All Things CEH
October 2012

BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION
If you have an item of interest for the CEHKC community, please contact Gretchen Bruce at gretchen.bruce@kingcounty.gov

LOCAL NEWS & ACTION

Staffing Updates
Retirement of Bill Block / Gretchen Bruce serving as Interim Director
Bill Block has retired as CEH Project Director (Read his outgoing Seattle Times Op Ed here.) Recruitment for his position ends October 5th, and CEH asks that community members spread the word to recruit great candidates. Until a new Director is hired, Gretchen Bruce is serving as Interim Program Director. Gretchen has served with the Ten Year Plan since its inception, beginning as the program manager to CEH in 2005. Prior to this, she held several positions at Solid Ground, a Seattle-based non-profit social service agency dedicated to helping our most vulnerable community members overcome economic crises and develop the skills and resources to succeed.

Megan Gibbard - New Youth and Young Adult Project Manager to DCHS!
Megan Gibbard started as the Homeless Youth and Young Adult Project Manager with King County in mid-September. She is responsible for facilitating the implementation of Y/YA coordinated engagement, system-wide data, and prevention strategies outlined in “Priority Action Steps to Prevent and End Youth/Young Adult Homelessness.” The launch of an Implementation Advisory Group is anticipated to further the initiative moving forward, as well as multiple working groups and opportunities for community and youth input. Megan can be reached at megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-2974.

The Seattle Children’s Theatre and Seattle University’s Project on Family Homelessness presents Family Homelessness Forums: These forums are designed for families and kids age 8 and up. They are free community forums that will use theatrical experiences and family-based activities to start conversations about children living in poverty and what can be done to help.

Everett: Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Tacoma: Thursday, October 4, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Seattle: Dates TBA including a special preview on October 14

Changes to Downtown Seattle Ride Free Area
The Ride Free Zone in downtown Seattle ended September 29th. Effective 10/1/12, Solid Ground will begin providing FREE rides on our Downtown Circulator Bus for people living on low incomes and those who access health and human services in the downtown area.

Two buses – one seating 19 people, the other 23 – will run a fixed 4.5 mile route, Mondays through Fridays, stopping at each of the seven stops about every 30 minutes. The first bus will depart Stop #1 (Harborview Medical Center at 325 9th Ave, 98104) at 7 am, driving in a clockwise route through town. The last bus will depart Stop #1 at 4 pm. The stops will be identified by a sticker affixed to the standard Metro bus stop signs.

This is a pilot project. Hours of service and location of stops are subject to change. For the latest Circulator route information, call 206.753.4801 or check the Solid Ground webpage.

Here I Am: Creating the Political Will to End Homelessness, Wednesday, October 17, 2012
The Interfaith Task Force invites you to their annual conference, Here I Am: Creating Political Will to End Homelessness. The conference will take place at St. Mark’s Cathedral, 1245 Tenth Ave. E., Seattle, Noon-4 pm, registration begins at 11:30 am. For more information, please contact Bill Kirlin-Hackett at 425-442-5418 or e-mail itfh@comcast.net.
Housing First Conference -- Bellingham Washington, October 23-24
Whatcom Homeless Service Center Opportunity Council is hosting a Housing-First conference! Inspired by a great national conference in New Orleans earlier this year, they have assembled some of that same talent, including Sam Tsombes (often referred to as the “father of housing-first”) from New York City's Pathways to Housing program and Seattle's Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) superstars, Bill Hobson and Daniel Malone. If you have an interest in ending chronic homelessness in your community, you won’t want to miss this event.

Even better, it is affordable ($50 including lunch!) and easy to schedule, only 1.5 days, but packed with great content from the leaders in Housing First practices. Click [here](#) for the event description and registration. Please feel free to ask me questions. Register as soon as possible so they know if they need to expand the venue capacity.

Community Resource Exchange Needs Your Help!
Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Seattle Center Exhibition Hall part of the Next 50 Celebration

In one place and on one day, this event brings together the services needed most by men, women, youth and families facing homelessness in Seattle and beyond. Each Community Resource Exchange typically offers free health checks, haircuts, legal help, housing and employment connections, hot meal.

Click on the links below to volunteer and help make it all happen:
- [Provide services at the CRE](#)
- [Collect new socks and hygiene items for CRE guests](#)
- [Give these essentials via our Amazon wish list](#)
- [Volunteer at the CRE](#)
- [Donate now](#)

Be an Informed Voter! People + Places: 2012 State Legislative Candidate Forums in October
HDC is sponsoring a series of Candidate Forums to explore the question of how we invest in **people + places** to build thriving communities. Come hear from the candidates running to represent you as they discuss their priorities and opinions on affordable housing, homelessness, and other important issues. Community members are encouraged to attend forums for the areas where they live AND work. Click on a forum link below to RSVP today!

