

Seattle-King County Continuum of Care Board

Application Form

Please complete the entire form and email to CoC.Questions@kcrha.org

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| Are you able to commit up to 15 hours a month for the 2 year duration? (Circle One) | Yes |

Question 1: Please describe your understanding of a Continuum of Care (CoC).

From my understanding, the purpose of Continuum of Care is a collective effort by those with lived experience to provide "people-centered" support and necessary services/funding to help combat the crisis of homelessness in the region.

Question 2: What motivates you to be on the CoC Board?

Please share your specific field of interest related to the CoC.

I am extremely interested in joining the CoC Board to gain a better understanding of the processes and barriers that we, as a county are facing, in regards to federal funding/assistance. I have battled homelessness in the past, as a young mother, and my heart breaks for the families that I see and hear from, on a daily basis, who are experiencing homelessness with little to no help or guidance from the county.

Question 3: What skills and experiences will you bring or draw upon as a member of the CoC Board?

Please list any experiences or familiarity you have with accessing homeless housing services or program delivery, funding, the Continuum of Care, or other relevant skills.

I have lived experience as I experienced 'unsheltered homelessness' with my young children, due to fleeing domestic violence in an abusive relationship. I am a current employee at Mary's Place Family Shelter, as an Intake Specialist. And, I will also be serving on the board for Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. I speak and work with a multitude of families and individuals who are seeking shelter and/or affordable housing on a daily basis. With very limited shelter space in the county, the end result are referrals to other programs, like Outreach, that ultimately are just a bandaid on an open wound.

Question 4: Describe your vision or understanding of a successful CoC Board.

A successful CoC Board will be one that emulates compassion, understanding, and the true definition of equity. It will be a board that comes together as a collective and utilizes strategies from all points of view and opportunity, for the future of our community and the families and individuals who are underserved and mis-represented. It will be a safe space for collaboration with all, who are in the fight for a truly equitable foundation for KCRHA.

Question 5: Describe your leadership experiences.

For example, other boards you have been a part of, community groups or leadership activities.

I now serve on the Board for the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and I am an avid supporter of DV victims in finding stable and affordable housing.

Question 6: How does systemic racism impact housing and the root causes of homelessness?

Systemic racism is the root of more issues than can be listed in this designated area. One of the major impacts is that of the workplace. BIPOC are at a major disadvantage even with proven skill, experience, and educational background. Also, systemic racism not only molded the false beliefs and standards that our country stood on, but has poisoned the minds of our future by putting false limitations in the eyes of our youth. It is simple and plain. People are homeless because there has been little to no hope. There is very little incentive for BIPOC to do well, when the end result will never be equal to that of a white person.

Question 6: Reviewing the Theory of Change what is one way you apply this theory in your everyday life and work? Briefly, describe how you will center the theory of change on the Board and how you plan to uplift the communities you represent and support.

KCRHA Theory of Change:

If we create a homeless response system that centers people with lived experience, then we will be able to focus on responding to needs and eliminating inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.

I am currently an Intake Specialist for King County through Mary's Place. I speak to families every day who are battling homelessness for a variety of reasons like eviction, immigration, unaffordable housing, etc. I understand that not all families are the same. Some families need more support than others, and the energy and assistance it takes to help them will vary greatly. My job is not just to treat everyone with equal amounts of respect, but to be equitable in service. I plan to not only represent my underserved community but to serve them. To serve them with all the resources that are unknown to them, and to open pathways for them to rise above the barriers that they face.

Question 6: Optional: Is there any resource you would need in order to fully participate as a CoC Board Member?

No

Affiliation (please note any that apply):

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| Lived experience of homelessness (circle) | Yes |
| Public or Private Funder (circle); If yes, please note organization | No Organization: |
| Intersecting System – i.e. Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, etc. (circle); If yes, please note system & organization | No System & Organization: |
| Faith Based Organization or Partner | No |
| Homeless Housing and/or Service Provider (circle) If yes, please note organization) | Yes Organization: Mary's Place |
| Any other affiliations you'd like to note: | Yes |

Sub-Population Representation (please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise):

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| Families, Domestic Violence, American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous Communities |
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Region (please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise):

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| Regional (King County - Non-specific) |
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Identity (optional):

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| How do you identify your race? | Pacific Islander |
| Sexual Orientation | Straight |
| Age | 34 |
| Disability Status | none |

Agreement and Signature

I affirm that my application responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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| Name (<i>typed or signature</i>) | web-form@smartsheet.com |
| Date | 04/16/24 3:39 PM |

When you have completed this form, please submit the final to the KCRHA at CoC.Questions@kcrha.org. Thank you!