



# Online Meeting Minutes: May 17, 2022

**Guest Speaker: Eastside Friends of Seniors, Linda Woodall Executive Director [lindaw@eastsidefriendsofseniors.org](mailto:lindaw@eastsidefriendsofseniors.org)**

- Initially began as part of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation “Faith in Action” program in 1997, becoming its own 501(3)c in 2008, and name updated to EFS in 2011.
- Mission: Provide volunteer-based services to older adults facing the challenges of aging, and aging “in place” (home)
- All services are free to the seniors
- volunteers help with transportation, housekeeping, handyman and yard chores, friendly visiting, and referrals, matching volunteers 1:1 with clients for personal connections
- Clients are: Age 60+ with average age of 85, Reside in the greater Issaquah or Sammamish area, and have a need we can meet
- Who we serve: Roughly 2/3 of our clients come from Issaquah and roughly 1/3 of our clients come from Sammamish. Roughly 1/3 of our volunteers are from Issaquah and roughly 2/3 of our volunteers are from Sammamish
- Typical amount spent for our level/kinds of services equates to over \$10,000 per year that we provide for free
- Making volunteer connection: EFS meets all clients and gets to know them, and also trains and screens all volunteers and gets to know them. Volunteer screening includes background checks (criminal, sex offender and driving record).
- Transportation service includes door-to-door for medical appts including vaccinations. During the pandemic we added shopping for clients so volunteers may also help navigating the store, putting things away, as needed.
- Transportation is biggest need, especially with limited public transportation options in our area, as well as barrier for those with walkers or wheelchairs, and trying to manage any shopping.
- Piloting a transportation program to bring clients to the Senior Center 1-2 days/week.
- Home services include help with lite house-keeping, handyman tasks, and yard work. Youth volunteers may be able to assist with these kinds of services
- Social Connections, combatting loneliness and isolation, In March of 2020 we added a telephone “Buddy” program
- Covid safety measures also include Porch Delivery for shopping, safety protocols for volunteers, and to date have experiences ZERO clients with Covid.
- Monetary donations and fundraising events comprise over 50% of revenue for EFS. Other revenue includes grants from governments, foundations and faith-based organizations
- Upcoming fundraiser: Suds For Seniors on Monday, June 20, starting at 4pm. Food and beer tasting, tickets on sale now for \$25.

**Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, Erin Longchari, Interim Operations Director**

- Staff changes with Rebecca Rice moving to EF&R to be full time with their Mobile Integrated Health program, and Caelann Woods moving to City of Issaquah Behavioral Health Specialist in the Homeless Outreach Program.
- IFCB currently hiring for Resource Navigator, Operations Coordinator, and Development & Communications Coordinator
- Contact Erin for Case Management needs and wrap around services. [erin@issaquahfoodbank.org](mailto:erin@issaquahfoodbank.org)

### **Issaquah Community Services, Carol Schneider**

- New Board member and looking to connect and understand the resources in the community

### **Puget Sound Energy, Liv Johannesson**

- Outreach Manager, with PSE for 5 months now
- Hoping to connect with local community resources and members to share the various PSE financial assistance programs
- Any questions or needs, please contact Liv at [liv.terueljohannesson@pse.com](mailto:liv.terueljohannesson@pse.com)

### **Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition, Elizabeth Maupin**

- Spirit of the Waters Totem Pole Journey has a stop at the LongHouse on UW campus in Seattle on May 19 and St. Leo's Tacoma on May 20. More info at <https://www.spiritofthewaters.org/?fbclid=IwAR2762LujuxrQPIMfCjVxYE03qy2e3PKSLhWrS2pOGKohiRUaSVeFsnNmQQ>
- I am leaving the area for a time and Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition is transitioning with new leadership. Contact Betsy Denious at [edenious@gmail.com](mailto:edenious@gmail.com) or 301-525-6596 if you would like to join this new movement
- A lady who has multiple disabilities, some invisible, is too young for Eastside Seniors help, and is in need of two volunteers for a couple of hours to help prepare, this week or next, for her apartment for inspection. If you can help her call Diane at 425 391 2365. She cannot call out, but can receive calls.
- [Eli410maupin@gmail.com](mailto:Eli410maupin@gmail.com) Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition

### **Safe Place & Friends of Youth, Bryan Thompson**

- Hiring Residential Youth Counselors for shelters
- -800-422-8336 (Safe Place hotline) [bryan@friendsofyouth.org](mailto:bryan@friendsofyouth.org) 425-233-7892

