

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition

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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

-  December 15 - **Homes for All Who Served** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ WSU Conference Room, 350 - 6th Street, 4th Floor, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
-  Date TBA - **Project Connect** - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon
-  January 6 - **Executive Committee** - Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon
-  January 13- **Outside Homeless Committee** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ 4th Floor Kitsap County CDBG/Housing Offices Conference Room, 350 - 6th Street, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
-  January 20 - **Continuum of Care Coalition** - Agape, 4841 Auto Center Way, Suite 101, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm




 **"Longest Night Vigil"** - Remembering Those Who Died While Living Unsheltered in Kitsap - **December 21, 2015 @ 5:00 pm** - Hosted by Kitsap Interfaith Network. As in years past, there will be a gathering in the memorial garden at First Christian Church of Bremerton (811 Veneta Ave, Bremerton, WA 98337) to pray, sing and remember the many homeless people who have died while living on the streets or in their cars. This event takes place each year on the Winter Solstice and outside to bring to light what it feels like to be outside in the cold. Donations of warm items are welcomed to share with those in need. More information about this event is available at: http://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/housing/housing_grant.htm or <http://www.bremertondisciples.org/events.html>

- 📦 The deadline for submitting reimbursement requests for **2015 Affordable Housing Grant contracts and 2015 Homeless Housing Grant contracts** is **Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 5:00pm**. We will **NOT** be able to process any reimbursement requests for 2015 after that date. No exceptions.
- 📦 Work Source is offering a Veterans Reverse Job Fair on January 28, 2016. Information is on the [Kitsap KCoCC](#) website, "Veterans Reverse Job Fair".
- 📦 Project Connect is coming up in January. We are looking for some specific donations. The flyers for the donations ~ **Cold Weather, Outdoor Gear, Pet Food, Kids Pack, Hygiene** ~ are on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Donation Drives"
- 📦 Does your agency have some homeless stories that demonstrate how state-funded homeless services and/or document recording fees have helped individuals and families access housing and a better quality of life or that show the need to increase funding for these services? Washington Low Income Housing Alliance would love to hear from you. They are looking for clients that would be interested in being interviewed and sharing their stories regarding the above issues. They want to get the contact information by early next week, so if you have someone that might be interested, let Alouise Urness, alouise@wliha.org know.
- 📦 Kirsten will be putting together a committee to work on an RFP for the Coordinated Entry in Kitsap County. If you are interested in participating on this committee for an RFP for a multi-year proposal for Coordinated Entry, please let Kirsten know ~ kjewell@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-7286. They will most likely meet from December, 2015 through March, 2016.
- 📦 The Job Training Center at Silverdale Goodwill is seeking applicants for the next Retail and Customer Service Job Training program, which will begin on January 4, 2016. Information about this FREE program can be found on the flyer on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "**Goodwill Retail Training ~ 2016**". Please share!! To apply for the program, people need to come to the Silverdale office Monday - Thursday, 10 am - 4 pm, and plan to spend about 90 minutes completing the application, taking the reading and math assessments, and meeting with a staff member. **Orientation and interviews for interested candidates will begin Friday, December 11th at 10:00 a.m.**, in our Silverdale Goodwill Job Training Center.
- 📦 Information about a Sober Night Out on December 31, 2015, sponsored by Bremerton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Coffee Oasis, and Sylvan Way Friends of the Library. The flyer is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Sober Night Out".
- 📦 Registration for Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day is now open!! Join WLIHA on Tuesday February 2, 2016 from 8 am to 4 pm, United Churches, 110 Eleventh Avenue SE, Olympia. Every year, the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance organizes one of the

largest Advocacy Days during the legislative session. This year, you have the opportunity to gather with hundreds of housing and homelessness advocates from across Washington State on this powerful day of action! Register [here](#).

- 📦 HUD has released a policy brief on Recovery Housing, which is a model that is intended for people whose preference is to live in a recovery-oriented environment. The policy brief is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Recovery Housing".
- 📦 The **Super Saturday event is confirmed for February 6, 2016** for free tax preparation by AARP and free credit reports/credit counseling. **Please don't pay to have your taxes prepared, come and join us for free tax preparation!** You can usually get your money back in 7-10 days if you have a direct deposit. An event flyer is on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Super Saturday"
- 📦 A Kitsap Sun editorial was written, supporting the work of the Homes for All Who Served Leadership Group in ending veteran homelessness. Read the editorial on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Sun Editorial Veterans".
- 📦 The Veteran Housing Options Group meets weekly at KCR as a point of service that all Kitsap County Veterans needing help with housing or homelessness should be referred. Providers to assist them will be available at one time. For the flyer to post/distribute, go to [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "VHOG Flyer".
- 📦 Olympic OESD is offering two sessions of "Mental Health in Elementary Schools: emphasis on Trauma Informed Care" in early February and mid March. The flyer can be found on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Mental Health in Elementary Schools"
- 📦 HUD has updated the definition of Chronic Homeless, which must be used in HUD's Continuum of Care Program, and in the Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs. On the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, you can find some information about the definition, taken from the HUD information, "Chronic Homeless Definition - HUD". For the Final Rule as written by HUD: [Chronic Homeless Definition](#)
- 📦 Open Enrollment for Health Care begins November 1 and ends January 31, 2016. See the flyer for information. Please share and post the flyer on the Kitsap CoCC website, "Health Care Insurance"
- 📦 Information about expanded opportunities for veterans interested in apprenticeships and education opportunities can be found on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Veteran OJT & Apprenticeship"
- 📦 Kitsap Community Foundation Grants Cycle Opens in January. For more information: [KCF Grants Cycle](#)

 The 16th Annual Celebration of Philanthropy is an evening hosted by the Kitsap Community Foundation to celebrate individuals, businesses, and nonprofits in Kitsap County that have improved the lives of their fellow citizens through extraordinary dedication to philanthropy. Nominations will be accepted until January 16, 2016. Descriptions and nomination forms for Spirit of Philanthropy, Business Making a Difference, or Exceptional Nonprofit Service awards are on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website or can be found online at the Kitsap County Celebration of Philanthropy site: [Kitsap County Celebration of Philanthropy | Kitsap Community Foundation](#)