**Central & South Seattle**
Legislative Districts: 11th, 34th, 37th, and 43rd
Southside Commons (Seattle)
Thursday, October 4, 2012, 6-8 pm

**East King County**
Legislative Districts: 5th, 41st, 45th, and 48th
Jubilee REACH (Bellevue)
Wednesday, October 24, 2102, 6-8 pm

If you’re unsure which legislative district you live in [Click here](#) to Find My District.
Visit HDC’s [events webpage](#) or email [Kerry Wade](#) or call 206-682-9541 for more information.
Presented through the generous support of the Campion Foundation.

Health Care Reform Integration
King County has convened a coalition of safety net stakeholders, known as the King County Health Care Reform Integration Planning Team. On June 25, 2012, the King County Health Reform Planning Team endorsed the King County Framework for an Accountable, Integrated System of Care for Low-Income Residents. The Framework lays out a vision for an accountable system of care that is effective in reducing health inequities experienced by low-income residents of King County, and describes the core elements that stakeholders agree are needed to achieve it. Visit [Public Health - Seattle & King County's](#) page on Health Care Reform to get further educated and informed as it relates to the residents of Seattle and King County for our health care community.
Go Beyond the One Night Count!
Speak up to help End Homelessness- Find out how your voice can make a difference during the City of Seattle and King County budget decision making process. Some of these decisions can affect shelter, services, and housing for people who are homeless in our communities. This is a free, fun, interactive and inspiring workshop (Advocacy 101) with Nancy Amidei. Saturday, October 13, 2012, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Keystone United Church of Christ, 5019 Keystone Place N, Seattle.

Warm for Winter enters its Seventh Year. See below for Gifting & Blessing Services
Warm for Winter is in its seventh year, collecting handmade hat and scarves to be delivered to unhoused members in our communities. During the month of October there will be collections at Pacific Fabric Stores, or knitters can deliver scarves and hats to shelters directly.

Blessings of the Hats and Scarves services will be held:
Sunday, November 20, 2 – 4 pm at St. Patrick Church, 2702 Broadway Ave, E., Seattle
For more information, please visit the 2012 Warm For Winter Project Website.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
Capacity Building Grants in Support of the King County Family Homelessness Initiative
Building Changes, in partnership with the King County Department of Housing and Community Development, issued a Letter of Interest (LOI) invitation under the Washington Families Fund Systems Innovation funding. This funding announcement is intended to support the system transformation and program conversion efforts as part of the Family Homelessness Initiative. Organizations that receive public funding (local, state or federal) to operate time-limited homeless housing programs are expected to participate. Each organization will be eligible for up to $20,000 to support staffing and other expenses related to participation in the capacity building initiative. Agencies selected to participate in Cohort 1 will do additional work to prepare the process for future cohorts. Therefore those agencies will be eligible for an additional $10,000. Download application materials from the Building Changes Website. LOI Response Forms are due to Building Changes by October 26, 2012.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
The National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness will be held in Seattle next year. From February 21 - 22, 2013 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. Further details will be posted on the NAEH website they become available.

NATIONAL NEWS

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 at YWCA Opportunity Place. Meeting Summaries of previous Governing Board meetings are available at www.cehkc.org.

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 8:30 – 10:30 am
Agenda Topics
Proposed 2013 Legislative Agenda Items, Rapid Rehousing and Data, Single Adult Shelter and Unmet Need

Recent Meeting: Wednesday, July 25
Agenda Topics
Healthcare reform and implications for homeless populations; update on Coordinated Entry for Families – emerging lessons and future planning; Best practices for coordinating rental assistance; Update on the Single Adult Shelter Task Force and workplan components.
Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman & Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov) and Anna Markee (anna.markee@kingcounty.gov)

Typical Schedule: 1st Monday of the month, 2–4pm, rotating locations (Seattle, Bellevue, Renton). Meeting summaries of IAC meetings available at www.cehkc.org

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, October 1, 2 – 4 pm, St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral

Agenda Topics
- Feedback to CEH Advisory Bodies
- Rental Assistance Recommendations
- CoC Responsibilities
- Community Link
- CEH Legislative Agenda

