

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition

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CoCC Committee and Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

-  **March 17 - Homeless Housing Action Team** - Norm Dicks Government Center, 350 - 6th Street, Bremerton , County Offices Conference Room, 4th Floor, 2 to 3:30 pm
-  **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 13 - Outside Homeless Committee** - Norm Dicks Government Center ~ 350 - 6th Street, specific location tbd, 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
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 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 (svancleve@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.

- 📦 The Salvation Army has completed the renovation of their old building! They will have a dedication of [The Salvation Army Corps and Hygiene Center](#) on Sunday March 20, 2016 at 2:00 pm.
- 📦 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.
- 📦 Energy Assistance is now open for scheduling appointments online through our website at www.kcr.org and by phone at (360) 479-1507. We will be scheduling appointments for April, May, and June. We will be running our LIHEAP program which assists clients with their main source of heat: electric, gas, oil, wood, or propane. 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. We anticipate a high volume of calls, so clients may experience long wait times. We will return messages in the order they were received. Clients may also experience website lag due to high traffic.
- 📦 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](#).
- 📦 A FREE [Living Well Workshop: Chronic Pain Self-Management](#) will be held on Mondays for 6 weeks beginning March 21st at the Golden Tides from 10 am to 12 pm. Registration is required.
- 📦 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](#)
- 📦 HUD announced the approval of \$1.6 billion in McKinney-Vento grants to Tier 1 projects submitted by Continuums in the 2015 competition completed last November. All of the Kitsap County projects were included in those Tier 1 projects. A spreadsheet showing [Kitsap's projects](#) and approval amounts is on the website. The Balance of State was awarded a little over \$5 million in the Tier 1 projects. CoC programs are those that were changed for 2015 or were new bonus projects (YWCA changed their program from transitional housing to permanent supportive housing for 2015). CoCR are renewal projects with no change in the type of project.
- 📦 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.
- 📦 [Social Security information](#) for March 2016: Q & A with SSA, Ask Social Security (how to find out information about SSA), Women's History and Social Security and Getting new/renewal social security cards online.
- 📦 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 A poster to share and post is on Kitsap CoCC website, KMHS Mental Health First Aid.
- 📦 Save the Date ~ information about a "[Summer Opportunities & Mentor Fair](#)" on **April 13, 2016** at Bremerton High.
- 📦 As Tax Season is here, post and share this flyer about the [Earned Income Tax Credit](#).
- 📦 Olympic OESD is offering [Mental Health in Elementary Schools: emphasis on Trauma Informed Care](#) on **March 22**. Click on the link above for more information.
- 📦 Kitsap Center for Nonprofit Excellence is offering a full day workshop on March 24th dedicated to the art of storytelling. The goal is for participants to walk in with ideas and questions and walk out with a story in one hand and a way to get that story told in the other. For more information and registration, [Storytelling Conference](#)

- 📦 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)*.
- 📦 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**.