



Online Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2024

Guest Speaker from WA Dept of Commerce Community Engagement & Outreach in King County, Chris Lovings

- Please note - the complete presentation slides can be found on the INN website, with these meeting notes. Be sure to review for a lot of great information!
- The Dept of Commerce has over 100 programs and 700 employees
- Part of the mission of the Community Engagement Team is to meet communities where they are, and walk alongside as they carve out a path to address community needs, as well as to build strong, long-lasting relationships with you and your community.
- Dept of Commerce has many grant opportunities. Organizations can sign up for the email alerts to be aware of when new opportunities are open <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/current-opportunities/>
- Community Capital Facilities - Some of our most visible work is the result of reimbursement-style grants we provide to local governments and nonprofit organizations to help communities build and improve a variety of public facilities. Building Communities Fund, Youth Recreational Facilities, Early Learning Facilities Program, Behavioral Health Facilities and more <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/>
- CCF Resource Toolkit: The Community Capital Facilities Resource Toolkit can be used as a guide to help organizations and communities better understand the local & community projects and direct appropriation contract process.

The Garage, Christine Knight and Shayne Jones

- Welcome Shanye to the Garage and Issaquah! Shayne is a new case manager and looking to connect with local organization and resources.

Hopelink Financial Capabilities Program Lorena Reyes and Donna O'Connor

- Tonight starts a 3 week series in credit and banking, online through KCLS. Take Control of Your Credit is a free, online event. Classes are Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. Register for each class separately. Part 1: Getting Started with Credit: register here Tuesday, April 16, 6:30-7:30pm Part 2: Understanding Credit and Credit Scores: register here Tuesday, April 23, 6:30-7:30pm Part 3: Building and Protecting Your Credit: register here Tuesday, April 30, 6:30-7:30pm
- FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: SPANISH & ARABIC - Are you working with clients who are new to the U.S. financial system and want to learn how to navigate it? Two sessions at the Hopelink Bellevue center (14812 Main St.):
Spanish: Wednesday, April 17th 10:00 – 11:00am Talleres de Fundamentos Financieros
Arabic: Wednesday, April 24th 10:00 – 11:00am سجل في الفصل باللغة العربية
Please reach out to Lorena Reyes (lreyes@hopelink.org) if you have any questions

Friends of Eastside Seniors, Kristin Webb

- EFS offers long term service to seniors in the Issaquah and Sammamish areas, aging in place connected in their communities

- EFS has recently update their vision and mission and launched a strategic plan which includes partnering in the community

Issaquah School District Family Partnership, Lorna Gilmour

- In mid August will be hosting a community resource fair. Services provided will include vaccines, sports physicals, and clothing. Still looking for more connections for offerings. There will be a flyer for a clothing donation drive. Clothing sizes will be pre-school through high school. Any remaining items after the fair will be donated to local organizations.
- The resource fair will be held over 3 days, one day at each of the high school feeder pattern locations.
- Stay tuned for flyers as well as volunteer opportunities. Dates: Aug 13 – 15

City Equity Board and Community Member Ray Manahan

- Member of the City of Issaquah Equity Board. Partnering with The Garage for a Pride event in mid June, stay tuned for details.
- Community member with career experience in Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement and will be presenting at our June meeting with a new 2024 opportunity for nonprofits and other CBOs to partner with healthcare providers for opportunity to receive financial reimbursements for services. Stay tuned to details in June

City of Issaquah Human Services, Hannah Roberts

- Human services includes Homeless Outreach Program, Behavior Health, Emergency Housing at Motel 6 and more
- Human Services also partners on cultural events in the City
- The Human Services Grants applications have now closed, and final decisions will be announced in November after reviews and approvals from Mayor and City Council

Hopelink Family Development Program, Lydia Tompkins

- Welcome! Lydia is seeking to learn more about the resources and organizations in the community

Kinderling Families in Transition, Jill Clacy

- Supporting families experiencing housing instability assisting with community navigation to connect to services
- Volunteers needed at Kinderling. Opportunities in office/admin, KidVantage pick up and delivery, and with classes. Visit website for more information <https://www.kinderling.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>

Communities in Schools, Alba Cisneros

- CIS is in 5 school districts now, new to ISD
- Provides services to students and families, collaborating with parents, educators, community-based organizations and school and district leaders to help our students overcome obstacles and succeed in school and life
- The hygiene drive last month was a success!

Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition and Washington State Lived Experience Coalition, Elizabeth Maupin

- Provides a 2x monthly newsletter of resources and advocacy around housing
- Learn more about mental health crises and local response at the SKCCH meeting on Thursday April 18 9 to 10:30 AM when people from Regional Crisis Response and King County Behavioral Health & Recovery Division will shed light on:

- ☐ What happens when you call 911 for someone in crisis? What happens when you call 988?
- ☐ What are Crisis Care Centers? When will they be available for people in crisis?
- ☐ What resources are available to those in crisis right now? What resources will there be later this year?

Register at

<https://homelessinfo.salsalabs.org/20240418GeneralMembershipMeeting/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=e4638e4b-3287-48aa-9be8-561a2471b246>

- Related to the Supreme Court hearing on Grants Pass v Gloria Johnson There will be a local listening session starting at 7 AM next Monday and then a rally at the US Appeals Courthouse at 4 PM that afternoon. for details, contact eli410maupin@gmail.com. I don't yet have the google meet link. This case will also be discussed at this Thursday SKCCH meeting

Hopelink Adult Education, Judy

- Hopelink Employment Services <https://www.hopelink.org/programs/employment-services/>
- Hopelink Adult Education programs <https://www.hopelink.org/programs/adult-education/>

Coalition on Homelessness, Tim Marshall

- Policy advocacy as well as providing trainings to service providers
- Register for our April Membership Meeting – hear from King County on new and upcoming behavioral crisis response resources – Thu 4/18 at 9am - <https://bit.ly/GMM-April2024>
- Register for our ABD/HEN Training – this is especially for providers who are working with disabled people applying for SSI/SSDI and who need cash resources during the lengthy application time – Thu 4/25 at 9am - <https://bit.ly/PBaK-ABD-HEN-2024>
- Hear more about advocacy and countywide updates by subscribing to the Coalition newsletter - <https://bit.ly/SKCCoalitionNews>
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Marie Frauenheim, Issaquah Community Services

- Provide emergency funding related to rent and utilities and occasionally other expenses
- All volunteer organization, and partners with Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

Next INN Meeting: May 21, 2024 Guest Speaker Jill Clacy, Kinderling Families in Transition