



Online Meeting Minutes: July 20, 2021

Guest Speaker: Don Summers (of Altruist), Eastside Community Development Fund

ECDF has a goal to end homelessness on the Eastside by fully aligning the resources and talents of service providers, government, business and philanthropy. To achieve this goal, the vision is a multi-step process that starts with accurate and complete data on all those experiencing homelessness (or are at risk for) on the Eastside. With this data, which drills down to the individual level, resources required are identified for each person, and with a coordinated collaboration across all agencies and organizations, needs that can be met/addressed within current community capacity are aligned across organizations. For those gaps in required resources, ECDF can lead efforts to mobilize the business and philanthropic sectors of the Eastside to raise necessary funding. By using specific and real-time data, accurate and meaningful opportunities are identified allowing for the creation of additional required resources. The resources range from direct homelessness prevention (ie: provide shelter, rent assistance) to the underlying causes of homelessness (ie: medical and/or mental health conditions). All of these efforts are a collaboration with King County Regional Homelessness Authority which is currently in the process of developing a subregional plan and assessment, and developing staffing and organizational plans to begin this process. ECDF offers technology support, advocacy, as well as fundraising capabilities. The goal is to work in collaboration with all Eastside providers. More information will be available soon.

Don shared *Challenge Seattle* which has a similar approach.

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More information about ECDF <https://www.eastsidecdf.org/>

Chris Lovings also shared Third Door Coalition in conjunction with the Homeless Rights Advocacy Project put together report about PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3419187

One area Don would appreciate input is with identifying all current organizations and agencies that work in an area of homelessness prevention (shelter, mental health, employment, food, medical, etc) on the Eastside. A separate email will be sent to INN distribution for input.

City of Issaquah, Human Services, Monica Negrila

- Eastside Human Services Forum is currently doing a survey for a needs assessment which will be used to inform their plans for 2022 state legislative agenda. Please help share the survey out to the community.
- City of Issaquah Human Services is working on 2-5 year strategic plan, and will be conducting interviews with community service providers.
- City Council approved at the July 13 meeting forming an Equity Board to work in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, and help develop policies. Will be discussed at the Aug 2 City Council meeting

Issaquah Community Services, Lori Birrell

- June had fewer assistance requests
- Currently assisting clients who are significantly behind in rent with the King County Eviction Prevention program, assisting with application process and program details
- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Currently seeking volunteers to work with clients. Office is open M – F, 9am – 11am. Please visit website for more information

Faith Church, Jan Bennett

- Habitat for Humanity Garage Sale will not be happening again this year. Jan Bennett is currently working with folks from Habitat on how to best support their organization. Last year, Faith did a direct appeal to their congregation and Garage Sale participants. For those with furniture to donate, please contact Habitat Store.
- Faith Mission Committee worked this past year on donating thousands of dollars to area organizations.
- Tent City 4 is currently in Bellevue, and are doing well. They may be able extend their stay at the Temple.
- Habitat has a build planned for Sept in North Bend of 7 houses and will need volunteers.

The Garage, a Teen Café, KayLee Jaech

- Currently hiring a program coordinator ramping up for expected higher number of students visiting the Garage with the start of school
- Working on expanding the Garage to “Pop Up” locations in Sammamish and the south end to be inclusive of the whole Issaquah School District. Currently in contact with Sammamish folks.
- KayLee is member of a grassroots community Youth Health Project aimed at addressing the lack of shelter options for youth in our area. The Garage staff have been working with students experiencing homelessness each year they have been open. First aim is case management.

Lifelong East King County System Navigation Hub, Crystal Koch & Ashely Nguyen

- Welcome to INN! Helping low-income seniors, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers access reliable care and support services

Friends of Youth Client Services, Laura Kissler

- Currently no wait list for clients seeking mental health or substance use services
- Aug 14 Alcohol and Drug education class (details on INN website)
- Parenting group for families with children using substances (details on INN website)
- Parenting group for LGBTQ+ families (details on INN website)

KCLS Homeless Outreach, Susy Gonzalez Pueschner

- All KCLS branches are now open, so available for computers, WiFi, printing, resource services, etc
- Program grant has been re-issued, continuing the funding for Homelessness Outreach services like Hot Spots
- Currently providing totes with books and magazines to 44 locations
- Will soon share news on a new community organization partnership

Friends of Youth Healthy Start, Nayeli Cervantes

- Our caseload is currently very close to full. Families are still in the process of enrollment and any new referrals can have an estimated wait time of 2 weeks to get connected to a home visitor. Home visitors will be reaching out when available and we will be starting a wait list to keep track of referrals that still need to be connected to.
- We are taking a slow transition to masked, social distanced home visits. It is best that these home visits occur outside. These visits are occurring once a month for families as we ease into being in person. Families are still able to receive home visits virtually if that is their preference.
- It is bittersweet to share that I am leaving my position at Friends of Youth, as I will be moving to the Windy City. My last day is today, Friday July 23rd. I am grateful to have connected with you all and appreciate all the support with guidance to resources for all our families. Nicole Hryckiewicz is joining Friends of Youth as the new Family Support Coordinator/Specialist. Please join me in welcoming Nicole! nicole@friendsofyouth.org

Eastside Legal Assistance Program

- Upcoming free Wills Clinic is full, however callers can be added to wait list. Plan to hold these clinics every other month, so overflow callers/appts can be added to Sept clinic

- Clinics will continue with current income qualifications Gross monthly income that is 400% or below the federal poverty guideline (for a household of 3, someone who makes less than \$7,200/month) and living in King County

Issaquah School District Student Interventions, Stacey Zachau

- Dallas Wood with YMCA of Greater Seattle is looking for partnerships in the area to offer programs for youth and food supports. They currently are doing some stuff with Imagine Housing properties so if you are interested in partnering reach out to Dallas! dwood@SEATTLEYMCA.ORG
- District is preparing for the start of school, no new information right now