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Member Organizations

Agape Unlimited
Beacon Communities
Brain Injury Alliance of WA
Bremerton Foodline
Bremerton School District
Catholic Community Services
Catholic Housing Services
CHI Franciscan Health
City of Bremerton
Community Development Block Grant Program
The Coffee Oasis
Crime Victim Assistance Center
DSHS Bremerton CSO
Goodwill Industries
Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County
Helpline House Bainbridge Is
Hope for Addictions/Dependencies Ministries
House of Hope Ministries
Housing Authority – City of Bremerton
Housing Kitsap
Housing Resources Board
Kingston CARES
Kitsap Community Resources
Kitsap County Community Development Block Grant Program
Kitsap County Division of Aging & Long Term Care
Kitsap County Housing & Homelessness Program
Kitsap County Sheriff's Office
Kitsap County Veteran's Assistance Program
Kitsap Interfaith Network
Kitsap Legal Services
Kitsap Mental Health Services
Kitsap Public Health District
Kitsap Recovery Center
Kitsap Rescue Mission
North Kitsap Fishline
Olalla Recovery Center
Parent-Child Assistance Program
Peninsula Community Health Services
R W Martin Youth Services
The Salvation Army
Salish Behavioral Health Organization (BHO)
Sound Grants
South Kitsap Community Alliance
South Kitsap Helpline
St. Vincent de Paul
StandUp for Kids
United Way of Kitsap County
WA Department of Veteran's Affairs
WA Employment Security Department
Weaver Foundation – Georgia's House
West Sound Treatment Center
West Sound Youth for Christ
YWCA of Kitsap County

Executive Summary of Kitsap CoCC Activities July 2016

HOMELESSNESS WORKSHOP

On June 30, Kitsap County and the Suquamish Tribe hosted a Homeless Workshop, bringing together elected officials and a variety of social service professionals who deal with homelessness. The event was attended by 125 people. The program offered information about homelessness from national, state and local perspectives, including a panel of persons who had experienced homelessness. Examples of support services in Kitsap County were presented by Kitsap Continuum of Care speakers. Author Andrew Heben, "Tent City Urbanism" talked of tiny house village he helped build and Lloyd Pendleton outlined "Lessons Learned in Utah" regarding the Housing First concept. Lloyd asked the elected officials who were attending to come up and give a specific action item they wanted to see in the next six months. The workshop goal was to formulate and commit to working together as an efficient and effective homeless response system to make homelessness a rare, brief, and one time occurrence in Kitsap County.

The participants worked in groups to explore actions and next steps from the key strategies. Four goals were identified: **Alternative Housing:** 20 people in any combination of alternative housing modules in 6 months; **Legal Outdoor Living Situation:** Commit to a pilot project in 6 months; **Housing First Units:** Plan a scattered site project – 2-10 people by January 1, 2017; **Additional Funding:** Propose a "demonstration" program to attract funders (state/federal).

UTAH'S LLOYD PENDLETON

In conjunction with the Homeless Workshop, Lloyd Pendleton gave a presentation on Utah's success in lowering the number of persons living on the street in the last decade. He presented to a full house of interested community members on the evening of June 30th. Mr. Pendleton shared the simple approach used in Utah – providing homes to the homeless, a Housing First approach.

WASHINGTON LOW INCOME HOUSING ALLIANCE CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

In May, the 26th annual Conference on Ending Homelessness was held in Spokane, WA. There was a lot of information on the most current hot topics, including vulnerability assessments, low barrier housing, diversion, state of homeless emergencies, and tiny houses. There was also a session prior to the conference on the Medicaid 1115 Waiver training. This is a way agencies can bill Medicaid for services to chronic homeless persons. There is specific, narrow criteria as to who can be served and the services that can be provided, plus it must be revenue neutral.

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