

Seattle/King County Continuum of Care (CoC) Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup

Introduction & Background

Workgroups are structured to ensure a system-level focus in support of the Continuum of Care (CoC). This workgroup is formed to develop recommendations or share practices regarding interventions, challenges or policy issues. Chaired by the Director of the appropriate office of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), this workgroup includes representation from groups serving populations such as veterans, domestic violence survivors, families, youth, unsheltered persons, etc. This committee may exceed the 12-person standard that is outlined in the Seattle/King County CoC Charter.

The Cross Cutting Policy Work Group reports to the KCRHA's Continuum of Care Board on a quarterly basis (at minimum) and follows all program rules in [24 CFR 578](#).

Workgroup Logistics

Name

The workgroup will be titled the "Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup." Workgroup members must be a member of the Seattle/King County CoC and it will include CoC Board Members, KCRHA staff, and CoC members. Once the Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup is approved, possible workgroup members will be reached out to. The makeup of the workgroup may change based on suggested workgroup members' capacity and availability.

It is important to note that the workgroup reports to the CoC Board, but the workgroup may decide amongst itself a lead if needed. Members are selected from the staff of the KCRHA, providers (including government partners like the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) or health care providers) and lived experience communities based on their expertise in the subject matter. Due to OPMA regulations, a maximum of six CoC Board Members may participate in the Cross Cutting Policy Workgroup.

- 2-4 CoC Board members
- 1 KCRHA Communications Team Member
- 1 KCRHA Administrative Staff Member
- 1 Implementation Board Member
- 1 Governing Committee Member
- 1 Youth Action Board Member
- 1 Government Official
- 2 Representatives of CoC partner organizations
- 1 Lived Experience Coalition Member
- 1 Human Trafficking and Sex Work Advocate
- 1 LGBTQIA2spirit+ Representative
- 1 Representative with Living Experience
- 1 Representative with Lived Experience (not LEC)

Deliverables

Policy Landscape

The work group will provide in-depth reports on specific policy items; such as: acts of living laws, discriminatory ordinances, irrelevant or dated policy, and other policy issues related to the oversight and administration of CoC-funded programs.

Policy Recommendations

The work group will develop recommendations to offer to the CoC, policy makers, city officials, and the KCRHA.

Education & Communication

The work group will develop presentations on best practices, define terms, and then communicate any shortcomings of the current homeless response system in different meeting spaces, particularly the Implementation Board, Governing Committee, CoC convening trainings, including presentations at community meetings.

Severe Weather Activation Criteria Evaluation & Recommendations

Focus on the different tiers of severe weather response activation criteria, create recommendations, and inform the public, the KCRHA Boards and staff on the deadly effects of exposure.

Miscellaneous

The work group will also develop any miscellaneous work that is related to homeless policy or cross cutting policy issues.