



Online Meeting Minutes: Nov 16, 2021

Guest Speaker: Sully Moreno, Community Engagement Manager for HealthierHere and [Connect2 Community Network](#) smoreno@healthierhere.org

- HealthierHere is a local nonprofit started from work in 2017 identifying gaps and barriers to care in our communities with the goal of bridging silos and adding technology resources for improved communication, referrals and access. Overall goal is improved and equitable outcomes for all community members
- Funded through Accountable Community of Health for King County
- Barriers to care identified as fractured and silos of care systems with little or no resources connecting services. Connect2 Community Network is addressing the gaps in this approach by building a central access point to multiple resources that support a whole-person approach of care.
- The focus is on building collaborative community relationships across service providers through technology and unified supports.
- Whole-person care and equity are at the core of HealthierHere system of Community Information Exchange. Community designed, and community-led governance structure.
- Currently using United Us platform to create network of resource providers where providers can refer community members to a wide array of providers, such as food, housing, mental and behavioral health, employment and more
- Currently 116 providers in the network, mostly Seattle based. Plans to do outreach to all of King County to broaden the geographic representation within the network
- First phase of functionality is the Bi-Directional Referrals within the Exchange/United Us.
- Protecting and maintaining privacy are a priority, and community organizations within workgroups and the Advisory Governance Group develop policies and methods
- Governance Advisory Board is a 27-seat multi-stakeholder Board
- Organizations can get involved by signing up for email list, find and connect with partner organization workgroups, join United Us to send and receive bi-directional closed loop referrals, invite HealthierHere to your organization meetings.
- See INN website for slide deck and a 1-page information flyer

Issaquah & Sammamish Interfaith Coalition, Elizabeth Maupin

- The next Eastside Social Concerns meeting will feature Faith Action Network. Dec 14th, at noon over Zoom. Contact Elizabeth for more information and link
- Low income housing tenants are being asked to re-certify for housing assistance even though just done in May. Elizabeth seeking volunteers to provide moral support and witness the completion of the process

Eastside Legal Assistance Program, Danielle Caldwell

- Looking for connections in Sammamish
- Contact Danielle for any clinics or provide webinars for your organizations or communities

City of Issaquah, Hannah Roberts

- Exploring “warming centers” for winter months at senior center where folks can be inside during the day and evening hours. Will not be an overnight shelter. Details being finalized, and news blast coming soon.
- Continue to provide motel vouchers for winter shelter option
- Contract with Hopelink for rental assistance is complete, and will soon have details to share. City also contacting local landlords to make them aware of this resource

Faith Church, Jan Bennett

- Tent City 4 back at High Point for winter, check website for how to provide assistance

Issaquah School District, Student Interventions, Jordan Frost

- Welcome Jordan to this new role! Providing support to students and families within McKinney Vento and foster care. Also Truancy officer, and bullying prevention. Supporting families in need or crises.

Jerry Blackburn, Community Educator

- Upcoming presentation through LWSD and LWSD PTSA on whole child health and wellness. Nov 22 at 7pm

Lifelong Navigator Program, Crystal Koch

- Now accepting referrals from community
- Providing assistance to individuals with disabilities and their caregivers, as well as seniors
- Flyer coming with more details

Issaquah Community Services, Lori Birrell

- Annual fundraiser starting at Thanksgiving and running through end of December. Newsletter coming out right before Thanksgiving
- Financially still doing okay
- Identified 60 families that are waiting for state aid, a slow process getting funding to families

Issaquah Schools Foundation

- Seeking volunteers for vaccine clinic, primarily on Saturday. Link in chat.

Influence The Choice

- Upcoming event in December on Positive Community Norms, open to community members. Email will have details shared at meeting.