Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition Thursday Journal

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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

- August 17 Project Connect Bremerton Housing Authority, 4841 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, 12:30 pm
- August 17 Continuum of Care Coalition Agape, 4841 Auto Center Way, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- August 31 Housing First Task Force Bremerton Housing Authority Conference Room (Sinclair Room), 600 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 2 pm to 3:30 pm
- September 7 Executive Committee Kitsap Community Resources, 1201 Park Avenue, Bremerton, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon
- August 10 Outside Homeless Committee Norm Dicks Government Center ~ 350 6th Street, County Offices Conference Room, 4th Floor, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
- September 20 Homes for All Who Served Norm Dicks Government Center, 350 6th Street, 4th Floor Mayor Lent's Conference Room, 1:30 to 3:00 pm
- Nominations are now open for the Executive Committee of the Kitsap CoCC. See the Nominations Letter that is now on the website, for information.
- Kitsap Rescue Mission's 3rd Annual Cup of Hope Ladies Tea will be Thursday September 15, 2016.
- There is a new grass roots initiative in Kingston! The <u>Mustard Seed Project</u> is looking at the possibility of a tiny house project. Notes from their initial meeting are attached, so you can see what's going on there!
- The Housing Alliance is pleased to announce they are collaborating with a number of national experts during the month of August to provide a <u>webinar training series</u> on the new

supportive housing and supported employment Medicaid benefits that are on track to be approved and implemented this year. These new benefits are part of Washington's larger 1115 Medicaid transformation waiver that is currently being negotiated by the state and federal government. This webinar series will provide supportive housing providers and other housing and health stakeholders with important background information about the waiver and these new Medicaid benefits. See the Medicaid Webinar Training Series for more information.

- West Sound Treatment Center has two job openings currently open, <u>Executive Director</u> and <u>Poulsbo Behavioral Health Specialist</u>. Information is on the website and at <u>West Sound</u>
 Treatment Center Employment Opportunities
- The 2nd Annual Gimme Shelter Ride, an all-day event to raise awareness about the state of homelessness in Kitsap County, is this Saturday, August 13, 2016. Information can also be found on their Facebook page ~ https://www.facebook.com/GimmeShelter1Day/
- KCR's Americorps Program is recruiting for 20 full-time <u>Americorps members</u> for the 2016-17 program year, beginning October 1, 2016. Applications due by 4:00 pm August 16, 2016.
- The final <u>Housing + Employment Works Webinar</u>, offered by HUD, will be on August 18th. The audience will hear the importance of emphasizing employment and measuring income outcomes. In the new day of accountability, recipients need to consider the income of participants as key to housing stability and affordability in the long-term.
- Social Security information for August 2016 is on the Kitsap CoCC website.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) today announced the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the United States has been cut nearly in half since 2010. For more information: HUD Exchange Mailing List
- Goodwill's <u>Employment Services Calendar</u>, providing information about events being offered in August and September 2016 is on the Kitsap CoCC website.
- The next FREE Financial Education class, open to anyone will be "Introduction to Investing" from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm on August 11 at South Kitsap KCR, 3200 Rainshadow Court, Port Orchard. The next two classes are in Bremerton: "Credit Reports" on August 23rd from 9 am to 10 am and "Psychology of Spending" on August 25th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Both classes will be at KCR, 845 8th Street, Bremerton. See the <u>Class Schedule</u> for more information.

- © Community Frameworks' Bremerton office has moved! Please be sure to update your address books to reflect this change. Their new Bremerton address is: 500 Pacific Ave. Suite 360, Bremerton.
- The updated <u>Kitsap CoCC bylaws</u> are on the website.
- U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness has developed two new tools to accompany the <u>Criteria and Benchmark for Achieving the Goal of Ending Chronic Homelessness</u> released last month: <u>Assessing Whether Your Continuum of Care Has Achieved the Goal of Ending Chronic Homelessness</u> and <u>Achieving the Goal of Ending Chronic Homelessness</u>: Definitions, Benchmark Calculation Details, and Supporting Documentation.
- Coffee Oasis is having their third annual Garden Gala on September 18, 2016.
- The Executive Summary, covering May, June and July 2016 is on the Kitsap CoCC website.
- KCR's Energy Assistance is now open for scheduling appointments online through our website for July, August, and September at www.kcr.org and by phone at (360) 479-1507. They will be running their Puget Sound Energy and Cascade Natural Gas programs. Please encourage clients to schedule their own appointments so that they will know the required documents they need to bring to their appointments. If they do not come prepared with all of their documents, they will be required to reschedule. A high volume of calls is anticipated, so clients may experience long wait times. Messages will be returned in the order they were received. Clients may also experience website lag due to high traffic.
- The latest issue of "Nomadic News" is now available. There is lots of good information: Lunch with the Electeds, Mobile Voting, Back to School Give Aways. Check it out!