



Online Meeting Minutes: Oct 19, 2021

Guest Speaker: Alexis Mercedes Rinck, King County Regional Housing Authority alexis.rinck@kcrha.org

- Coordinating all work on homelessness under one authority, combining Seattle and King County for efficiency and effectiveness. Replacing entities like All Home and Point In Time Count
- Governance is 12 members from King County Executive & 2 KC Councilmembers, Seattle Mayor & 2 Seattle Councilmembers, 3 Sound Cities Assoc members, and 3 with lived experiences
- Also Implementation Board and an Advisory Committee
- Initially established in 2019, but timeline shifted to address pandemic and dedicate resources to those efforts
- CEO brought on board in 2021, and Alexis hired June 2021
- Contracts with service providers, including over 200 contracts and \$140M for 2022. RFP and full-system re-bid for 2023, with potential for significant changes
- Catalytic Portfolio – augmenting the current funding through philanthropic partners which will focus on peer navigation & outreach, a by-name list of individuals impacted by homelessness with high quality data on their individual circumstances, and bridge housing
- Subregional Plans focus on landscape of services, funding, lived experience response system by sub-region, identify gaps and needs, actions steps and develop timeline. Community conversation that are ongoing to collaborate on tailored plans
- Currently Seattle is the only City providing funding to KCRHA
- Issaquah is recognized to be part of 2 sub-regions; east King County & Snoqualmie Valley based on individual circumstances
- Exploring single home use to create specialized housing (families, single adults, etc)
- Currently HMIS identifies approximately 40,000 individuals
- Will provide training to agencies as All Home had done
- The motel purchase program is currently being run solely by King County, with KCRHA following closely
- Reasons for barriers to shelter not currently tracked, plans to capture in new system
- Slide presentation available on INN website after meeting

ELAP, Danielle Caldwell, Community Outreach

- Recently joined the Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) as the Community Engagement Manager. ELAP provides pro bono and low bono legal assistance to community members in east/south east King County. My goal is to collaborate with service providers like you to share resources, coordinate services and educate people about their legal rights. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to connect: danielle@elap.org | 425.465.4685

Issaquah Community Services, Pat Randall

- Soon to kick off end of year fundraising campaign Neighbors Helping Neighbors.
- Concern for Nov 1 when moratorium bridge ends

City of Issaquah, Hannah Roberts

- Council recently approved \$500k in rental assistance, 50-80% of AMI eligibility. Hopelink will be the contracted provider, with intention of available by Nov 1.
- All are invited to attend the City Needs Assessment workshop on Oct 22, provide input to 5 year plan, what are focus areas, goals and plans. Another meeting on Oct 26 for nonprofits
- If you are available and interested to join our Community Partner Human Services Strategic Plan Workshop on Tuesday 10/26 2-4pm please email me directly for the invite. Hannah Roberts hannahr@issaquahwa.gov

- Issaquah's Homeless Outreach program contact information: 425-414-4059 or email HomelessOutreach@issaquahwa.gov. Here is the link to our website for more information about our Behavioral Health and Homeless Outreach Program: <https://www.issaquahwa.gov/3281/Behavioral-Health-and-Homeless-Outreach>- This program will get them connected to our Behavioral Health Coordinator for long term case management supports

Marilyn Littlejohn, Mediation Services for Landlords, Tenants and Small Businesses impacted by COVID -19 Pandemic, Dispute Resolution Center of King County, marilyn@kcdrc.org

- Please contact Marilyn for anyone who is seeking mediation assistance, open to all, free for low income.
- Also small business assistance

Issaquah School District, Lorna Gilmour, Family Partnership

- ISD Vaccine Clinic in partnership with Costco that the district is working on. While we don't have a definite date set since we are still waiting for CDC approval for the Pfizer vaccine for children 5-11 years of age, as soon as we get approval, the district and Costco will be holding a vaccine clinic for children ages 5-11 years of age (no 12+ doses on site). The ISD Equity and Family Partnership Team are reaching out to families who are interested but don't have access to make the appointment due to language, technology barrier to use the registration link or transportation to help them schedule an appointment and possibly help with transportation
- The ISD has many career opportunities. We have heard from community members that they are interested in positions but need help understanding the career opportunities and the system to apply for a job. We are providing a workshop to support our community in the application process.

