



Online Meeting Minutes: Feb 21, 2023

Guest Speaker: Andrew Calkins, Director of Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs, King County Housing Authority

- Andrew shared a presentation of the various programs offered and administered through the KCHA. The presentation slides are available on the INN website with the minutes.
- Below are also some answers from the Q&A that Andrew researched following the meeting:
 - o **Question about age for eligibility:** You can view KCHA's administrative plan for the voucher program [here](#). Generally speaking, to be eligible for assistance the head of household must be at least 18 years of age, unless they have documented approval as an Emancipated Minor pursuant to Washington State law (RCW 13.64).
 - o **Who to contact for landlord/eviction issues:** KCHA has a landlord liaison team that can help in situations like those raised yesterday. A person to contact is Amar Randev who oversees that team (amarveerr@kcha.org or 206-826-5307).
 - o I will follow-up with information about the utility reimbursement and emergency housing voucher holders that was discussed, and the age issue.

Congregations for The Homeless

- **NEED/ASK:** James at Congregations for the Homeless in Bellevue. They are out of winter coats for men. They also have an ask for smaller sized jeans - sizes 32, 33, 34. Please call James at 1-916-495-1386 for pick up or drop off

The Garage, Blackthorn Haven, Bryan Thompson, Case Manager

- Just started this week at The Garage! Welcome!

Safe Place, Sara Clinton

- With Bryan's departure, there is an open position at Safe Place

Hopelink Eastside Mobility Coordinator, Heather Clark

- Redmond Light Rail Disability Access Project Redmond is conducting a study to better understand the needs of the disabled community related to accessibility to/from our new light rail stations. Help us better design streets, sidewalks, seating, and more, and share with us how the design of our community spaces impacts your ability to walk, bike, roll, and otherwise utilize public transportation for your day-to-day trips around Redmond. We are going to start holding conversations and interviews next week and will begin focus groups the following week and 'walk and roll' route assessments in March.

Issaquah Community Services, Lori Birrell & Carol Schneider

- 38 households were assisted in January, a total of about \$40,000.
- Getting calls from other nonprofits looking for assistance for clients as their own resources are maxed out / limited.

- Question on INN Cards: these were last produced in 2018 in partnership with the City of Issaquah as Nourishing Networks does not have funds for projects. Monica shared that the City website has continued to be updated with resources, and the INN card format is available (just doesn't print as a card)
 - o On the left hand side of this page- towards the bottom- you will find all the resources that are printable <https://www.issaquahwa.gov/268/Human-Services>
 - o we have resources on the website - where people can go and look things up: <https://www.issaquahwa.gov/3048/Resources>

Imagine Housing, Jordan Graves, Case Manager in Issaquah

- recently started here in Issaquah, this is first INN meeting – welcome!

Hopelink Family Development, Donata Brenner

- Hopelink is hosting two tax sites this year at our Bellevue and Shoreline locations:

Bellevue Hopelink	Shoreline Hopelink
14812 Main Street	17837 Aurora Avenue
Bellevue, WA 98007	Shoreline, WA 98133
Tuesdays 5:00pm – 9:00pm	Mondays 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturdays 9:00am – 4:00pm	Tuesdays 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Sundays 10:00am – 4:00pm	Saturdays 9:00am – 4:00pm
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- Donata is accepting referrals for families with children for case management assistance (locating housing, education opportunities, community resources, etc)

Safe Parking, Kirkland, Karina O'Malley

- I have one client in Issaquah with an emergency housing voucher, so connecting with local resources

Garage – Blackthorn Haven, Lisa Haynes Program Director Drop in and Host Home

- Community Event on Mon., Feb 27 6pm – 7pm, Information Session on the Garage's Host Home program. Come learn how the community can support the 95+ teens experiencing homelessness. The Host Home Program is modeling after a program in Mason County that has been successfully supporting teens for 20 years. The Issaquah model will have an education focus, partnering with teens to achieve high school diploma (GED, and other alternative programs if school is not a fit).

Mama's Hands, Darcy

- Located in Snoqualmie, attending to learn more about local resources to support the families they serve
- Women children shelter. We have an opening

City of Issaquah, Human Services, Monica Negrila

- Weather Emergency Shelter protocols activated, City accessing motels for local people at risk. The Emergency period is at least through Sunday. The Community Meal program and IFCB partner to provide food.
- Monica will be attending City Council meeting requesting additional funds for rental assistance, starting the process.
- Hannah Roberts returns next week

Housing Justice Project, Community Engagement Manager, Tram Larson

- if you are working with a client who is being evicted or having issues with their landlord, please have them contact the King County Tenant Resource Line at (206) 580-0762
- We don't have our own hotline anymore, we have consolidated it with the Tenant Law Center and the Tenants Union! If you would like a training on the eviction process or tenants rights, feel free to email me! tramt@kcba.org

Upcoming INN Meetings:

March 21: Guest speakers from King County Mobile Medical & Dental Van (South King County), and Salvation Army Street Ministries and their mobile shower program

April 18: Guest speaker Tiana from The Garage, sharing update on additional Garage location in Sammamish