All Things CEH
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BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Ayesha Kelly at ayesha.kelly@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

January 28, 2014 - Homeless Housing Advocacy Day

Please save the date for this important advocacy event in Olympia!

Every year, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance (WLIHA) leads Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day (HHAD) in Olympia. This is the day that hundreds of advocates from across the state come together to deliver one message to their elected officials: Everyone should have the opportunity to live in a safe, healthy, affordable home. We hope you'll join us for this exciting, action-packed day! Don't miss this critical opportunity to show your state legislators the importance of investing in the Housing Trust Fund and other programs that serve those most in need. Mark January 28 on your calendar today! Please note that this is a change from the original date of January 22. To see inspiring videos from last year's Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day, visit the Housing Alliance's website. Stay tuned for details about registration, which opens in November.

On-line Tool for Providers to Look up Medicaid Enrollees Status

As we all familiarize ourselves with the new open enrollment health plans, there is a new helpful tool that will help homeless service providers access the state's Provider One database of Medicaid enrollees.

This valuable tool shows you:
(a) how to access the Provider One database to look up the client and confirm Medicaid enrollment, and
(b) how to change the managed care plan assignment if the client does not wish to stay enrolled in the plan to which he or she was auto-assigned.

Click here to access this new helpful tool. NOTE * To access Provider One, you (or your client) will need the client's name, social security number, birthdate, and zip code. All of this info must be exactly the same as the info entered into the Medicaid application created at wahealthplanfinder.org.

Barista Program Marks 10 Years of Helping Young People

Most of us know what a good cup of coffee can do for you on a weekday morning but who knew it has the power to transform lives? The Barista Training and Education Program has been doing just that for the past 10 years. A partnership between YouthCare and FareStart, the eight-week program offers at-risk and homeless young people age 16-24 job training and placement, and employment counseling for the espresso business. The program includes classroom instruction at YouthCare's James W. Ray Orion Center. After two weeks, the training shifts to the FareStart café in southeast Seattle where students apply their skills in a working coffee shop. They also learn job readiness skills such as resume writing and job interview skills.

The story of "Kym" (not her real name) demonstrates that the barista program is more than typical job training. When Kym began the program earlier this year, she had recently fled from abusive parents and was painfully shy - so much so that she was afraid to speak up in class. Over the course of eight weeks, she learned barista skills but also warmed up to her peers and instructors, and made friends. As her confidence grew, Kym began to speak up more and she became less reliant on the instructors and more independent. By the end of the program she found a job at Starbucks and was eventually able to care for two younger siblings, extracting them from the abusive home.

The barista program offers young people a safe place to be and learn not only barista skills but life skills. "We want to help them figure out how to figure it out," said YouthCare Executive Director Melinda Giovengo at a recent celebration of the barista program's 10-year anniversary.
Presenters Wanted for the 23rd Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness
May 21 – 22, Yakima, WA
One of the best things about this annual conference is that members from our own communities present many of the breakout sessions. These are great opportunities to share knowledge with peers from across the state. Maybe you or someone in your organization is interested in presenting a workshop in May? If so, please note that November 15 is the deadline to submit a proposal.

Proposals will most likely be accepted with complete information on the submission form. This includes an outline of the proposed session, a short and descriptive paragraph for the conference program, full names of presenters, and a description of whom the session is designed for. Please see the submission form for more requirement details. Click here to download the guidelines and submission form. Registration and information about scholarship opportunities will roll out in early 2014. Keep an eye out!

Parent-Child Home Program Reaches 1,000
From its first-year success with 160 families in southeast Seattle to last year’s hit with 750 families, United Way of King County’s Parent-Child Home Program has begun its 2013 expansion to 1,000. The Parent-Child Home Program reaches out to diverse, low-income families in southeast, southwest and central Seattle as well as north Seattle/Shoreline, Bellevue’s Crossroads area, Snoqualmie Valley and south King County. The program is also officially partnering with Renton and Highline school districts to bring more families. These districts are the first to become funding partners with Parent-Child Home. They know how important early learning is to preparing kids for that big day when they walk through the kindergarten door.

