



Online Meeting Minutes: Jan 16, 2024

Guest Speaker: Kristin Webb, [Eastside Friends of Seniors](#)

- Overall goal is to support seniors so that they may live independently in their homes as long as possible
- Volunteers remove barriers such as transportation, simple cleaning of homes, yardwork, helping with errands
- Currently serving 175 clients, with more on a wait list
- Services provided to those aged 60 years and older who live in Issaquah and Sammamish areas
- In addition to providing the door to door transportation service, and help around the house, both clients and volunteers develop an important social connection. In addition to in-person volunteer roles, there is also a phone buddy social connection program
- For transportation needs, medical appointments do take priority
- Eastside Friends of Seniors has been a nonprofit since 2008. Originally part of Faith In Action where churches networked to provide these kinds of supports
- EFS is seeing an increase in the number of clients to serve, in part due to the high cost of assisted living facilities
- Volunteers are needed. Onboarding includes a background check, drivers background check, 2 letters of reference and an intake meeting with a staff person.

City of Issaquah Human Services, Hannah Roberts

- During the severe weather activation period, provided additional motel rooms for unhoused individuals
- [Virtual Resource Center](#) - a free way for people to access resources and meet with regional providers online to assist with services and benefits.
- Discussion of the City's Strategic Plan for Human Services. Connect with Hannah to provide feedback on Plan
- Slides/presentation included on INN website with minutes.

Olive Crest Host Home Program, Todd Hobart

- Providing temporary, voluntary host homes for families in crisis, without entering the foster care system.
- Office located in Bellevue, but working across King County and other parts of WA and CA

Kinderling Families in Transition & Community Engagement, Jill Clacy

- Kinderling provides early child development services and assessment, as well as supporting families who are experiencing housing issues and challenges
- Jill is looking to connect with Issaquah area organizations to provide support to families

Kinderling Public Affairs, Kristina Brown

- Kinderling offers more than 20 different programs for early child development and services
- Also engages in advocacy, system changes, currently a Bill focused on infants and toddlers
- One program is child care evaluations for young children experiencing challenging behavior or developmental concerns. Kinderling staff visits the childcare and provides evaluations

Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, Tim Marshall

- The Coalition does extensive advocacy work on issues related to homelessness, and invites others to join
- Coalition also provides trainings and professional development opportunities to organizations around public benefits and more. Upcoming training in Jan 25

- Upcoming Membership meeting this week, learn about State level work, housing justice and more.
- Sign up for their newsletters to learn more

Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition, Elizabeth Maupin

- Volunteering with the KCRHA Point in Time count in the Issaquah Hub, and will be interviewing 5 separate households who are experiencing homelessness

Communities in Schools, Sabrina Hull

- 2nd staff person started in January, and will be in the school next week
- CIS breaks down barriers related to academic concerns, behavior, social-emotional well being, and more by working with community partners
- In March, hygiene supplies drive – flyers to share

Mirrormont Pea Patch, Linda Shepard

- Pea Patch provides donations to the food bank

Friends of Youth, Nathan Wood

- Welcome Nathan to FOY and INN!

City of Issaquah, Equity Board, Ray Manahan

- One goal for 2024 is to connect with local businesses as part of community assessment

Issaquah School District Family Partnership, Lorna Gilmour

- Lorna and 3 additional staff work to support families new to the American school system, and how to navigate. Supports for accessing resources, working with teachers, and resolving conflicts
- Recent event on how to college applications and forms

Hopelink Eastside Mobility Coordinator

- This is a great time to connect for events and programs
- Monthly meetings are open to anyone interested in learning more
- Interested in hearing how the new Metro Flex program is working in Issaquah

Issaquah Community Services, Cris Wilkinson

- Providing support for rent and utility expenses in the Issaquah School District
- Hosts monthly trainings for volunteers on local resources – please reach out if you would like to present at one of their meetings

Issaquah Schools Foundation, Lisa Haynes

- Latest Cultural Bridges issue is now available in multiple languages

Next meeting: Feb 20, 2024 with Guest Speaker Jill Clacy, Kinderling Families in Transition