



# Online Meeting Minutes: Sept 21, 2021

## **Guest Speaker: LonZell Hill, Congregations For The Homeless, [LonZellH@cfhomeless.org](mailto:LonZellH@cfhomeless.org)**

- Capital Campaign in underway. The new building/shelter is expected to be open in less than 2 years, and serve up to 150 individuals.
- Last week was Annual Luncheon, and was a success
- LonZell has been with CFH for 5 months now, after many years working in the nonprofit/service sector with organizations like Big Brother & Big Sisters of America.
- CFH has been building on their relationship with Bellevue Police Dept, assisting with interactions and encounters with those experiencing homelessness
- Rotating shelter provided through collaboration with 12 area churches, rotating clients once per month. These shelters are open 7pm – 7am, so working with clients for daytime hours.
- Piloting a King County program for seasonal jobs/employment for men at the emergency shelter, successful start to program with jobs at Bellevue Parks Dept. 34 men interviewed and 6 or 7 hired, and all report going well.
- CFH serves all those who identify as men, age 18+
- Seeing trend in men who are homeless for the first time, impact of evictions proceeding. CFH has Outreach with hotel vouchers, group homes, and capacity of 100 at emergency shelter, though it is always filled.
- Shelters are open and meeting the Covid safety guidelines. CFH has been able to rearrange and adapt to continue to provide shelter
- CFH accepts referrals for shelter and programs
- Mentor program is currently not operating, but LonZell will follow up on when that will be available again
- Recent flooding situation, the community response was amazing!
- CFH has computers for clients to access services, and other needs
- CFH case workers stay with an individual through the process of shelter – group home – independent housing.
- CFH allows pets!
- Community Support is needed for meals! Signup on website, with suggestions on how to most easily create meals for 100+ men
- Community Support for more Group Homes – these homes are long-term leases or purchased by CFH. The clients take care of the properties. Always looking for donors who are interested in providing a home to be leased/purchased for a Group Home
- While on any campus, clients are not allowed to use any substances. CFH does have on-site mental health staff to assist clients with this struggle, and can also refer and access additional mental health support to address deeper/underlying issues.

## **Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, Outreach, Caelann Wood [caelann@issaquahfoodbank.org](mailto:caelann@issaquahfoodbank.org)**

- Connecting with those experiencing homelessness with a holistic approach, meeting people “where they’re at” for needs and services
- Services are provided at the individual level
- Connecting with various government resources, doing a deep dive in to what the individual is eligible for.
- Work with clients on their individual long term goals
- Assist with getting ID cards (drivers license, security, EBT) in order to access resources
- Collaborating with King County Regional Housing Authority. Clients have a 45 min assessment interview, but may not hear back on available resources for 2-3 months
- Referrals to Caelann by text, phone or email 425-298-3157
- Can access a program for a free phone 1 year for qualified clients
- When doing outreach in the community, works with City staff.

### **Jerry Blackburn, M.Ed., SUDP Educational Consultant**

- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 AT 7 PM PDT, Understanding the Opioid Crisis. What Kids & Parents Should Know., Online Event. by Trail Youth Coffee Home. Join me for a workshop regarding the opioid crisis.
- [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-opioid-crisis-what-kids-parents-should-know-tickets-168995717741?fbclid=IwAR1L5awp7VM\\_8BFNMC7p1rYObjwojPf3Z9aMfqHsNmTecLQzopHs0tFiE](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-opioid-crisis-what-kids-parents-should-know-tickets-168995717741?fbclid=IwAR1L5awp7VM_8BFNMC7p1rYObjwojPf3Z9aMfqHsNmTecLQzopHs0tFiE)
- If you, your organization, or anyone is in need of Naloxone please reach out. Also, if your org. would benefit from having an overdose prevention kit let me know. jerryblackburn@outlook.com

### **Issaquah Kiwanis, Connie Fletcher**

- Send your questions for school board, Issaquah City Council and King County Council to:  
[Fletch501c@comcast.net](mailto:Fletch501c@comcast.net)

### **Safe Place, Bryan Thompson**

- Safe Place is open and operating
- Friends of Youth *The Landing* shelter will re-open soon

### **Issaquah Schools Foundation, Carolyn Kennedy**

- Healthy Youth Survey will be happening this year through Issaquah School District, with summary of results in the Spring.

### **Faith Church, Jan Bennett**

- Tent City 4 remains in Bellevue and doing well

### **Hopelink Family Development, Fabiola Bogarin**

- <https://www.hopelink.org/need-help/family-development>
- Fabiola Bogarin- FBogarin@hopelink.org Ph 425- 445-9973 Family Development Case Manager.
- Currently taking referrals

### **Eastside Friends of Seniors, Linda Woodall**

- Currently service levels have returned to pre-Covid levels
- Planning for an in-person event on Nov 4, with a virtual Plan B if needed. Details coming soon

### **YWCA Passage Point, Jaliyah Lunde**

- No updates today

### **Catholic Community Services, Griffin Cole**

- Community Meals currently has 1 monthly spot open, and 3 part time spots open. Groups can sign up to serve or prepare & drop off meals, whatever fits their situation

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

- With eviction moratorium coming to an end, Housing Justice Project is seeking volunteers to attend court sessions as a viewer to help ensure more equitable outcomes. For eviction court watcher program contact [tramt@kcba.org](mailto:tramt@kcba.org).
- Elizabeth prepares a newsletter on issues relating to housing / homelessness / immigrants. Please contact her if you would like to be on her mailing list. eli410maupin@gmail.com - 425 677 8043.
- Currently exploring prayer groups for racial equity, please contact Elizabeth if interested

### **TRIO, David Hall**

- Connecting with Lifelong for connection with TRIO's recent expansion

### **Lifelong, Ashley Nguyen**

- East King County System Navigation Hub at Lifelong, works as a referral network for individuals 18+ with disabilities. Right now, we're taking referrals from partners we have signed MOUs with. Please feel free to contact Project Manager, Crystal Koch, if you would be interested in partnering! [crystalk@lifelong.org](mailto:crystalk@lifelong.org)

### **Housing Justice Project, Tram Tran-Larson**

- Governor Inslee is open to doing some type of extension for the Bridge Proclamation but nothing concrete yet, here is a link to send an email asking him to extend renter protections!  
<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/governor-inslee-must-extend-renter-protections-take-action-now/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=e69eae48-0927-4576-b875-87a6db9049bc>