

Healthy Community Coalition

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

IMPORTANT: We will be moving the HCC meetings from **every Thursday to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month**

NEXT MEETING: **Thursday May 27, 2021 at 11am via Zoom**

FACILITATOR: Laura Smith

NOTE TAKER: Lisa Hart

The following dates are open for Provider Highlights:

- May: 5/27
- June: 6/10 and 6/24
- July: 7/8 and 7/22
- August: 8/12 and 8/26
- Please reach out to me, Lisa@empoweryouthnetwork if you would like to be added to the Provider Highlight schedule.

AGENDA

- **Welcome**
- **Provider Updates and Announcements**
- **Learning Highlight:** Jennifer Kirk, Ex Director of Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services
- **Zoom Chat** – If you added an announcement to the Zoom chat, I copied it from the chat and added under your name during the open discussion
- **Attendance**

Today's Topic: Homelessness

Jennifer Kirk, Ex Director of SV Shelter Services

We have seen a rise in homelessness

- No numbers right now to look at
- In the Valley – providing emergency shelter
- Shifted 24/7 365 low barrier shelter in KC
- 10 bed congregate (5 overflow in that location)
- Providing 200% higher than past years
- Hard time keeping up and double what we are doing and meet the need out there – just don't have the capacity to do this
- COVID – increase in displacement – homeless (not able to couch surf)
- Own so much in back rent and no ability to pay back rent

Tram Tran-Larson, Community Engagement Manager at the Housing Justice Project

- What we have been seeing – tenants are still be evicted
- 2019 data on eviction – make up a little over 30% in KC
- 150 thousand households are behind on rent right now – are at risk for homelessness
- 165 million dollars in rent assistance – not quite ready yet
- Concerned that we are not going to be ready by the time the moratorium will be lifted July 1
- Worst housing crisis our community has ever seen
- Not enough temporary housing
- We cannot afford to have 150 thousand households experiencing homelessness

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- Here is the information about the tenant protections package introduced by two King County Councilmembers that Chris referenced. <https://kingcounty.gov/council/mainnews/2021/March/3-16-tenant-protections-release.aspx>
- It would provide so many protections, especially for Black, Indigenous and Communities of Color that are most vulnerable for displacement and homelessness. Unincorporated KC areas have high populations of BIPOC folks. We are encouraging organizations and folks to show support for the bill and write the Councilmembers!

Chris Lovings, Eastside Legal Assistance Program

- Self-evicting themselves – couch surfing
- Rental assistance money may not come in time
- Go through a period of homelessness
- Rental assistance is needed
- Need policy assistance
- Addressing the Eviction Crisis: Policy Options and Community Solutions
Wed. May 19th at 6 PM
<http://bit.ly/shsh-may19>

How We Heal: A Call to Action

Wed. May 26th 12 - 1:30 PM

<https://eastsideforall.org/events/how-we-heal/>

KayLee Jaech, Ex Director: The Garage in Issaquah

- Teen center in Issaquah – HS youth
- 60-100 youth/day
- Some form of homelessness (couch surfing, sleeping outside)
- Watching students be pulled from their community into a shelter outside of their community – increases the trauma
- Then COVID hit, what can we do for youth – we were closed/virtual for 3 months – all youth serving before don't see anymore
- Put together a group of community members – put together a questionnaire – get the youth perspective – how we can serve them

Leo Flor, King County Department of Community and Human Services

- Homelessness and Affordable Housing
- Next week – 100 million dollars to be appropriated
- Assist 10s of thousands of people
- Don't self-evict
- Get your name into the application process – landlord cannot evict you while the process is going on.
- Expend the rent assistance by September
- Get all assistance out into the community
- Looking at what could be a historically large homelessness situation this summer
- Our next round of eviction prevention rent assistance will open for tenants and small landlords on May 17th: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/COVID/eviction-prevention-rent-assistance.aspx> ; Jen is right that good data is hard to get right now—here's a recent analysis on HMIS data (which is data limited to people who are receiving services and therefore in the system—different than a holistic look at community homelessness services): https://regionalhomelesssystem.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/KC-Homeless-Response-System_Data-Review_Q12021.pdf

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- Very limited in our housing options in the Valley
- On a bus line, easy access
- Any grant ideas please let me know

Share a perspective of what your org is seeing with homelessness

Captain Nick Almquist Snoqualmie/North Bend Police

- We do law enforcement for Snoqualmie and North Bend
- Resources in the Valley are limited, but doing well with providing and bringing resources in
- Mental Health Response Unit – Using more of the mental health resources now than in the past
- Issaquah council, public safety in North Bend and - Community Core – in Renton and Redmond, Kirkland – diversion type program – lower level type of crimes – no violent type of crimes – do have active cases of violence
- Community Courts
- Zoom appearances is in the 75-80% range

Congresswoman Kathy Lambert

- New Covid – fund the courts backlog
- Comment on courts being fully funded and all the people who need to work on the backlog
- Economic Development should be available across all development areas
- Tuesday at 1 – 2 via zoom

ALERT Yesterday in the budget meeting of the King County Council a surprise budget amendment. This amendment would provide ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT assistance to fund only two of three parts of the unincorporated area leaving OUT the valley areas. Kathy Lambert fought back on this and got it put on hold until next Tuesday at 1 PM. We need you to write all the councilmembers and say that ALL parts of the unincorporated areas should be treated fairly and that the valley rural areas also need economic development assistance. This is the budget bill covid 7 which is 2021-0155 amendment 6 by McDermott and Zahilay.

Here is the email : clerk@kingcounty.gov Write your thoughts on this unfair distribution of funds .

Also any who can get on the Zoom call on Tuesday at 1 pm to testify for one minute or less your thoughts on this would be helpful too for minority busines https://www.dropbox.com/s/zy83wg9blnnywqa/2021-0155.1_AMD6A_McDermottZahilay_UKCEconAlliance.pdf?dl=0

Jennifer

- A Together Center model out here in the Valley
- Resident homeless – lived here for generations
- Sensitive to the fact – live and die outside – this is what they know – to leave the community is more traumatic and deserve to have resources in their own community is vital for these families.

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How can we support you in your work?

- Break the stigma of having to live in poverty

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A Supportive Community For All

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The Garage

KayLee Jaech, Ex Director, A Teen Café: Kaylee@issaquahteencafe.org

Government/City and Elected Officials

Kathy Lambert, Councilwoman,

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Jemma Sager (Rep. Schrier) Outreach Representative addressing housing: Jemma.Sager@mail.house.gov

Manny Apostol, King County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement, manuel.apostol@kingcounty.gov

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Housing Justice Project

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King County Library System

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Love Snoqualmie Valley

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North Bend Police

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Olive Crest

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Snoqualmie Rotary Club

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Snoqualmie Valley Hospital

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Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services

Jennifer Kirk, Ex Director: Jenniferk@svshelterservices.org

Sound Generations

Valerie Stewart: Far East Senior Hub – Sno Valley, Mt Si, and Issaquah Senior Center: valeries@soundgenerations.org

Trail Youth Coffee

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YMCA of Greater Seattle, Snoqualmie Valley Branch

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