Watch the video to learn more about this life-changing program.

Seola Gardens Celebrates Completion with New Housing, New Parks and New Trails
Congressman Jim McDermott, King County Executive Dow Constantine, and King County Councilmember Joe McDermott were joined by more than 100 members of the White Center community at the celebration of the completion of another phase of the redevelopment of the former Park Lake Homes now called Seola Gardens. With the completion of Fairwind Apartments, there are now 177 affordable rental apartments as well as for sale single family homes, a community center, p-patch gardens, a remodeled Head Start Center, new parks and more. King County contributed $6 million to the project, both for housing and for infrastructure (roads and parks). Built green, Seola Gardens has just been awarded the Master Builders Green Hammer Award.

SAVE THE DATE! – WLIHA Annual Member Meeting and Reception
December 4, 5 – 7 pm - Summit Law Group, 315 – 5th Avenue South, Ste. 1000, Seattle
It’s that time of year again! Housing Alliance members and friends gather to celebrate past successes, learn about current work, and continue to strengthen collective voices for affordable housing and for ending homelessness. Join WLIHA to hear about the legislative and electoral work for 2014, and find out how you can be involved. Appetizers, alcoholic, and nonalcoholic beverages will be provided. Watch for more details in the future, but we hope you’ll mark your calendar now.

WarmforWinter in its Eighth Year Keeping Homeless Warm
WarmforWinter is in its eighth year, collecting handmade hats and scarves to be delivered to unhoused members in our communities. There will be collections at Pacific Fabric Stores. Knitters can also deliver scarves and hats to shelters directly. Also enjoy the WarmforWinter newsletter which lists all the latest happenings occurring in 2013. Click on here to brochure, flyer and or shelter delivery list. Your efforts to keep people WarmforWinter are greatly appreciated!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

2014 National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness
February 18 – February 19, 2014, New Orleans, LA
Details of the event will be posted on the event webpage regularly with additional information.

Coordinated Assessment: Understanding Assessment Tools
Monday, November 4, 2:00 p.m. EST
The National Alliance on Ending Homelessness will host a webinar on how communities should approach the assessment phase of their coordinated intake system. The Alliance’s Kim Walker, technical assistance specialist, and Norm Suchar, Center for Capacity
Building director, will discuss what should happen during your assessment process and what questions to ask when selecting assessment tools to use as part of your process. To register for this webinar, click [here](#).

**FUNDING and RFP's**

**City of Seattle RFQ – Housing for Persons with AIDS**

*Application deadline is December 12, 2013, 4:00 p.m.*

The City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) is seeking investment proposals from qualified organizations for programs designed to prevent homelessness and support housing stability for low-income people with HIV/AIDS and their families in King County. Approximately $1.2 million is available for the period of **July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2015**. For more information and to view the application, please click [here](#).

**2014 Human Services Reduced Fare Bus Ticket RFP**

*Application deadline is November 26, 2013, 2:00 p.m.*

Approximately $1.9 million is available through the 2014 RFP for Human Services Reduced Fare Bus Ticket Program. The program allows eligible agencies serving homeless and/or low-income individuals the opportunity to purchase bus tickets at 20% of the ticket value. The RFP is open to nonprofits agencies (501c3), public housing authorities and/or local governments. The program is a partnership between King County DCHS, City of Seattle HSD, and King County Metro, and the RFP can be accessed [here](#). For questions related to this opportunity, please call Roy Dodman at 206-263-9293.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Federal Government Shutdown: What it Means for Homeless Assistance Programs**

The federal government shutdown, which began on October 1 as a result of Congress’s inability to agree to a stopgap funding measure (also known as a continuing resolution or CR), has already significantly decreased the capacity of many federally-funded programs due to the furlough of most federal employees.

For now, the immediate impact of the shutdown on homeless assistance programs has been modest. This is largely because HUD’s McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program is still spending funds from fiscal year (FY) 2013. In fact, Continuums of Care within the Homeless Assistance Grants are still spending FY 2012 funds; therefore, funding lapses in FY 2014 spending (the shutdown) will not impact these programs in the short-term. Homeless assistance programs are also considered to be "essential" programs to protect against imminent threats to the safety of human life. As a result, these programs are exempted from the shutdown and key staff will remain on the federal payroll. For more information on the immediate impact of the shutdown on homeless assistance programs, please click [here](#).

**CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Governing Board**

Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. Staff: Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruc@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](http://www.cehkc.org).

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 8:30 – 10:30 am

Seattle City Hall, Bertha Landes Conference Room

Agenda Topics

- CoC Governance, Moving Towards a Crisis Response System, YYA Comp Plan, 2014 Legislative Agenda

Recent Meeting: OCTOBER MEETING RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER

Discussed

- Follow-up to Sept 9 CoC Discussion, 2014 Legislative Agenda, Moving towards a Crisis Response System

**Interagency Council (IAC)**

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman & Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Gretchen Bruce ([gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov](mailto:gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov)).


Upcoming Meeting: Monday, November 4, 2 – 4 pm

Bellevue City Hall

Agenda Topics

- Revitalizing a Crisis Response System, CoC Follow-up, 2014 CEH Legislative Agenda

Recent Meeting: Monday, October 7

Discussed

- Follow-up to Sept 9 CoC Discussion, 2014 Legislative Agenda, Moving towards a Crisis Response System
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, November 20, 6 – 7:30 pm

**Agenda Topics:** Healthcare Open Enrollment, CoC Roles & Responsibilities

**Recent Meeting:** Wednesday, October 16

**Discussed:** Car Camper Focus Group

Public Relations

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

**Upcoming Meeting:** Public Relations Committee on hiatus until notice. Committee members will be notified of next meeting.

Legislative Advocacy

Chair: Harry Hoffman. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: Every Other Tuesday during session, from 8:30–9:30, in person or via conference call.

**Upcoming Meeting:** Tentative: November 12, 8:30 – 9:30 am. Call in number 206-205-1111

**Agenda Topics**

Next steps in building the 2014 legislative agenda

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.
Reoccurring: 3rd Wednesdays each month 9:30 – 11:00am at Mercer Island Community Center
Next meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2013
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](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.
Next meeting: December 16, 2013 10:30am – Noon at CCS – 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98144
Family Housing Connection website: [www.ccsfhc.org](http://www.ccsfhc.org)

**Youth & Young Adult (Y/YA):**
Contact Megan at megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov
Megan Gibbard has begun holding monthly Y/YA Stakeholder Forums. This forum provides a monthly opportunity to hear about the changes planned for our homeless youth and young adult system in King County. **The November Y/YA Stakeholder Forum will be held Tuesday November 26, from 2 – 3:30, Kent Library, 212 – 2nd Ave N, Kent.** Please check the [YYA Webpage](http://www.kingcounty.gov/yp青春/Youth/Housing/ServicesAndPrograms/Programs/Homeless/HomelessFamilies.aspx) for updates.

**RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES**

**South King County Forum on Homelessness**
Contact: Manuela Ginnett, manuela@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.aspx?id=2728](http://kentwa.gov.aspx?id=2728)

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 9 – 10:30 am

**Agenda Topics:** Youth Housing Connection, Auburn Youth Resources

**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: Every other month, 2nd Wednesday, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, [brown bag] Shoreline City Hall

**Upcoming Meeting:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 

Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N,
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. 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, November 14, 2013, 2 – 4 pm 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, November 20, 2013, Noon – 1:30 pm St. 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, November 11, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m. University Friends Meeting House, 4001 -9th Ave NE, Seattle

University District Service Provider’s Alliance Service Provider Team
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, November 13, 2013, 11am–12:30pm 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, November 21, 2013, 9–11am E Cherry YWCA 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings
SKCCH Youth and Young Adults: Tuesday, November 12, 9-10:30am, 2100 Building, 2100 – 24th Ave S, Seattle
SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy: Thursday, November 14, 12-1:30 pm, Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apts, 2119 3rd Ave, Seattle
SKCCH Families with Children: Wednesday, November 27, 9:30-11.00 am, E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle