



## The CoC Board Parking Lot Q&A:

October 2, 2024 CoC Board Meeting:

### Questions from the public:

Anonymous attendee 02:43 PM

1. Who all is involved in the ILA amendment process? Specifically, who with lived/living experience are serving on these "caucuses" and how were they chosen to serve in those positions? Was the community involved in picking those people to be a part of the amendment process? Why/why not?
2. How is CEO Kelly going to navigate the natural trust barriers that exist between the community and the Federal government? Given the historical oppression, impacted communities deeply distrust the Federal government so how will CEO Kelly prove not to be merely a Federal mouthpiece considering her background? How does CEO Kelly plan to prove that she's not just an extension of the Federal government and that she actually values the Theory of Change? How can the community trust that CEO Kelly will not simply run the KCRHA with status quo practices that she engaged in while working in the Federal Government?
3. The Lived Experience Coalition and other board members with Lived/Living experience and other CBO's were originally involved with the drafting of the first ILA and creation of the Theory of change. We have been blatantly silenced, neglected and pushed out of the decision making processes over recent years in blatantly egregious violations of the Theory of Change and the original ILA, however there are zero oversight mechanisms for this sort of bad faith practice. How does CEO Kelly plan to re-establish a healthy relationship with these LE organizations and individuals and put a stop to the oppressive tactics that the politicians who sit on the GC, and others who aren't even on the GC, use to silence, intimidate and puppet the LE folks who originally helped create the very organization that now employs her? How can CEO Kelly guarantee that the politicians will not overpower those with Lived/Living experience, including clients, board members, COC members and members of the Public?
  - a. 3.2 If violations of the Theory of Change and ILA continue to occur as we move forward, how will CEO Kelly enforce good faith oversight and accountability for those politicians?



4. CEO Kelly keeps referring to the KCRHA as a "business" which is another red flag for impacted communities, as businesses look to profit off of our trauma and produce lackluster services and Public rhetoric that are often much more harmful than helpful. Also, historically the KCRHA has not referred to itself as a business. Is this shift in language purposeful? If so, are you prepared to deal with the Public backlash that comes with operating as a business, which is totally antithetical to the Theory of Change?
5. How does CEO Kelly plan to include the actual members of the COC and not purely just focus on the board?

Response from Kelly Kinnison:

Incorporating lived experience is a critical part of our mission. I'm committed to implementing best practices informed by lived experience in partnership with service providers and other key collaborators to build an equitable, coordinated homelessness response system.

**June 5, 2024, CoC Board Meeting:**

**Questions from the Public:**

**Anonymous Attendee – 2:13 PM:**

- Why does it take 60% of the vote to elect board members, but only 50% to approve a new charter/updated charter?
  - **This is what the CoC Membership determined in the Charter. It will be up to the CoC Membership to review and change this when the Charter is up for a full review.**

**Anonymous Attendee – 2:14 PM:**

- I am not considered a Panelist, this should not be a Webinar right?
  - **We host all our meetings as webinars due to the restrictions that come with holding them as meetings. Panelist links are for CoC Board Members only. Everyone else is to join as an attendee.**



#### **Anonymous Attendee – 2:15 PM:**

- how is the board justifying these nominations given the fact that they are illegitimate? There were only two board members on the selection committee. Further, the selection committee is permitted to provide \*recommendations\* not nominations. Meaning all 20 original applicants should have been allowed the full application + interview process. However, even if that occurred they are still illegitimate nominations as there were only two board members included in the selection committee when the charter says three.
  - **KCRHA solicited volunteers from the 7 board members whose terms were not ending. 1 volunteer was confirmed. A second Board member later volunteered who was not reapplying. No one else volunteered after additional asks. With the importance of getting board applications reviewed to have a full board, the committee determine to move forward. The process was shared with the Board when the nominations were submitted. All 20 were reviewed. The initial review led to determining who to interview. That was outlined in the selection process from the beginning.**

#### **Community Court – 2:42 PM**

- But we should be able to save the chat on our end
- I need to be able to chat to other public attendees, I should be able to do that in an Open Public Meeting.
  - **Currently, the chat option for our meetings is set to all so all people should be able to message in the chat. OPMA requires the chat to either be open to all or turned completely off for all. Attendees do have the option to save the chat in our settings and if they want, copy & paste.**

