



Online Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2023

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Norton-Bredl & Erin Longchari, Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

- Erin and Stephanie shared a slide presentation that is available on the INN website with the minutes
- IFCB is continuing to see an increase in number of clients, in all their programs. Food programs including Power Packs and Lunch For The Break continue to serve more and more children in the community, and the bi-weekly shopping hours are also serving more community members of all ages. 35% increase in number of people, with number of children even higher
- Case management services are currently being delivered through 4 dedicated volunteers who are at the food bank daily, 12pm – 4pm
- Services for unhoused community members also increasing significantly, up 11% from last year
- Through partnership with KidVantage, able to provide children and infants with clothing, as well as diapers, formula and much more
- Facility expansion plans are under development, with focus on the current site. Vision for a 2-story building which will include community service programs as well as all of the food programs
- Currently serving an estimate of 45% of those in the community who are facing food insecurity.

Guest Speaker: Tsega Amare YMCA Host Home Program, Y Social Impact Center

- Tesga shared a slide presentation that is available on the INN website with the minutes
- Providing host home options through 2 models: traditional and kinship
- Traditional model serves individuals aged 18-24 years, and kinship model serves ages 12-24 years
- Major benefit to host homes is keeping the individuals in their communities
- Must meet HUD definition of homelessness #1, #2, and #4: homeless, at risk, and impacted by domestic violence.
- Both models have \$300 financial stipend to offset some of the living expenses

Issaquah Community Services, Carol Schneider

- Continue to see increase in need with the number of applications
- May have to limit the maximum offered, will be decided in July
- Last 6 months have been overwhelming

City of Issaquah Human Services, Hannah Roberts

- 2 events in June: Juneteenth Celebration at the Community Center with over 100 people attending, and June 22 will be Pride Panel Discussion Online
- Hiring 3 new Behavioral Health positions in early July

Hopelink Financial Capabilities Programs, Donna O'Conner & Lorena Reyes

- Programs offer capabilities and coaching, as well as education
- Also seeing increase in need.
- All conversations are confidential

- Assisting community members with navigating different options as facing financial hardships
- Every Tuesday Drop In over Zoom, financial information Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00pm
- In the Fall, will be offering Education Program for immigrants, in multiple languages

Safe Parking LWUMC Safe Parking, Karina O'Malley

- Can provide information on Safe Parking programs in Redmond, Bellevue, and Kirkland

Mary's Hands, Tiffany Porter

- Increased need in the community

Issaquah School District Family Partnerships, Lorna Gilmour

- Program provides connection with families for various kinds of supports. Often referred from school counselors
- Staff will be returning to the office in August