



## King County

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### Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board (RHSCOB) Meeting Summary

**May 28, 2014, 10:15am – 12:15pm**

Bellevue King County Library  
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#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loran Lichy at 10:25 am.

#### Roll Call

**Board Members Present:** Marilyn Cooks, Gary Haines, Loran Lichy - Chair, Kate Slaminko, Bonnie Sanders

**Board Members Excused/Absent:** Lynnette Jordan, David Ramsay – Vice-chair

**County Staff Present:** Kaetlin Miller, Public Health, Seattle and King County (PHSKC); Marcy Kubbs, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Mark Putnam, DCHS; Laird Redway, DCHS

**Guests:** Toni Ball (District 7), Jim Callow (District 9)

#### Review of Meeting Summary

The October 23, 2013 and February 26, 2014 RHSCOB meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

#### Presentation – Committee to End Homelessness in King County (CEH)

The Project Director, Mark Putnam educated the board on the work of the Committee to End Homelessness. CEH is a broad coalition of government, business, faith communities, nonprofits, and homeless advocates working together to implement the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County through collective efforts. The Ten-Year Plan provides a blueprint for how the region will work together to confront the issues that cause homelessness and create the housing and supportive services needed to end it.

Mark discussed some of the great programs in our community including [Homeless in Seattle](#), a group that is raising awareness of those living without shelter and other basic needs by sharing photos and personal stories. Social media such as the Homeless in Seattle's Facebook page is also used to help share information about individual needs.

A recent noteworthy event was the [Hack to End Homelessness](#). The event took place the first weekend in May and brought together Seattle's housing service providers with technological needs and the best minds in technology and innovation. The project's proposals came directly from experts at local service providers and advocacy organizations, which ensured that each



project worked on over the weekend was responding to an urgent need of the community. Some technology experts evaluated a large amount of data for the CEH. Others developed and tested, within 24 hours, a smart phone application to help individuals experiencing homelessness.

In the first eight years of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, CEH has brought together a broad coalition of government, business, faith communities, nonprofits, and homeless advocates to collaboratively work on ending homelessness. Over 5,000 units of housing have been built and 35,000 have been brought out of homelessness. More individuals and families continue to become homeless however. For example, of homeless families served in 2013, 70 percent were experiencing homelessness for the first time. Recent data also shows those in shelter/transitional housing spent on average 141 days in this housing. While the CEH goal for the number of days spent in shelter for 2014 is 127, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) goal is 20 days. While much has been accomplished, more remains to be done.

### Discussion

- The Friends of Youth recently completed an extended foster care housing facility and is trying to create dorm/group housing options. The [Mockingbird Society](#) is a great resource for information on foster care legislation.
- Mark has an editorial in this week's edition. Support your local [REAL CHANGE](#) vendor by purchasing a paper.

### **Chair's Report**

- Loran attended the Hack to End Homelessness event and also met the leader of the Homeless in Seattle Project.
- Loran reported that the [Renton Community Supper](#) that he started several years ago after meeting John Gilvar, PHSKC Program Manager of the levy funded Mobile Medical Van, has grown from three to seven days a week. About 80 – 100 people attend each evening. The Renton Community Supper has grown into a co-operative ministry of many different people, churches, and organizations from the greater Renton community, united around a single purpose: to assist the helpless, homeless and hungry who live among us. A free meal and a warm and friendly place to enjoy it is provided. The Supper is provided every Monday through Friday from 5:30-6:30 PM.
- Loran and other members of his church, including Bonnie's family, recently returned from a trip to Mexico where they built three homes and put a roof over the heads of 45 people. A total of 190 family members have received new housing since the beginning of the program.

### **Committee Report – Fiscal and Evaluation Committee**

- Gary provided the board with an overview of the recently held Fiscal and Evaluation Committee meeting. The committee meeting summary is attached. Gary appreciated the opportunity to better understand the Service Improvement Plan, the 2013 draft fiscal and performance management reports and how the SIP relates to each of the reports.

### **Staff Report**

- The 2013 Levy Annual Report will be submitted to the Executive within the next two weeks.
- The next board meeting is a Joint Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 26 at the Carnation King County Library.

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- None

### **Public comment**

- Kate Slaminko remarked that on her trip to Paris and rural Germany she noticed the homeless population and that it seemed different from our own.

### **Site Visit to DASH/Evergreen Court – Bellevue WA**

The meeting was temporarily adjourned while members traveled to the Evergreen Court, a facility that recently completed a levy-supported renovation. Board members received an overview and tour of the building that provides 84 one and two bedroom units of affordable rental housing and assisted living care for seniors, age 62 and older. The Human Services Levy contributed \$300,000 in capital funding in 2010 for this project.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.