

King County Regional Homelessness Authority - Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Date: September 1, 2021

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Welcome and Settling In

Roll was called: 14 members were present, and quorum reached.

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
Tamara	Bauman	X	
Jesse	Benet	X	
Kelle	Brown	X	
Jenna	Burgoyne		X
Dan	Burton		X
Leeze	Castro		X
Shanee	Colston	X	
Brianna	Franco	X	
Marvin	Futrell	X	
Kristi	Hamilton	X	
Norine	Hill		X
Marisol Tapia	Hopper	X	
Benjamin	Miksch	X	
Nawiishtunmi	Nightgun	X	
Linda	Peoples		X
Kristina	Sawyckyj	X	
Robin	Tatsuda	X	
Karen	Taylor	X	
Sherry	Tillman	X	

Introductions

Land Acknowledgment was offered by Shanee Colston

Public Comment 2:25 – 2:35

Tisza Rutherford – “I’m the City of Redmond Homeless Outreach Administrator. Speaking on behalf of the Eastside Outreach Providers we wanted to make mention that there is a shortage of CEA assessors/ Regional Access Points for the Eastside area. Catholic Community Services (Seattle and Kent) is the sole RAP for the Eastside and their assessors have been at capacity for at least one month, prohibiting new clients from being enrolled. I can’t stay for the full meeting but wanted to advocate for any resources to expand RAP capacity for the Eastside. Thank you.”

Johnathan Hemphill – “Hello everyone, thank you all for the awesome work you are doing. My comments: I have two things very briefly. One, I wanted to let you all know that there’s some actions going around about tiny homes or tiny sheds as people have taken to call them. I wanted to flag that

your radar that we are develop developing the religious coalition is developing language around that how to address that. and many of our coalition that reside inside the sheds don't have access to plumbing or access to facilities in those homes. So, we are hoping in trying to, you know, argue for, one those tiny sheds be dignified settings they are to be instilled. But also, we move away from them as an approach as temporary housing and really truly invest in permanent supporting housing. what we kind of fearful of is those tiny villages losing support and they become shantytowns or shanty villages and you have to recreate the products again with no financial way out. I want to hopefully request to be on the agenda to introduce the King County introduce the Youth board to you all. We are in advisory and oversight board and committee around youth and young adult homelessness. I have that request and, also, to have you flag the tiny villages. Thank you.”

Karen Taylor asked for access to technology for members to access services and participate.

Action Item: Peter Lynn will investigate this request.

Johnathan Hemphill added that the LEC can provide tech support to folks with lived experience on the CoC board regardless if they are a part of the LEC.

CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) Update and Discussion

Kate Speltz and Eileen Denham presented the NOFO funding overview and deadlines along with bonus opportunities. These documents can be found here: [Continuum of Care Advisory Committee Meetings – King County RHA \(kcrha.org\)](#). The Advisory Committee will need to support the application process by first reviewing where the best use of resources would be and then taking action. Accountability is of great concern. Reports made through HMIS. Eileen suggested focusing on priorities i.e. Rapid Rehousing. The application process will be taught to members along with further discussion regarding measurement of the quality of these services. A quick “thumbs up” was offered to Kate and Eileen to proceed with submission of the current applications.

PIT Count – Questions & Comments

Peter Lynn, Ben Miksch gave overview and brief history. A count of unsheltered people is required during odd number years. Three NOFO points are available if count is made this year. Peter welcomes thoughts shared via email and encourages community outreach for support if the Committee decides to participate early in 2022.

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Update

Peter Lynn reports that the three Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) were signed by King County, Seattle, and Renton. An agreement was sent to the Provider community focusing on COVID prioritization, unsheltered people to include housing navigation and assistance in providing at least one year of housing case management stability. The voucher can turn into supportive housing, but the Provider needs to fund that extension. Extra support available for BIPOC and people escaping violence. Out of 69 vouchers sent out, about 2/3 have been returned. Vouchers are good through 10-year funding window and Peter does not see that they will be terminated by Congress in the future.

Committee Structure & Responsibilities

Shanee and Marvin reviewed their role as Co-chair of the Committee. Marvin shares that there isn't clarity regarding how both the legal responsibility and RHA responsibilities may overlap. He indicated that the Implementation Board offers a good structure and yet, is concerned that advocacy and how to institute theories of change is still a challenge for governmental agencies to provide. What is the time investment needed for co-chairs? Peter offered to review both formal and informal roles that can be taken on by the Committee along with explaining technical language.

Questions for Future Agenda Topics

NOFO

PIT Count

Structure/Responsibilities of Advisory Committee

Introduction to the Youth Action Board

ACTION ITEMS:

Specific times of LEC check in meetings: dates/times will be sent to all by Johnathan Hemphill

Next Steps and Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday October 6, 2021, 2:00-4:00 pm

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