Recent Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2 – 4 pm

Discussed
- Healthcare Reform
- Rental Assistance recommendations for local systems change
- Family Housing Connections
- HDC Legislative Forums
- Tax Credits
- HMIS Data

Consumer Advisory Council (CAC)

Co-Chair: Rotating members; Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruc@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, October 17, 6:00-7:30 pm, Plymouth Congregational Church

Agenda Topics
- Preview of “The Invisible Young” documentary. CAC member Jaclyn is featured in this film

Recent Meeting: Wednesday, September 19, 6:00–7:30 pm

Discussed
- Feedback from Governing Board
- Funders Group and Interagency Council meetings
- Single Adult Shelter Task Force summary
- Discussion of “People Who are Working But Homeless” focus group
- CAC new member recruitment

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: TBD

Agenda Topics

Legislative Advocacy

Co-Chairs: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett and Barbara Langdon. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruc@kingcounty.gov) Typical Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the month from 8:30–10, via conference call. During legislative sessions, calls will be held every other week, though members are advised to call to confirm.

Upcoming Meeting: Legislative Advocacy Committee is in the process of initial planning for 2013 Legislative Session. Stay tuned for conference calls and next steps. Given changes to CEH Director position & leadership, contact WLIHA to stay in touch with plans for 2013.

Agenda Topics

Population Affinity Groups

Single Adults: Single Adults committee has been sunset. Meeting(s) may be convened as needed to seek feedback on the Homeless and Essential Needs or Single Adult Task Force as those bodies of work move forward.

Families: Family Homelessness Initiative Information Sessions are held each 3rd Wednesday of the month. Debbi Knowles and Triina Tennelo will host an open session to talk with local stakeholders (providers and funders) about the work of the Family Homelessness Initiative. October’s meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 17, 9:30 am – 11 am, Mercer Island Community & Event Center (8236 SE 24th St. Mercer Island, WA). Contact Triina Tennelo for information: 206.263.9110 or triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov. Also visit the Families Initiative website for more information!

Family Housing Connection is holding a series of listening sessions as well to talk with family housing providers on how to make the new coordinated entry system most effective. Listening sessions are scheduled for:

Reoccurring:
- First Wednesdays in Kent, 10:30-Noon
- Wednesday, October 3, 10:30-Noon
- Kent Senior Center: 600 E Smith Street, Kent

and

Third Mondays in Seattle

Monday, October 15, Noon – 1 pm

CCS: 100 23rd Ave South, Seattle WA

*Note: There will be a mandatory FHC Partner Meeting on Monday, October 15, 10:30 – Noon. CCS Office 100 23rd Ave, S. Seattle. The Placement Coordinator (or back-up representative) must attend every partnering program.
SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings
for meeting reminders folks are welcome.
The Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness (SKCCH) and neighborhood updates.

Contact: udsp.spt@gmail.com

South King County Forum on Homelessness
Contact: Jason Johnson, City of Kent jaljohnson@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: October 3, 2012, 9-10:30 am Kent Senior Activity Center, 600 E Smith St
Agenda Topics: New leadership/direction of SKC Forum.

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. Most attendees are planners or providers; though anyone is welcome. Typical Meeting Schedule: Every other month, 2nd Wednesday, 11 am – 1 pm, (brown bag) Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N.

Upcoming Meeting: October 10, 11:30-1pm Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Ave N., Seattle
Agenda Topics:

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: October 11, 2012, 2-4pm First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, 1717 Bellevue Way NE
Agenda Topics: Here I Am: Creating the Political Will to End Homelessness XII

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: October 17, 2012, Noon –4pm St Mark’s Cathedral, 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle
Agenda Topics: Here I Am: Creating the Political Will to End Homelessness XII

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: October 8, 2012, 9am–11:30 am University Christian Church, 4731 15th Ave NE
Agenda Topics:

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: October 10, 2012, 11am–12:30pm Street Youth Ministries, 4540 – 15th Ave NE, Seattle
Agenda Topics:

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

General Meeting: October 18, 2012, 9–11am E Cherry YWCA 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle
Agenda Topics: Healthcare reform, Seattle and King County budget advocacy and board elections

SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings
- Single Adults, October 11, 12:00-1:30 pm at Plymouth’s Simons Seniors Apartments: 2119 3rd Ave.
- Youth & Young Adults, October 9, 9:00-10:30 am. For location contact Kathleen Murphy at Kathleen@rootsinfo.org or Melissa King at melissak@friendsofyouth.org.
- Families with Children, October 24, 9:30 - 11:00 am. E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle.