

Governing Committee

King County Regional Homelessness Authority

KCRHA Governing Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday,
March 17, 2022

10:00am to 12:00pm Video of Meeting
Available at www.KCRHA.org

Governing Committee Position	Governing Committee Members	Attendance
King County Council	Claudia Balducci	X
	Joe McDermott	X
King County Executive	Dow Constantine, Chair	X
Lived Experience Leaders	Johnathan Hemphill	ABSENT
	Kirk McClain	X
	Zaneta Reid	X
Seattle City Council	Lisa Herbold	X
	Andrew Lewis	X
Seattle Mayor	Bruce Harrell, Chair	ABSENT
Sound Cities Association	Nancy Backus	X
	Angela Birney	X
	Ed Prince	X

1. Welcome and Agenda Overview and Roll Call

Mission: The mission of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority is to significantly decrease the incidence of homelessness throughout King County by centering customer voice to respond to needs and eliminate inequities.

Theory of Change: If we create a homeless response system that centers customer voice, then we will be able to focus on meeting needs and eliminating inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2022 Meeting

Committee Vote – All in favor, January Minutes approved.

3. Public Comment

No Public Comment

4. CEO Update (Marc Dones)

CEO Dones updated the Board on several high-level items and projects that are happening within the KCRHA; Coordinated Entry, Prioritization Framework, the LEC's motion of support for Indigenous populations using emergency vouchers in a more equitable way, and so forth. They spoke about the importance of following through on housing vouchers to make sure that our populations can effectively find shelter with the vouchers that they have been given. Later this month, the KCRHA will be releasing information about the merging and coordination of resources to continue to offer more effective solutions; individuals who are living in vehicles will be better served. Additionally, the KCRHA was able to support the emergency weather incident(s) in a robust manner. CEO Dones feels that the KCRHA is doing very well with critical networking and building trust in our community.

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5. Understanding Unsheltered Homelessness – Update (Denille Bezemer and Owen Kajfasz)

Deputy Chief Community Impact Officer Bezemer and Community Impact Officer Kajfasz discussed UUH with the Board. This slide presentation is available upon request.

6. Sub-Regional Planning – Update (Alexis Mercedes Rinck)

Sub-Regional Planning Manager Rinck provided a brief overview of the work that we have been doing related to sub-regional planning. There are currently four planners on board with KCRHA. They are charged with the development of implementation plans, systems analysis, funding review, lived experience understanding, and more for each of the seven identified sub-regions. The job of these planners is to review needs and gaps in service and find ways to supplement them.

7. System Stand-Up – Update (Meg Barclay and Peter Lynn)

CAO Barclay and Chief Program Officer Lynn presented an update on the budget preview as well as an update on the status of contracting systems and contracting providers.

This budget is a draft for 2023 and is still pending community engagement by the end of April for system redesign. Additionally, this budget will incorporate work that is being done on the five-year (long term) strategic plan. Some additional needs such as the catalytic portfolio, stabilization, transition of congregate shelter capacity to non-congregate, severe weather capacity, scaling of program capacity to actual need, behavioral health counseling, and so on are being considered with this 2023 budget.

Currently we have 199 project service agreement; 69 represent draft or pending work. About half are being executed, a quarter are being worked on by the providers, and the last quarter consists of contracts in which we have asked for revisions. We expect progress to move forward. There are some opportunities to award further money to providers within the community. There are some additional funds that will be coming soon; we are in negotiations with the Seattle Office of Housing.

Next meeting April 21, 2022.

Adjourned.