#### **Jade – 3:37 PM:**

- is it possible to present a report outside of HUD requirements? for CoC + community education? like tailor your own categories on your own. Does HUD have to give instructions on all the data the KCRHA captures?
  - **For CoC purposes, we will present data and reports in the ways required by HUD. Outside of CoC and for broader education and tailoring, KCRHA is and has presented on a local level. Our 5 Year Plan as well as State Right of Way**



**Initiative work are examples of localizing data and information. Additionally, we've worked to expand beyond HUD requires in our Point in Time count.**

**Elizabeth Maupin – 3:45 PM:**

- Tamara, my phone keeps ringing. Can you send me a list of those things that you are measuring? The interruptions kept me from getting good notes. These were good questions!
  - **Hello dear friends! Here is a list of the #Wellbeing metrics questions I went over during yesterday's Board meeting. Please feel free to add questions and/or metrics you'd like to see included in our work! Thank you so much! Metrics on organizations. Does this measure how well organizations are paying attention to wellbeing in their work? Does this measure how well organizations are mitigating the tradeoffs forced by systems? Does this measure how well organizations are engaging those closest to the harms in the design of programs and processes? Does this measure what organizations want measured? Does this measure how well organizations are collaborating with others? Does this measure how well organizations are at leveraging what is already working in communities?**

## **The CoC Board Parking Lot Q&A:**

**April 3, 2024, CoC Board Meeting:**

**Questions from the Public:**

**Elizabeth Maupin –**

- Severe weather shelters – We have the King County Libraries offering severe weather shelter while they are open which may work well this summer during the heat during the day but it's not working too well in the winter when the cold is the problem, and they are closed during the coldest parts of the day. She is wondering if KCRHA is working on that problem. When we look at severe weather shelter, are we focusing



primarily on Seattle, or is there a good span out in the inter-lands? She thinks we will get more support from the inter-lands with severe weather shelter. She realizes that it is more difficult because transportation is scarcer in the inter-lands.

- KCRHA's Sub-Regional Planning Team and External Affairs Team are engaged in ongoing dialogues with the other municipalities in the county on this question. Part of the result is the North King Cities ILA that led to the funding of St. Dunstan's Church as a severe weather shelter in 2024. Other cities in South King are also in dialogue with KCRHA about making similar plans come to reality. We recognize that the other cities have been doing a lot on their own, setting up networks of independent shelters run by the cities or faith-based organizations, each with their own protocols and unique challenges. We need to find a good way of collaborating and supporting these efforts to harmonize response without losing local relevance or control. That's why we're moving slowly, deliberately and consultatively.
- **Member of the public:** What have you found most helpful when changing the public narrative relating to homelessness that is behind much of public opposition to main human treatment of those who lack housing?
  - It comes down to clear, consistent, and transparent information shared broadly about what is being done related to unsheltered homelessness (good communication on an overall homelessness response is also important.) What neighbors, businesses, and people experiencing unsheltered homelessness want to know is what is being done, when, and where. They want transparency. When I see leaders at the highest levels speaking often about what actions are being taken to address unsheltered homelessness and what is being done to end the experience of homelessness for people (not just move people around), it makes a tremendous difference in changing negative public narrative. Good examples of this right now are in Denver and LA. Both Mayors are leading on this issue – they are making it clear that it is a priority for their administrations, and they are clearly and regularly sharing their actions and results. Both cities have public facing dashboards on their websites with current data on encampments – who is moving inside, and data on movement to permanent housing. I think that every city in the country should have this type of dashboard. Both cities also have clear goals and targets related to reducing unsheltered homelessness and are running very coordinated efforts to meet those goals. I will point you to San Diego's



dashboard as well that is focused on their entire system (including in-flow numbers into homelessness).

- LA – Inside Safe Initiative [Inside Safe | Mayor Karen Bass \(lacity.gov\)](#)
- Denver – All In Mile High Initiative [All In Mile High Dashboard - City and County of Denver \(denvergov.org\)](#)
- San Diego - [untitled \(rtfhds.org\)](#)

