

BREAKING NEWS AND INFORMATION

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LOCAL NEWS & ACTION



\$21 Million for McKinney Homeless Services

Mayor McGinn and County Executive Dow Constantine announced in late March that federal homeless assistance funds totaling more than \$21.2 million have been awarded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support 66 community-based projects for a total of 1,865 units of housing, 747 units of transitional housing and 1,118 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. For details see this [press release](#).

Seattle Winter Shelters Extended Through June 15th

Emergency winter shelter beds in downtown Seattle will remain open for homeless men and women to offer a nightly respite from the cold and wet weather. These beds build off the effort to expand winter shelter in 2013. Read more [here](#).

Funding Awards for Community Organizing/Leadership Development

The Seattle Human Services Department recently awarded a total of \$217,000 to six community agencies serving immigrants, refugees and other communities of color as the result of a competitive Request for Investment (RFI) process. These agencies will provide community organizing and leadership development services to their communities intended to promote equity and expand opportunity. Awarded agencies include the Vietnamese Friendship Association, Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle, Entre Hermanos, Horn of Africa Services & Somali Community Services, Ethiopian Community in Seattle and Afrique Services Center.



Next Steps: The Homeless YYA Initiative Planning process

April marked the beginning of the planning process for the Homeless YYA Initiative Comprehensive Plan to end Youth and Young Adult Homelessness in King County by 2020. The Comprehensive YYA Plan will assemble our communities' best thinking around what works to end homelessness among youth and young adults. It will recommend investments to align with these strategies, and determine specific benchmarks moving forward. Next Steps:

- Now through the end of May will include conducting research on promising practices and gathering current data.
- May and June will consist of robust community engagement
- June 27th and 28th will be a community forum to examine and refine the YYA Comprehensive Plan
- Early August will include the critical decision making to be reviewed by both, the YYA Advisory Group and the YYA Funders Group, and the bodies of the Committee to End Homelessness
- The final plan will be presented to Council on September 23rd

Monthly Stakeholder Forum: Tuesday, May 28th at the 2100 Building with key information on coordinated engagement pre-assessment timeline, assessment sites & schedules. If you have any questions about the Comprehensive Planning process or the Homeless YYA Initiative, contact Megan Gibbard at megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov /206.263.2974 or Michelle Valdez at michelle.valdez@kingcounty.gov /206.263.1350. Stay tuned, The Homelessness YYA Initiative webpage launching soon!

Duvall Place Community Meeting Presenters Wanted

Duvall Place (a Hopelink program) hosts a monthly community meeting where homeless families in transitional housing discuss concerns in the community and work towards barrier removal and self-sufficiency. Duvall Place is looking for professional and knowledgeable members of the community interested in speaking with the residents on a variety of topics such as budgeting, tenancy skills, employment, education, parenting, presenting on other agencies in the community. Community speakers offer additional insight and influence and are seen as professionals in their field making them an integral part of Hopelink's the work to help families reach self-sufficiency. Community meetings take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 6-7:30 pm. If interested, please contact Stephanie Page, Duvall Place case manager at spage@hope-link.org or 425-844-9669 x104.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

2013 National Conference on Ending Homelessness – Reframing for the Future

JULY 22 - 24, 2013 – RENAISSANCE WASHINGTON DC HOTEL

The National Conference on Ending Homelessness will cover rapid re-housing, re-tooling your homelessness system, advocacy, and will include national experts who will share how they are working to end homelessness for veterans, families and youth. There have been a record number of registrations for the February, 2013 conference, therefore it is strongly encouraged to register as soon as possible for the July conference! Online registration is slated to open Tuesday, April 2, 2013. For more details on the conference, please visit [the 2013 National Conference Website](#).

Washington State Conference on Ending Homelessness

May 15-16, Hotel Murano Tacoma, WA – www.wliha.org/conference/registration

Join homelessness and housing providers from around the state as the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance hosts a dynamic mix of sessions, speakers and exhibits – all focused on ensuring everyone in Washington has access to a safe, healthy, and affordable home. Registration has closed, with high numbers of people interested in attending. Workshop Topics include:

- Homelessness and housing policy and advocacy
- Innovative housing and homeless programs from across the state
- Health care reform implications for homeless and housing providers
- Housing First
- Data management and coordinated entry
- Self-care and skill-building

Homelessness in the Media

Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 2:00-4:00pm, Friends of Youth newly opened Youth Service Center in Kirkland (13116 NE 132nd St.)

Please [register soon](#), as space is limited

The Housing Development Consortium of King County in partnership with the Eastside Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC) invites you to join a panel discussion about media coverage of eastside homelessness issues. While homelessness continues to impact many people on the eastside, eastside media outlets seldom report on local homelessness issues, and regional stories tend to focus on Seattle's homeless population or larger regional initiatives. This event will bring together homeless service providers and members of the media to discuss how best to improve and increase media coverage of homelessness issues on the eastside.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Velasco at stephanie@housingconsortium.org or call 206-682-9541.

