

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition

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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

-  **March 24 - Housing First Task Force**, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, Bremerton Housing Authority Conference Room (Sinclair Room), 600 Park Avenue, Bremerton
-  **April 6 - Executive Committee** - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon
-  **April 12 - Homeless Housing Plan Action Team** - Norm Dicks Government Center, 350 - 6th Street, Bremerton , specific location tbd, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
-  **April 13 - Outside Homeless Committee** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ 350 - 6th Street, County Offices Conference Room, 4th Floor, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
-  **April 19 - Homes for All Who Served** - Norm Dicks Government Center, 350 - 6th Street, Specific Location tbd, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
-  **April 20 - Continuum of Care Coalition** - Agape, 4841 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



-  The application cycle calendar is now available for the [2017 Coordinated Grant Application](#) process for the following grants: Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Consortium Funds (HOME), Affordable Housing Grant Funds (AHGP), Homeless Housing Grant Funds (HHGP). [Coordinated Grant Application Process](#)
-  There is a [Shoe Drive](#) on April 8th giving away free shoes!! There will also be a free lunch and haircuts. It will be held at the Masonic Temple, 875 - 5th Street, Bremerton.
-  See the [Fact Sheet](#) about the emergency ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, [ordinance 531-2016](#), to allow for transitory accommodations.
-  The top three priorities for the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition this year are listed below. If anyone is interested in joining a committee to work on any one of these issues, let

Sarah VanCleve (svanclave@bremertonhousing.org) or Terry (tschroeder@kcr.org). These are the priorities that members felt were most important for the Kitsap CoCC to work on this year. The priority with a description is below:

- **Community Education** - How do we want to educate the public about homelessness and what are the methods we want to use to do so?
- **Legislative Advocacy** - What do we want to let the legislators know about homelessness; what are some of the important issues and how do we educate the legislators.
- **Address Reduction in Funding/Access More Funding** - What do the reductions mean for our programs. What are some additional funding sources that might be available to apply for to help fill the gaps?

- 📦 Washington Low Income Housing Alliance is excited to announce that [registration](#) for the [26th Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness](#) is now open. This year's conference will take place on May 11 and 12, 2016 at the Spokane Convention Center and will bring together over 600 people from across Washington who are working in their communities to end homelessness.
- 📦 The FREE Financial Education class schedule for April through June is now available. In April, the following classes will be offered: "Bringing Balance to Your Budget", "The Psychology of Spending", and "Credit Reports". All are offered at KCR, 845 - 8th Street, Bremerton, times and dates vary. See the [Class Schedule](#) for more information.
- 📦 KCR's [Energy Assistance](#) is now open for scheduling appointments online through our website at [KCR Energy Assistance](#) and by phone at (360) 479-1507.
- 📦 The Health Care Authority and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are currently negotiating the 1115 Medicaid Transformation Waiver. The waiver is anticipated to be approved and could go into effect as early as spring 2016. The Housing Alliance is hosting a [Supportive Housing Services Medicaid Training](#) on **Tuesday, May 10th at the Spokane Convention Center** in order to provide everyone who is interested in utilizing the supportive housing services benefit in the 1115 waiver with up to date information. The training will provide background information about the Medicaid program and 1115 waivers, information about what supportive housing services CMS will likely approve to be covered by the new benefit, which Medicaid beneficiaries will be eligible, and what steps your agency needs to take in order to utilize this exciting new opportunity. Information about the supported employment Medicaid benefit will also be covered. Visit the [event page](#) to learn more about the program, [registration](#), and [scholarships](#). This training will take place the day before our Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness.

- 📦 Save the Date for the Summer [Veteran's Stand Down](#) on July 16, 2016.
- 📦 Kitsap Mental Health Services is offering [Adult Mental Health First Aid](#) Training on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Kitsap Mental Health Services. To learn more about the 8-hour training and register via our secure online registration form, please visit the Mental Health First Aid Training page on our website:
http://www.kitsapmentalhealth.org/mental_health_first_aid_training.aspx
- 📦 Kitsap Mental Health Services is offering [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) on May 4, 2016. See flyer for more information and the Mental Health First Aid training page on the [KMHS website](#).
- 📦 Meals on Wheels Kitsap is currently accepting nominations for the 2016 Silver Plate Awards. The program recognizes seniors, aged 60 years and older, who make life better for others through their contributions at home, in the workplace, or out in the community. Awardees will be honored at the Silver Plate Awards Breakfast on May 25th at the Kitsap Conference Center. Submit nominations via the [Silver Plate](#) nomination form or on-line at <http://www.mealsonwheelskitsap.org/silver-plate-online-nomination-form.html>. The nomination **deadline is March 31, 2016**.
- 📦 One of the top four priorities resulting from KCHP relates behavioral health service access, and they have spent considerable energy during the community health assessment process discussing youth substance use. You have an opportunity to weigh in on the proposed [Vaping Ordinance](#) for our County. The Kitsap Public Health Board is seeking public comment on proposed rules that would prohibit vaping in public places and places of employment, prohibit access to or possession of vaping products by youth, restrict how retailers provide sampling, and require retailers to obtain permits to sell vapor products in Kitsap County.
- 📦 Bremerton Housing Authority is opening their Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher wait list from **March 14, 2016 to March 27, 2016**. See the flyer here: [BHA Waitlist](#)
- 📦 Save the Date ~ information about a "[Summer Opportunities & Mentor Fair](#)" on **April 13, 2016** at Bremerton High.
- 📦 Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth has released an [RFP](#) for projects that prevent and reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences through Building Resiliency.
- 📦 As Tax Season is here, post and share this flyer about the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#).
- 📦 There are three remaining [HUD webinars](#): *Housing + Employment Works: CoC and Workforce Partnerships to Serve WIOA Population Priorities (April)*, *3) Housing + Employment Works: Employment Assessment in Coordinated Entry Systems (June)*,

Housing + Employment Works: Systems Performance Measures around Employment and Income Maximization. (August).