

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 14, 2021

**NEXT MEETING:** October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11am via Zoom

**FACILITATOR:** Laura Smith

**NOTE TAKER:** Michelle John

**Important Healthy Community Coalition (HCC) Meeting Announcements**

1. If you would like to be added the HCC email distribution list to receive HCC announcements and meeting reminders, please email Michelle John as she will be taking over the notetaking for the HCC meetings.
  - Contact information: [michelle@empoweryouthnetwork.org](mailto:michelle@empoweryouthnetwork.org)
2. Upcoming Provider Highlight scheduled for 10/28: Dorothy Bearson with Brooks Powers Group

**10/14/21 Notes**

**Provider Highlight:** King County Regional Homelessness Authority

**Presenter:** Alexis Mercedes Rinck: [alexis.rinck@kcrha.org](mailto:alexis.rinck@kcrha.org)

[Click here to view the presentation slides](#)

**Discussion:**

- [Health Through Housing](#) is a county administered program (but not under KCRHA): 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% sales tax, \$\$ for hotels and single room settings, converting them into permanent supportive housing

**Needs in the Valley:**

- Affordable housing for seniors, farm workers, lower-income (grocery, restaurant, etc): People can't afford to live in the same place that they work
- Rents are continuing to raise, people are getting pushed out of local apartments, unless they're in low income housing (very tough to get into)
- Need more hotel and motel vouchers
- Affordable needs to be totally redefined: Affordable does not really mean affordable
- Need to implement affordable housing practices with new developments

**Additional Links:**

[Eviction Prevention Rent Assistance Program](#)

**ATTENDANCE**

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