### **Friends of Youth, Laura Kissler, Client Services**

- This Saturday, Alcohol and Drug Education class for youth ages 13-18, \$75 fee
- Friends of Youth Issaquah office has an inventory of Naloxone, overdose reversal medication, available for free to anyone
- <https://www.lacedandlethal.com/> Video with information on how to use Naloxone
- Friends of Youth - 425-392-6367 ext 2 - [clientservices@friendsofyouth.org](mailto:clientservices@friendsofyouth.org)

### **HopeLink Family Development, Fabiola Bogarin and Denata Brenner**

- Currently no waiting list for Family Development Program. Clients are families with at least one child under the age of 18 and needing assistance with housing, education, and other challenges
- Hopelink is now open to the public
- Clients who have Medicaid may be eligible to be reimbursed for gas expenses for getting to medical appointments
- Employment Program currently has waitlist, however please contact for assistance with resumes, cover letters and other employment related items
- Currently assisting a family of 7 in Issaquah seeking a 3BR rental. If you know of any space, please contact Fabiola or Denata
- Donata Brenner, Case Manager, Hopelink (425)985-6287 [dbrenner@hopelink.org](mailto:dbrenner@hopelink.org)
- Fabiola Bogarin, Case Manager-[FBogarin@hopelink.org](mailto:FBogarin@hopelink.org)
- <https://www.hopelink.org/need-help/food> - Hopelink Food Market

- Family Development Program- <https://www.hopelink.org/need-help/family-development>
- <https://www.hopelink.org/need-help/transportation> Hopelink Transportation

**City of Issaquah, Hannah Roberts Human Services Coordinator** [hannahr@issaquahwa.gov](mailto:hannahr@issaquahwa.gov)

- Homeless Outreach Program, excited to have 2<sup>nd</sup> staff person with hire of Caelann Wood.
- With 2 staff persons now, will be able to operate the program 7 days/week starting in mid June.
- Tracking data of the program on website <https://www.issaquahwa.gov/3281/Homeless-Outreach-Program>
- Program has now successfully placed 12 people in permanent housing, and will continue to support with case management
- Rental Assistance: contract with Hopelink still open. Qualifications include at or below 80% of EMI, behind on rent 1+ months due to Covid related issues
- June Community Events will include Pride with training or education program, and a Juneteenth In-Person event on June 20<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

**YMCA Seattle, Hunger Initiative Nicole Lowe**

- Family Summer Lunch programs operating in July and August, and families with child/ren under age 18 can use this website to find local offerings <https://www.uwkc.org/free-summer-meals/>

**Eastside Baby Corner, Carolina Liendo**

- Diaper Derby is under way! Donate diapers through local businesses and organizations
- Facing hurdles providing baby formula to families
- Senior Manager of Programs [carolinal@babycorner.org](mailto:carolinal@babycorner.org)

**Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, Lisa Haynes, Volunteer Coordinator**

- Summer Lunch program starting June 17, will be shopping inside every other week
- Power Packs Program will continue through the summer

**Issaquah School District Family Partnership, Lorna Gilmour**

- Today (May 17) IEP information event with families
- ISD working to assist all the families arriving from Ukraine and other counties, connections to community resources as well as registering children with the District
- Lorna will create flyers in multiple languages that organizations can post for families
- ISD hosting Job Fair in June where folks can speak to current employees to learn more about specific jobs, and also receive assistance with online application, if needed
- Lorna Gilmour Issaquah School District Family Partnership [gilmourl@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:gilmourl@issaquah.wednet.edu)

**Essentials First, Nicky Sheriff**

- MCRC & Essentials First [nicky@mrcrseattle.org](mailto:nicky@mrcrseattle.org) [nicky@essentialsfirst.org](mailto:nicky@essentialsfirst.org) 425-777-5074
- Essentials First has scheduled a Kit Packing event for this Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 1-3pm. If anyone interested:-  
Here is the signup genius link:  
(signupgenius.com)<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da8ae22a6fec61-essentials1>

**INN, Kim Weiss**

- The 2022 Hope Festival will take place on Saturday, July 9th, at Seattle Center's Exhibition Hall from 3-7pm  
Mackenzie Hunkins [mackenziehopefest@gmail.com](mailto:mackenziehopefest@gmail.com) Contact Mackenzie for HopeFest tickets

**Next INN Meeting: Tues., June 21, 2022. Guest Speaker Arlene Hampton from Mary's Place**