All Things CEH
an Update on CEH & Community Initiatives
for October 2010

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

2009 King County Department of Community & Human Services Report
The 2009 Annual Report for the Department of Community & Human Services has been completed and available online!

The report describes DCHS programs and services and the numbers served from each of the four divisions. It offers highlights from the Veterans and human Services Levy, the Committee to End Homelessness, and the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Action Plan, as well as a feature piece on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and how DCHS spent those temporary dollars to help at risk youth, dislocated workers, homeless individuals and families and more.

Seattle Times Editorials on Invisible Families
The Seattle Times "Invisible Families" series highlighted the challenge of homeless families. Guest columnists, and CEH Interagency Council co-chairs, Stephen Norman and Sue Sherbrooke write about the next steps to help these families avoid a cycle of homelessness that stretches over generations. Giving ‘invisible families’ roots

Families are the fastest-growing sector of the Puget Sound region’s homeless population. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation spurs solutions through a partnership with Snohomish, King and Pierce counties. Shining a compassionate light on ‘Invisible Families’

Health Insurance Information Now Online
HealthCare.gov is the first central database of health coverage options, combining information about public programs, from Medicare to the new Pre-Existing Conditions Insurance Plan, with information from more than 1,000 private insurance plans. Consumers can receive information about options specific to their life situation and local community. In addition, the website will be a one-stop-shop for information about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act as well as other health care resources. The website will connect consumers to quality rankings for local health care providers and preventive services. As the health care market transforms, so will HealthCare.gov. In October, 2010, price estimates for health insurance plans will be available online. In the weeks and months ahead, new information on preventing disease and illness and improving the quality of health care for all Americans will also be posted.

Winter Shelters Opening
Winter Response Shelter - King County - Provides 50 seasonal shelter beds for men in the fall and winter. Shelter is open every night, and generally available mid-October through March of the following year, with no connection to weather forecast. No meal, hygiene or daytime storage services are provided. Shelter is operated by staff from the Salvation Army - William Booth Center and is located at the King County Administration Building.

YWCA of Seattle/King County/Snohomish County - Angeline’s Center for Homeless Women - Provides 40 seasonal shelter beds for women, October through end of March. Shelter is open every night during this season, with no connection to weather forecast and operates in partnership with King County.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Seattle Foundation’s Building Resilience Initiative Request for Proposals 2010
The Seattle Foundation is part of a group of philanthropic organizations called the Building Resilience Initiative that was formed in late 2008. They are working together to respond to the recession in ways that help adults, families, organizations and communities cope with hardships and build strengths even in these tough times.

The Building Resilience Initiative invites applications for one-time grants of approximately $20,000-$50,000 each to support organizations or communities using innovative strategies to build the resiliency of adults and families who are struggling as a result of the recession. Click here for more information and an application. Applications due by 5:00 pm November 1, 2010.
**EVENTS**

**Seattle Journalists: Uncovering Family Homelessness**  
**October 21, 2010, 7:30pm**  
Town Hall Seattle, 1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle

Of the 8,000 homeless people in King County, 3,000 of those are members of families with children. In an unprecedented news-reporting project, eight Seattle-area journalists went back to school earlier this year to study this problem; the work of these Seattle University Journalism Fellows appeared in a recent three-part series in The Seattle Times and will continue through fall in various media. Hear some of the journalists’ insider stories-behind-the-stories at this forum moderated by KUOW Weekday host Steve Scher. Presented by Seattle University.

Tickets are $5 at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or (800) 838-3006 or at the door; proceeds benefit the Seattle-King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH).

**17th Annual Affordable Housing Conference**  
**October 19-20, 2010**  
Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center

For information on the program, special events, exhibits and registration visit [www.wshfc.org/conf/conf/index.htm](http://www.wshfc.org/conf/conf/index.htm)

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The **Housing Justice Project (HJP)** is a homelessness prevention program providing accessible, volunteer-based legal services to tenants facing eviction in King County. HJP is managed through Pro Bono Services at the King County Bar Association. HJP is the only court-based, housing-related legal services program in Washington that provides direct, immediate and real-time client representation to low-income residential tenants facing eviction in King County.

**HJP Homelessness Prevention Strategy:** Help tenants obtain resources and skills to keep themselves and their families safely housed.