## **The CoC Board Parking Lot Q&A:**

### **March 6, 2024 CoC Board Meeting:**

#### **Questions from the Public:**

#### **Elizabeth Maupin**

- Notices severe weather is on the agenda. She had a conversation with the Red Cross willing to provide support with cots, but the request needs to come through from the municipalities.
- How does the information about severe weather get to the other municipalities?
  - KCRHA’s Sub-Regional Planners are the primary contacts for other King County municipality Human Services or Emergency Ops staff. They’re in constant contact year-round and send specific messages about severe weather once KCRHA has messages to send out.
- How can agencies partner with KCRHA?
  - Contact the Community Capacity team (or any KCRHA staffer to direct you to the Community Capacity team) either via the [info@kcrha.org](mailto:info@kcrha.org) email address, OR through our website: [KCRHA.org](http://KCRHA.org)>Resources>Funding opportunities>Minimum Eligibility Requirements>RFSQ Questionnaire
- What percent of unhoused people would Tier 2 serve?
  - ⊖ During a Tier 2 activation, severe weather shelters open temporarily, and existing emergency shelter programs often expand bed capacity, if space is available. Currently, the KCRHA has contracts with the City of Seattle and North King County to activate 53 beds and 70 units for families during Tier 2.



We recently opened an RFQ on March 13 to staff up to 144 more beds starting in July, increasing the beds available for Tier 2 and Tier 3 activations.

- How do people get in touch with KCRHA in case of Tier 3?
  - If it's in advance, an email to [info@kcrha.org](mailto:info@kcrha.org) will reach the Severe Weather Response team. If during a Tier 3 event, call the Duty Line at 206-930-8846 to get directed to someone on call.

### **Michelle Eastman**

- How many beds are available for severe weather?
  - City of Seattle -Between year-round emergency shelters and temporary severe weather shelters, there are up to 750 beds and family units within city bounds during severe weather activation. During a Tier 3 activation, the City of Seattle provides access to these city-owned properties, if available, at no cost to KCRHA. Current severe weather activation sites include The Salvation Army's SODO Bay A (capacity 33), Seattle City Hall (capacity 45), Exhibition Hall (capacity 300), and motels for families through YWCA (capacity 70).
  - North King County: The cities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell, and Woodinville pooled their funding for an agreement with KCRHA to open St. Dunstan's Church in Shoreline, staffed by the Urban League, with a capacity of up to 20 individuals nightly.
  - East King County: KCRHA does not have contracts for severe weather response in East King County but does play a coordinating role with cities and service providers. There are more than 580 beds and family units providing year-round emergency shelter in East King County. In addition, Helen's Place often expands capacity for 10 single adult women, and the Eastside Men's Shelter often expands capacity for 25 single adult men.
  - South King County: KCRHA does not have contracts to activate severe weather response in South King County but does play a coordinating role with cities and service providers. There are more than 520 beds and family units in South King County during severe weather activation. Thanks to the cities of Auburn, Burien, Kent, Federal Way and Renton for opening their city-funded severe weather shelters to add more than 200 beds.
- Reach out to the full membership and encourage more participation. If our membership is 150 then we have lots of people for committees.

### **Jade**

- Is there a national CoC listserv?
  - Yes. [Here](#) is the link.
- Is this an opportunity to build a partnership with local mutual aid and other community organizations that provide on the ground emergency services? With the



creation of critically needed committees but strain of people power, is this an opportunity for the Board to reach out to the CoC membership to get more active?? My understanding is there's about 150 members, lots of folks to help on committees!

- Mutual aid groups can contact organizations to build partnerships. This is a bit outside of the scope of the CoC board and while it is an exciting opportunity, it may not be prioritized. If you want KCRHA to send a message to the CoC membership on your organization's behalf, please send it to us, and we will tell you if we have any questions.

### **Michelle Eastman**

- How many beds overall are available overall for severe weather response? I heard something like 30 beds is that accurate?
  - Part of the answer is above (for Seattle and North King, where KCRHA has contracts for severe weather) and in this [full after-action report](#)
  - The bigger picture: During a Tier 3 activation, the City of Seattle provides access to city-owned properties, if available, at no cost to KCRHA. These shelters increase capacity by more than 330 beds within the City of Seattle and helped ensure no one seeking shelter was turned away.
  - North King County: St. Dunstan's Church in Shoreline, staffed by the Urban League, with a capacity of up to 20 individuals nightly.
  - East King County KCRHA does not have contracts for severe weather response in East King County, but does play a coordinating role with cities and service providers. There are more than 580 beds and family units providing year-round emergency shelter in East King County. In addition, Helen's Place expanded capacity for 10 single adult women, and the Eastside Men's Shelter expanded capacity for 25 single adult men.
  - South King County KCRHA does not have contracts for severe weather response in South King County, but the cities of Auburn, Burien, Kent, Federal Way and Renton open their city-funded severe weather shelters to add more than 200 beds. Each of the South King County city-funded shelters were at or over capacity for the duration of the activation.