Landlord Liaison Project Informational Meeting

Friday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., SeaTac City Hall, 4800 S. 188th, SeaTac

Have you wanted to partner with the Landlord Liaison Project but your program/agency did not meet the program requirements? Come to an informational meeting to learn how your program/agency may now be able to partner with LLP and help your clients find permanent housing. For more information, contact Mona Tschurwald or Gwen Mimms at 206-336-4601.

NEW Battling Compassion Fatigue

Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Working in a helping profession can take its toll on your emotional health. Learn the signs and symptoms of compassion fatigue in order to assess the level of satisfaction and burnout in your own life. Walk away with tools to help you identify triggers, find professional/personal balance, and prioritize self-care in a guilt-free way.

Cost: \$75, [Register Here](#).

FUNDING and RFP's

RFQ for Behavioral Health Services for Homeless Families with Young Children in TH

Applications are due to HSD by 4 pm on Thursday, 5/16/13

The City of Seattle Human Services Department has posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for behavioral health services for homeless families with young children living in transitional housing. Please refer to the [HSD Website](#) and share this information with others who may have an interest in this funding opportunity.

An information session will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Seattle Municipal Tower, Human Services Department Room 6070 (60th floor), 700 5th Avenue, Seattle WA 98104.

RFQ for HIV/AIDS Housing

The Human Services Department (HSD) is seeking qualifications from agencies interested in implementing the HIV/AIDS Housing Lead Agency for Seattle-King County. The Housing Lead Agency will coordinate an effective HIV/AIDS housing continuum with funders, housing and services providers, and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs). The main goals are:

- 1) Streamline and improve the process for low income people with HIV/AIDS to access and maintain affordable housing and
- 2) Increase the inventory of affordable housing, with and without services, available to low-income people with HIV/AIDS.

The deadline for applications is May 2, 2013. For more details, see this [website](#).

NATIONAL NEWS

Scholarship, Volunteer Opportunities at the 2013 National Conference

The Alliance is currently accepting applications for its scholarship and volunteer programs for the *2013 National Conference on Ending Homelessness*, which will take place at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, July 22 to 24.

The deadline to submit an application for the scholarship program is **Monday, May 20**. Only individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness or who have experienced homelessness in the past are eligible to apply. More information about the scholarship program and the application process is available on the [conference website](#). Individuals who are interested in volunteering at the conference can receive complimentary conference registration. To learn more, e-mail the Alliance's Director of Meetings and Events D'Arcy Klinge at DKlinge@NAEH.org.

Chronic and Veteran Homelessness Declined in 2012

In a recent article from the *Governing* magazine, it was noted that some 633,000 Americans -- larger than the population of Seattle -- were homeless in 2012, but the situation could have been a whole lot worse, according to a new [report](#) from the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Many economic indicators suggest that homelessness should have increased: The national median income dropped; the number of people in poverty increased; and as a higher proportion of people moved into rental housing, the cost of fair market rent increased and the supply of rental housing dwindled. Yet the overall homeless population was about the same as the year before, with less than a 1 percent drop between 2011 and 2012. Read the full article [here!](#)

NPR Piece on San Diego CoC

As we implement the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County, it's instructive to hear about other community's efforts to end homelessness. Recently, there was a broadcast on KUOW regarding the homeless efforts and challenges in San Diego. They talked about the Connections Housing facility, which currently houses 223 people who used to live on city streets, the renovated nearby hotel that houses mentally disabled adults who are at risk of homelessness and about how local leaders have taken a stand at the commitment to end homelessness. Read or listen to the story [here](#).

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, July 24, 8:30 – 10:30 am Seattle City Hall, Bertha Landes Conference Room
Agenda Topics Best Practices in other community's, System Mapping – Programs & Funding in place throughout KC

Recent Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 – 10:30 am Seattle City Hall, Bertha Landes Conference Room
Discussed 2013 Funding Priorities, Homeless/Housing Planning Tools, Update on Single Adult Shelter

Interagency Council (IAC)

Co-Chairs: Stephen Norman & Sue Sherbrooke. Staff: Gretchen Bruce (gretchen.bruce@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, May 6, 2 – 4 pm, Renton City Hall

Agenda Topics CoC Governance & Responsibilities, Family Homelessness Initiative, Health & Human Services Transformation Panel

Recent Meeting: Monday, April 1

Discussed 2013 Funding Priorities, Follow-up to HUD Dedicating Opportunities, Follow-up to Performance Calculator

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 15, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Plymouth Congregational

Agenda Topics System Mapping, Update on Legislative Session

Recent Meeting: Wednesday, April 17

Discussed Comprehensive YYA Plan, HUD Technical Assistance

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: Tuesday, May 7 – Chinook 116 8:30 am – 9:30 am, and Conference Line 205-1111

Tuesday, May 21 – Chinook 116 8:30 am – 9:30 am, and Conference Line 205-1111

Agenda Topics *Legislative Advocacy Group - Please note you will receive an e-mail from Gretchen confirming if the meeting will still be held on the above scheduled date and time.

