



KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Seattle-King County Continuum of Care Board Application

Please complete the entire form and email to coc.questions@kcrha.org.

Board Member Expectations and Commitment

Board members are required to attend one regular monthly meeting, as well as one committee or workgroup meeting each month, in addition to any special meetings that necessitate a Board vote. Members are also expected to review and respond to emails and phone correspondence, and to complete other administrative duties as needed, for an estimated commitment of up to 15 hours per month. Applicants must be prepared to serve a minimum term of two years.

General Information

Full Name & Pronouns: Rocco DeVito (He/Him)

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Are you able to commit up to 15 hours a month for the 2-year duration?

Yes

Please indicate which seat you are applying for:

Elected Public Official

Please indicate the King County region you primarily represent.

South King County

Application Questions

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

To my understanding the CoC advisory board is a group that centers the needs and voices of homeless folks in our region. They work together to meet the requirements for HUD McKinney Continuum of Care grant funding. In addition they support the work of the implementation and governing boards of the KCRHA.

2. What motivates you to be on the CoC Board? Please share your specific field of interest related to the CoC.

Several years ago I started on the Burien Planning Commission and started to learn more about homelessness in our town and region. While serving our town started to take a hardline approach to homelessness. I was opposed to the changes and decided to get more involved in helping folks (weekly dinners and occasional volunteering at our emergency weather shelters). I eventually ran for city council hoping to work on housing issues, and finding more compassionate ways to work with homeless folks. Working in transit I'm well aware of the need to work with people and organizations to best meet the needs of our riders, including homeless folks.

I want to get more involved in the policy and politics of ending homelessness and the CoC seems a great way to learn from those affected and work across disciplines to do our best to make homelessness short and much less common.



3. Describe your vision or understanding of a successful CoC Board.

With any advisory board we want to encourage open and honest communication and collaboration. We want to cultivate an environment where we identify goals and work together to meet them, be it reviewing applications, submitting them, or making recommendations to the other KCRHA boards. Ideally, we find ways to maximize grant funding and best support organizations in our region.

4. Describe your leadership experiences and style.

I have served in a variety of leadership positions both in and out of work. I was recently on a non-profit board and served as events manager. Coordinating and managing a statewide conference for transit professionals. In the past I've also managed a small customer service team. I believe in supporting my team and learning about their skills and interests. I work to help grow the skills that fit what our team needs to accomplish so we meet goals while employees can grow their careers. I'm proud to have had a majority of people who worked for me were promoted to positions with more responsibility and in their interest areas. As far as leadership style, I work to find consensus among team members in planning and implementation where possible.



5. Reflecting on the Theory of Change, please describe one way you incorporate this framework in your professional or personal life. Additionally, explain how you would integrate the Theory of Change into your work on the Board and how you intend to advocate for and support the communities you represent.

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.

In my work at King County Metro we work to center the needs of riders and especially those who depend on our services. We work hard to cultivate boards consisting of riders and local organizations to advise us. These meetings are held at times that people with different schedules can make and provide childcare to reduce barriers to attendance. When reaching out to riders we work to translate materials in as many languages as possible, making sure translations are true to each language and make sense (not just straight, literal translations). By centering the needs of riders, and especially those who can't drive, due to disability, income, or age.

I would use this theory of change as a touchstone when working with issues around homelessness. Working to listen and incorporate the needs and desires of homeless folks and organizations that support them, to find sustainable solutions to homelessness in our region.

6. Do you require any accommodations or support to fully participate as a member of the CoC Board?

No

