

**VEHICLE  
RESIDENCY  
WORKGROUP**

# WHY A VEHICLE RESIDENCY WORKGROUP ?

- **Vehicle residents make up as much as half of the unsheltered homeless population in King County.**
- **There has been, historically, a lack of recognition that vehicle residents need specific and targeted approaches that often differ from people living unsheltered in encampments or other locations.**
- **There's been a shortage of research or work on best practices regarding service for vehicle residents.**

# PURPOSE OF WORKING GROUP

- **Provide a community of practice**
- **Provide input into KCRHA funding and advocacy priorities**
- **Identify and respond to system gaps**
- **Hold KCRHA accountable**

# ATTENDANCE & STRUCTURE

## *Attendance:*

People with current and past lived experience, managers and hosts of safe lots and zones, vehicle focused outreach providers, policy experts in vehicle residency, advocacy groups, from across the County, who are oriented towards vehicle residency rights.

## *Subcommittees:*

- Interim Infrastructure Workgroup
- Immediate Needs Workgroup
- Outreach Subcommittee
- Advocacy Subcommittee
- Emergency Response Subcommittee

# INTERIM INFRASTRUCTURE

*Presentation by Co Chairs: Karina O'Malley and Bill Kirlin Hackett*

The Interim Infrastructure subcommittee will focus on the following areas:

- Places for Vehicle Residents to be, including Safe Lots (off street) and Safe Zones (on street).
- Other physical aspects of supporting people living in vehicles.

The Interim Infrastructure workgroup will provide recommendations on:

- Potential sites for safe lots/safe zones
- Criteria for evaluating sites
- Design and implementation of safe lot/safe zone programs, including metrics to evaluate success
- How actions by other governmental agencies impact these strategies

# IMMEDIATE NEEDS

*Presentation by Co Chairs: Patricia and Andrew*

The Emergency Response Subcommittee will focus on the following areas:

- Law enforcement needs
- Hygiene and Sanitation needs
- Repairs
- Heat
- Pump outs
- MAT, Subaxone and other needs

**Key Deliverables:**

- Develop an overview of harm reduction strategies and recommendations.
- Inform ongoing harm reduction approaches.

# OUTREACH

*Presentation by Co Chairs: Chanel, Dee and Dawn*

**The Outreach Subcommittee will focus on the following areas:**

- **By Name List development**
- **Outreach best practices**
- **Service connection**
- **Defining outreach**
- **Gaps and opportunities**

**Key Deliverables:**

- **Guide for best practices**
- **Metrics**
- **Recommendations for the By Name List**
- **Detailing connections to permanent housing pathways that exist for vehicle residents**

# ADVOCACY

*Presentation by Co Chairs: Zsa Zsa and Dawn*

**The Advocacy Subcommittee will focus on the following areas:**

- **Advocacy at the local, state, and national level**
- **Advocacy priorities for the vehicle residency workgroup**
- **Public Education and awareness**

**Key Deliverables:**

- **Overview of local, state, and national policy priorities**
- **Advocacy at the local, state, and national level for vehicle resident specific policies**
- **Advocacy priorities for the vehicle residency workgroup**
- **Public Education and awareness within King County and its jurisdictions**



# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

*Presentation by Co Chairs: Linda and Kelly*

**The Emergency Response Subcommittee will focus on the following areas:**

- **Severe weather conditions**
- **Contagious disease outbreaks**
- **Encampment sweeps**

**Key Deliverables:**

- **Recommendations for severe weather events**
- **Recommendations for contagious disease harm reduction**
- **Activation protocol and procedures for emergency events for the subcommittee**