Workshop on ISD Classified Employment Application Process: Oct. 27th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Issaquah School District Administration Building, 5150 220th Ave SE, Issaquah, WA 98029

Are you interested in a job in the ISD? Are you unsure about the process or where to start?

ISD Human Resources staff and Equity and Family Partnership staff are providing this workshop to help answer questions and walk you through the job application process for classified positions in the ISD.

Laptops will be available so participants can begin the application process or review the ISD website to learn more about [career opportunities in the ISD](#).

Social distancing will be observed. Masks that cover the nose and mouth must be worn at all times during the workshop presentation. ISD Covid protocols will be followed.

[Please register for event.](#)

- Parent Teacher Conference Workshop to help parents prepare for the conferences (especially designed for families new to the US school system learn how conferences work). On Nov. 3rd at 6:30 via Zoom the ISD Family Partnership Team will provide a workshop to help families prepare for Elementary School Parent Teacher Conferences that will be held on December 1 and 2. Conferences are a valuable opportunity for families to discuss your child's progress at school, ask questions, and find solutions to academic or behavioral concerns. All parents are encouraged to sign up for a conference and meet with their child's teacher during this one-to-one conference. Conferences are one-on-one meetings between the teacher and family. They are private and confidential.
On Nov. 3rd, the Issaquah School District Family Partnership team will provide parents with possible questions and topics to discuss with the teacher at the December conferences. Additionally, we will demonstrate how to sign up for the conferences on Family Access. All elementary school families are invited to attend. Mandarin and Spanish presentations will be held in separate Zoom sessions on the same day and time. Please use the registration link if you need an interpreter in another language. [Click here to register for this Zoom event](#). The Zoom link will be sent out on Nov. 2nd

Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition, Elizabeth Maupin

- Encourage all those interested in housing advocacy to follow Bellevue land zoning considerations. Especially for those who work with faith based organizations that provide support to those experiencing homelessness. Contact Elizabeth for more information

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, Outreach, Caelann Wood

- Served more households last week than from start of pandemic, over 400 households. People are also coming from outside service for help, and so far, IFCB has been able to provide some resources.
- Clothing bank plans still being developed, need a permanent space. The next shopping event will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Front St, Issaquah in January. Dates for donations TBD
- Caelann@issaquahfoodbank.org or my phone number is 425-298-3157 for anyone interested in services.

SAFE Place, Bryan Thompson,

- Things going well

Veterans, David Waggoner

- Eastside Service Center for veterans in Issaquah opening soon where veterans can file claims in VA. Operational in early November goal
- Veterans Day Services in Issaquah will be a veterans-only ceremony this year

Friends of Youth, Laura Kissler

- Parent support group relating to substance use
- Parent support group relating to LGBTQ+
- Saturday, 9-12pm will be an Alcohol Education class
- Laura Kissler - 425-392-6367 Ext 2 - clientservices@friendsofyouth.org

The Garage, Christine Knight christine@issaquahteencafe.org

- New to Garage, about 2 weeks.
- Case Manager serving youth across spectrum of needs, connecting to resources. In a few months, plan to be able to take referrals

Lifelong Navigation Hub, Crystal Koch & Ashley Nguyen

- In November will start to accept referrals from public
- In 2022, nurse program will offer workshops
- crystalk@lifelong.org
- Ashley Nguyen, Program Coordinator for the System Navigation Hub at Lifelong serving East King County. ashleyn@lifelong.org

OSLC, Connie Fletcher

- Developing plans for monthly clothing donations to support IFCB clothing events

Office of Congresswoman Schrier, Jemma Sager

- Assistance on rental payments
- Jemma Sager, Outreach Rep for Congresswoman Schrier. Jemma.Sager@mail.house.gov

Faith Church, Jan Bennett

- Since the annual Garage Sale in support of Habitat for Humanity was not able to be held again this year, please consider a donation in care of Faith Church
- Habitat will be opening homes in North Bend soon, and will be seeking volunteers