

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition


Thursday Journal


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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
-  December 16 - **Project Connect** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ 4th Floor Kitsap County CDBG/Housing Offices Conference Room, 350 - 6th Street, 4th Floor, 12:00 noon to 2 pm
-  December 16 - **Continuum of Care Coalition** - Norm Dicks Government Center, WSU Conference Room, 350-6th Street, 4th Floor, Bremerton, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
-  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 (Room Location tentative)

 **NOTE: The Kitsap CoCC meeting will be held at the Norm Dicks Government Center in December, next Wednesday December 16, 2015 ~ Feel free to bring goodies to share for our annual celebration!**

 "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>

- 🏠 Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, along with Center for Community Change Housing Trust Fund Project, Housing California, Oregon Opportunity Network and Street Roots are asking the federal government to reinvest in affordable homes by requesting for 7 million new affordable homes. Will you sign this [Petition?](#)
- 🏠 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](#)
- 🏠 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.
- 🏠 There are a couple of housing/homelessness job opportunities in Skagit County, HOME Program Manager and Housing Resource Coordinator. See them on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Skagit County Job Opportunities",
- 🏠 Information about expanded opportunities for veterans interested in apprenticeships and education opportunities can be found on the [Kitsap CoCC](#) website, "Veteran OJT & Apprenticeship"
- 🏠 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"

- 📦 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"
- 📦 Kitsap Community Foundation Grants Cycle Opens in January. For more information: [KCF Grants Cycle](#)
- 📦 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".
- 📦 On November 20th, HUD proposed a rule that would require "recipients and sub-recipients of assistance from HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), as well as owners, operators, and managers of shelters, buildings, and other facilities and providers of services covered by CPD's programs, to provide transgender persons and other persons who do not identify with the sex they were assigned at birth with access to programs, benefits, services, and accommodations in accordance with their gender identity." This so-called "gender identify rule" would cover HUD's Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS, Emergency Solutions Grants and Continuum of Care programs. HUD is seeking [public comment](#) on the proposal by January 9th. If you have views, please don't hesitate to share them.
- 📦 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](#).
- 📦 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"