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 the 2100 Building (unless otherwise noted)

Next meeting: May 15, 2013 9:30-11 at 2100 Building 2100 24th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144

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.

Next meeting: June 17, 2013 10:30am – Noon at CCS – 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98144

Family Housing Connection website: www.ccsfhc.org

Youth & Young Adult (Y/YA):

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 May Y/YA Stakeholder Forum will be held**

Tuesday May 28th, from 2 – 3:30, at 2100 Building, 2100 – 24th Avenue S, Seattle Contact Megan at megan.gibbard@kingcounty.gov

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 9–10:30am at Kent Commons. SKC Forum on Homelessness web address: <http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=2728>

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 9-10:30

NOTE: NEW LOCATION Kent Commons, 525 – 4th Ave N, Kent

Agenda Topics:

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: NO MEETING IN MAY

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, May 9, 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, May 15, 2013, Noon – 1:30 pm

St. Mark's Cathedral, 1245 – 10th Ave E, Seattle

University District Conversation on Homelessness

Contact: [Nathalie Gerhke](mailto: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 13, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

U. Temple Methodist Church, 1415 NE 43rd, 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, May 8, 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, May 16, 2013, 9–11am

E Cherry YWCA 2820 E Cherry Street, Seattle

SKCCH Population & Advocacy Committee Meetings

SKCCH Youth and Young Adults: Tuesday, May 14, 10-11:30am, Capitol Hill Library, 425 Harvard Ave E, Seattle

SKCCH Single Adults Advocacy: Thursday, May 9, 12-1:30 pm, Plymouth's Simons Seniors Apartments, 2119 3rd Ave, Seattle

SKCCH Families with Children: Wednesday, May 22, 9:30-11.00 am, E. Cherry YWCA, 2820 E. Cherry St., Seattle

THE FAMILY HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

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Change at the system level. The Initiative focuses on change at the systems level – creating sustainable improvement through a complete systems transformation and tapping into the expertise of programs and stakeholders. It will change how families come in to our homeless system; change the way we house and serve them, and improve coordination across systems and services.

Mainstream collaboration. The needs of homeless families cross multiple systems of care. We must significantly improve coordination and collaboration across partner (mainstream) systems; maximize linkages to community resources, and assure accountability across all partners to support families in crisis.

FHI Implementation Efforts

Our work is well underway. Providers are talking about how to more rapidly re-house families experiencing homelessness, and how to support this transition within their organizations. Much of this work is occurring within the workgroups of the Initiative's Implementation Advisory Group.

- **Coordinated entry and assessment** was strategically chosen to be the initial focus of the Initiative because it is a critical piece in moving towards a system that provides the right intervention for each family. It increase fairness and simplifies the process for families, while matching families with the first and most appropriate resource. Family Housing Connection (FHC) launched in April 2012 with participation from over 35 agencies providing shelter, transitional housing, and short-term and longer-term housing support programs. Since the launch, FHC has screened over 3,700 families and filled over 500 program openings.
- **System conversion.** As a community we are revisiting the roles and expectations of our shelter and transitional housing programs; shifting our focus to assisting families in obtaining permanent housing from the start, with tailored services and connections to community resources for long-term stability. This work includes defining new housing models; aligning funding strategies; and setting community-based targets to assure that at the end of the conversion we have a balanced supply of homeless/housing options. This process requires two parallel bodies of work – one at the organization/program-level and one at the larger systems level.
 - **System Level:** Analysis of family needs (family data); system performance; capacity (inventory of stock); and funding opportunities/barriers.
 - **Organization/Program Level:** Analysis of individual agency's existing housing programs/stock, service model, outcomes and resources.
- **Linkages to mainstream systems.** Our initial focus is to strengthen linkages to employment/education. Navigators will collaborate with housing staff to create shared goals and link participants to education, training and career pathways.
- **Training and technical assistance** is occurring on an ongoing basis on a number of different levels.
 - The **Peer Learning Group** is a shared space for agency managers and leaders to share challenges, lessons learned and gain support for the way forward.
 - **Professional development.** The Initiative is developing professional development opportunities to support the conversion process within agencies. Trainings will include trauma-informed care; housing-focused case management; motivational interviewing skills, fair housing, among others.

Find out what's happening – Stay Connected

Information Sessions occur on the **3rd Wednesday of each month** from 9:30-11:00am at the 2100 Building. It's an opportunity to hear more about what is happening and to ask specific questions relevant to your organization.

If you have questions about the work of the Initiative, please contact:

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Triina Tennelo: triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov