alliance
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: Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 11a.m. – 12:30p.m. Street Youth Ministries, 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. Learn more and sign up for meeting reminders at www.homelessinfo.org

General Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2014, 9 – 11a.m. E Cherry YWCA 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings

SKCCH Youth & Young Adults: Tuesday, May 6, 10-11:30 a.m., Capitol Hill Public Library (425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle)

SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy: Thursday, May 8, 12-1:30 p.m., Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apts (2119 3rd Ave, Seattle)

SKCCH Families with Children: Wednesday, May 28, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at E Cherry YWCA (2820 E Cherry St., Seattle)

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Anand Balasubrahmanyan at anand.balasubrahmanyan@cehkc.org