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

FOURTH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS IN KING COUNTY

On October 6th CEH held the Fourth Annual Legislative Breakfast at MercerView Community Center on Mercer Island, along with our co-sponsors Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, Housing Development Consortium, Church Council of Greater Seattle, Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, Building Changes, United Way of King County and the Washington State Coalition for the Homeless with food provided by FareStart.

The 2010 State Legislative Agenda was presented to a packed room that included many elected officials at state and local levels. The priority themes carry forward from our agendas from prior years:

1. Return the Housing Trust Fund to its 2008 level of $200 million.
2. Prevent homelessness by reforming the discharge practices of state institutions so as to end discharge to homelessness.
3. Support the services that help people leave homelessness by continuing funding of the Washington Families Fund.
4. Use funds more effectively by coordinating funding across state agencies.
5. Give local governments the revenue tools they need to provide human services and end homelessness.

As our keynote speaker, Craig Rennebohm said, we need to "shoot for the bar in Edinburgh". This similar sized city to Seattle has the same sized homeless population; but only six people are sleeping on the streets. Let's rise to the challenge.

VOTE NOVEMBER 3RD!!!
The November 3, 2009 General Election will be held entirely by mail. For everything you need to know about how and where to return your ballot, visit the King County Elections website.

Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Come Meet Richard LeMieux and Willow, Saturday, November 7, 2009

10:00am – 12:00pm Calvary Lutheran Church 2415 S 320th St, Federal Way

How does it happen? One day you’re are on top of the world with a thriving business, the next you have lost everything and are begging for money in front of a grocery store. It happened to Richard LeMieux. His 2008 book, Breakfast at Sally’s, chronicles his two years on the streets of Bremerton, WA. For more information, check out www.breakfastatsallys.com

NE 45th Street Viaduct Project Open House, Thursday, November 12, 2009

4:30pm – 7:30pm University Presbyterian Church, Larson Hall 4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle

The NE 45th Street Viaduct is scheduled to be replaced during the summer of 2010. For those providing services to individuals living in the University District, please come to the open house to learn about the project schedule, design plans, construction impacts and potential detour routes that may affect some of our homeless constituents living under the viaduct.
Events & Volunteer Opportunities continued
Panel on Homelessness & Poverty Programs & Ministries
Saturday, November 14, 2009 9:00am – 12:00pm
Beacon United Methodist Church 7301 Beacon Ave S, Seattle
Panelists are from Church of Mary Magdalene, Quest Church, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, Tacoma Community House, and Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness. Faith groups should send members/representatives to learn from these ministries/programs, find out how to support them, or how one may start similar ministries/programs. This event is FREE, but please pre-register by email before 11/9/09 at beaconcsc@gmail.com and include the words "11/14/09 panel" in the subject line.

Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell Invite You to Attend a Federal Funding Symposium
Monday, November 16, 2009 10:00am
Renton Ikea Performing Arts Center 400 S 2nd St, Renton
Topics covered in the presentation include: tips on submitting a successful grant application, finding the right funding source for your project, working with your congressional delegation and current outlook and trends for appropriations.

Interfaith gathering highlighting Warm for Winter hats and scarves campaign
Sunday, November 22, 2009 2:30-4:30pm
St Patrick’s Cathedral 2702 Broadway Ave E, Seattle
Last year 6,000 handmade hats and scarves were delivered to local service providers who then gifted these items to those awaiting housing. For more information contact Janice Tufte at warmforwinter@yahoo.com, 206-675-2672.

Operation Nightwatch Presents – Hero of the Homeless Luncheon Honoring Rev. Jean Kim
Tuesday, November 24, 2009 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Seattle Center Rainier Room 1st Ave N & Republican St, Seattle
There is no charge to attend the luncheon; however RSVPs are required due to space limitations. For more information (or to RSVP), please call (206) 323 4359 or email herohomeless2009@hotmail.com or visit http://www.seattlenightwatch.org/hero.htm

CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board
Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Kurt Triplett. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Laird Heia (Laird.Heia@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: September 23, 2010
Reviewed 2Q Dashboard, current progress and challenges, McKinney application update, adopted Joint Legislative Priorities and CEH State Legislative Agenda, provided feedback on Funders Group work plan reports, nominated Monte Bridges, Superintendent and CEO of thePuget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) to the Board, and began discussion around the question: "At what point of client progress does the homeless system stop its work?"

Upcoming Meeting: January 27, 2010, 8:30am – 10:30am
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: State Legislative session update; further discussion around the question: “At what point of client progress does the homeless system stop its work?”
**Interagency Council (IAC)**
Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Bill Block (bill.block@kingcounty.gov) and Laird Heia (laird.heia@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:** September 14, 2009, October meeting was cancelled. Approved the nominations of Lynette Hynden, City of Federal Way and Nancy S., Consumer Advocate to the Council; reviewed the Housing/Services issue around McKinney funding; received an update on HMIS related to data input, compliance, future reporting, and steps taken to improve the McKinney score. A discussion followed around the existing challenges and the suggestions recommended for improvement. The owners of the Funders Group workplans reported on progress. A presentation was made on the work beginning around funding expiration planning and the 2010 State Legislative Advocacy Agenda was adopted.

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 2, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Bellevue City Hall – 450 – 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

**Draft Agenda**
Topics: HMIS data review against McKinney needs, Family Homelessness update on strategic planning process, Homeless Housing and Services Funds progress report; planning for funding expirations to include developing standards for renewals/reallocations.

**Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)**
Chair: Rotating 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:** October 21, 2009
Received reports on the September 23rd Governing Board meeting, Legislative Breakfast, and the King County Family Homelessness Project. Discussed future focus group meetings.

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 18, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

**Draft Agenda**
Topics: LGBTQ focus group planning

**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 2009, 2:30pm – 4:00pm at YWCA Opportunity Place.

**Recent Meeting:** September 21, 2009, 2:30pm – 4:00pm
Discussed Client Care Coordination process; plans for early implementation at McDermott Place and the Wintonia; Howard Hansen Dam issues and H1N1; discussed the question: “At what point of client progress does the homeless system stop its work?”

**Upcoming Meeting:** November 16, 2009 2:30 – 4:00 Opportunity Place
YWCA Opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

**Draft Agenda**
Topics: TBD
Families Committee
Co-Chairs: Doreen Cato & Dan McDougall-Treacy.  Staff: Laird Heia (laird.heia@kingcounty.gov). Typical Meeting Schedule: quarterly or ad hoc from 10 am to Noon.  FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT WELLSPRING FAMILY SERVICES, 1900 Rainier Ave South.

Recent Meeting: October 5, 2009
The meeting was comprised of a presentation on the King County Family Homelessness Project by Debbi Knowles, King County Department of Community and Human Services (KC/DCHS), Program Manager for the Project and Janet Salm, KC/DCHS.  Debbi provided background and history on the project, weighting the collaborative contributions and lessons learned from the Ten-Year Plan partners, Sound Families, the Gates Foundation and national research; provided a brief overview of the landscape assessment noting key gap areas; reviewed the Coordinated Entry and Uniform Assessment for Families Guiding Principles used, and provided a walk through of the proposed Housing Stabilization Model.

Looking forward, the King County Family Homelessness team will continue the effort working from the Ten-Year plan goals, ensuring that all work is consistent with it, and with the current systems, to develop strategies to fill the gaps.  This next step will include brainstorming additional prevention strategies where needed, sequencing of services and resources available to grow towards being proactive with our families instead of reactive.  If you have comments and suggestions, please contact Debbi Knowles at debbi.knowles@kingcounty.gov.

Due to time constraints, the group was unable to address the question of "At what point of client progress does the homeless system stop its work."  But the suggestion was made to have a panel discussion with providers, consumers and others around this question at the January Families Committee meeting.

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, January 25 (4th Monday), 2010, 10 – 12pm
Wellspring Family Services, 1900 Rainier Ave South.

Draft Agenda
Topics: Panel discussion around the question: At what point of client progress does the homeless system stop its work?”

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: October 14, 2009
Highlights of Homeless Youth Summit, Update from Work Groups; discussion of co-chair structure; update on IAC; CEH legislative breakfast and community meetings.

Upcoming Meeting: November 18, 2009, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
2100 Building – 2100 – 24th Ave S, Seattle

Draft Agenda
Topics: Update on IAC; discussion of HYYA presentation at IAC; discussion of co-chair structure and nominations.

Public Relations
Chair: Sherry Hamilton (sherry.hamilton@kingcounty.gov).  Typical Meeting Schedule: 1st Tuesday of the month, 3:30pm – 4:30pm, Chinook County Office Building.

Upcoming Meeting: November meeting cancelled
Next meeting December 1, 2009, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Chinook Building – 401 Fifth Ave Suite 500, Seattle

Draft Agenda
Topics: TBD
All Things CEH
an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives
for November 2009

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
2009 State Legislative Agenda

Upcoming Meeting: November meeting cancelled
Next meeting December 8, 2009, 8:30am – 10:00am
DESC/DSHS Shared Building – 2106 Second Ave, Seattle

Draft Agenda Topics: TBD

RELATED 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: November 19, 2009, 9:00am – 11:00am
East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

Agenda Topics: 2010 Membership Drive kick-off; Kris Nyrop presentation on Street Drugs

Upcoming SKCCH Events:
SKCCH Racial Justice Initiative, Thursday, November 12, 2009, 12:30pm -1:30pm,
Plymouth Housing Group 2113 Third Avenue, Seattle.
Brown Bag discussion and planning for 2010. For more information, please contact Dan Wise
danw@ccsww.org.

Free SKCCH Trainings "Homelessness 101: Youth & Young Adult Homelessness"
Three dates left in 2009: Wednesday, 11/11 6-10 pm; Saturday, 11/21 1-5pm; Wednesday
12/9 6-10 p.m. Please register by sending full name, mailing address, and preferred date to:
homelessness101@gmail.com.

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: November 18, 2009, 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral 2nd Floor Conference Room
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) 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:  November 4, 2009, 9:00am – 10:30am
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

Draft Agenda
Topics: Connect with South county service providers; exchange resource information; flood planning effort updates.

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)

Recent Meeting: October 8, 2009
Received a briefing on the King County Family Homelessness Project (Gates Initiative) from Debbi Knowles and Janet Salm – King County Department of Community and Human Services. Heard reports from workgroups.

Upcoming Meeting:  November 12, 2009, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE

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, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Street Youth Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15th Ave NE

Upcoming Meeting:  November 11, 2009, 11:00am – 12:30pm
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15th Ave NE