- We continue participation in the continuum of care network between tenants, landlords, and providers of support services.
- We have strengthened the collaborative network between current community partners which efficiently and appropriately links tenants to housing stability resources.
- Future partnerships are planned.
- Through our legal clinic advocacy, target resources, support services, and tenant training, designed to help high-risk tenants: (clients with a history of homelessness, especially if they have prior evictions, and/or a poor credit history).
- Through HJP’s counsel and advice service, tenants have the opportunity to gain understanding at becoming a good tenant. A better comprehension of the rules related to paying their rent, occupancy standards, guests, damages, etc., is critical to helping them maintain their housing. In addition, learning about the types of lease provisions that may be illegal, and seeking legal counsel early should they have specific questions about a rental agreement are crucial components to eviction prevention.

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**Where, When and How to Reach Services**

For more information, locations and hours call (206) 267-7090 (English) or (206) 267-7091 (Español) or visit: [http://www.kcba.org/legalhelp/HJP/clients.aspx](http://www.kcba.org/legalhelp/HJP/clients.aspx).
CEH COMMITTEE UPDATES

Governing Board
Co-Chairs: Dan Brettler and Dow Constantine. 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: July 28, 2010
 Proposal to conduct a Mid-Plan Review.
 Brief review of Funders Group Workplans
 Brief review of the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

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

Agenda Topics:
 Approval of the Scope of Work for the Mid-Plan Review
 Approval of 2011 Legislative Advocacy Agenda

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: September 13, 2010
 Presentation by Someirah Amirfaiz of ReWA on homeless experiences among refugees
 Nomination of Dannette Smith and Rick Hooper to the Interagency Council
 First year evaluation of the Landlord Liaison Project available at: http://www.kingcounty.gov/socialservices/Housing/PlansAndReports/HCD_Reports.aspx

Upcoming Meeting: October 4, 2010, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle

Agenda Topics:
 Role of the Interagency Council within the Committee to End Homelessness
 2011 Legislative Agenda and Legislative Breakfast

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 – 7:30pm at Plymouth Congregational Church. Meeting summaries of previous Consumer Advisory Council meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Recent Meeting: September 15, 2010
Heard feedback from Governing Board, Funders Group and IAC. Discussed the mid-plan review and chose focus groups for the balance of 2010 and early 2011.

Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Plymouth Congregational Church – 1217 Sixth Ave, Seattle

Agenda Topics:
 Focus group planning
 Legislative advocacy
 Mid-plan review
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: September 20, 2010
- Update on GAU/Disability Lifeline
- Housing and Supports for ex-offenders exiting jails and prisons
- Update on Coordinated Entry for vulnerable single adults

Upcoming Meeting: December 13, 2010, 2:30pm – 4:00pm
YWCA opportunity Place – 2024 Third Ave, Seattle

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: May 10, 2010
Review of the Families Strategic Plan, and recommendations on implementation. Coordination with SKCCH and Columbia Legal Services on working with School Districts to better serve homeless students.

Upcoming Meeting: TBD

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, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, usually at the 2100 Building but may rotate.

Recent Meeting: September 8, 2010
Landlord Liaison presentation, King County Systems Integration presentation and discussion, Workshop follow-up youth panel discussion, and review the CEH Y&YA new member packet.

Upcoming Meeting: October 13, 2010, 2:00pm – 3:30pm *Special Meeting*
Capitol Hill Library – 425 Harvard Ave E, 2nd Floor conf room, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Brainstorm and provide feedback on the funders group mainstream services K-12 work plan to work plan staff Bill Block and Columbia Legal Services staff.

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

Recent Meeting: September 22, 2010
- Overview and community roll out of the Homeless Families Initiative
- Initial planning for the 2011 Legislative Breakfast

Upcoming Meeting: October 27, 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/DHS shared building

Upcoming Meeting: October 12, 2010, 8:30am – 9:30am
DESC SAGE Belltown – 2106 Second Ave, Seattle

Agenda Topics: Legislative agenda and breakfast
RELATED COMMUNITY MEETING UPDATES

**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/content.aspx?id=2728

**Upcoming Meeting:** October 6, 2010, 9:00am – 10:30am
Kent Senior Activity Center – 600 E Smith Street, Kent

**Agenda Topics:**
- Domestic violence and homelessness
- Coordinated entry
- CEH update

**North King County Housing Stakeholders Meeting**
Contact: Karen Williams at karen@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 – 1:00pm, (brown bag) Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park.

**Upcoming Meeting:** October 13, 2010 11:30am – 1:00pm
Lake Forest Park City Hall – 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park

**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:** October 14, 2010 2:00pm – 4:00pm
First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue – 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

**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:** October 21, 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am
East Cherry YWCA – 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

**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:** October 20, 2010, 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, 11:00am – 12:30pm, Street Youth Ministries Drop In, 4540 – 15th Ave NE

**Upcoming Meeting:** October 13, 2010, 11:00am – 12:30pm
Street Youth Ministries Drop-In – 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle