

April 21, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 PM

## MEETING MINUTES

### AGENDA ITEMS

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#### **PRESENTER TIME Minutes / EC updates Sheryl Piercy 2:00 - 2:05 PM**

Bridget Glasspoole announced that she would facilitate the KHHC meeting. Minutes were approved.

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#### **Introductions & Agency Updates: All of Us 2:05 – 2:30 PM**

##### **Amy Thomson, DSHS**

Disaster Cash Assistance Program (DCAP) funds available. FAQs

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/English-DisasterCashAssistanceProgramFAQ.pdf>

##### **Yvonne Brown, Peninsula Community Health Services (PCHS)**

Contact Yvonne if your agency has a need for Pop up mobile vaccine clinics. Email: [ybrown@pchswb.org](mailto:ybrown@pchswb.org)

##### **Johanna Sprague, Kitsap Legal Services**

Anyone who is going through an eviction process can contact Kitsap Legal Services for free legal assistance. No income requirements.

##### **Matt Garrett, Kitsap Community Resources**

Kitsap Eviction Prevention Assistance (KEPA). The program rolled out on the April 12 and KCR has spent out our **KEPA** rental assistance allotment for the month of April 2021. Please check back in on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Call KCR at 360-473-2035 to get help with your pre-application.

Additionally, KCR is working with official outreach partners such as KIAC, G2, and more to support this program.

##### **Tiffany Turnley, Agape Unlimited**

3 openings for singles in Women's group home. 1 opening for women and child. Clients need to be engaged in substance treatment. (360)373-1529

Lisa Lechuga and Priya Charry, Kitsap Regional Library

Library has reopened buildings for express service. 45 minutes to browse collections, use computers, print/copy, restrooms, etc. Curbside service still available.

<https://www.krl.org/welcomeback>

##### **Chat comment from Edward Reyman:**

Looking for land developers, especially those sympathetic to people experiencing homelessness. Please have them contact me: Ed Reyman [ed@tcp-kitsap.org](mailto:ed@tcp-kitsap.org)

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**LEGAL REVIEW: Ongoing Effects of the State Supreme Court Blake Decision Sean Raybell 2:30 – 2:35 PM**

On February 25, 2021, the Washington State Supreme Court in *State v. Blake* declared unconstitutional Washington's strict liability drug possession statute, which criminalized unintentional, unknowing possession of controlled substances without a prescription. This decision is having a massive impact on counties and cities throughout the state, with the state legislature and some local governments considering next steps.

The end result is that the state law criminalizing possession of controlled substances has been struck down as unconstitutional; in other words, it is no longer a crime for someone to possess controlled substances, whether knowingly or unknowingly.

See more info <https://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/March-2021/The-Status-of-Drug-Possession-in-Washington-State.aspx>

**Johanna Sprague commented:** Public defenders office will go to court to vacate LFOs. Call NW Justice Project. Kitsap County is being proactive on the Blake Decision.

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**COMMUNITY AGENCY PRESENTATION: NAME OF AGENCY: Kitsap Mental Health 2:35 - 2:55 PM**

NAME OF PRESENTER: Monica Bernhard PHONE/EMAIL: monicab@kmhs.org STREET ADDRESS: 5455 Almira Drive NE, Bremerton, WA 98311 MAILING ADDRESS: 5455 Almira Drive NE, Bremerton, WA 98311 WEB ADDRESS: <https://www.kitsapmentalhealth.org/>

TOPIC: Pendleton Place- 72 unit permanent supportive housing What does your agency do to best serve our community? Our mental health and substance use treatment programs are carefully tailored to the unique needs of each person we serve and are designed with recovery in mind. We know from experience that mental illnesses and substance use disorders are treatable and return to a full, vibrant life is possible. \*Pendleton Place is named in honor of the late Lloyd Pendleton. He was interviewed w/Comedy Central.

<https://youtu.be/wjgGbv6dRNk> Monica Bernard

Bridget Glasspoole presenting on behalf of Monica Bernard.

Kitsap Mental Health provides services to over 7000 people in Kitsap County and they have supported housing service since 1993. Many clients served are currently unhoused.

Pendleton Place will be a 72-unit, pet-friendly, complex with common areas for group meetings, gathering space, and walking trails outside. Laundry room on each floor. Controlled entry. Security cameras. They will provide activities for tenants including art, mindfulness, and would like to work with libraries and food banks. Hoping the building will be complete by February 2022 with tenant placement starting soon after.

**Bridget shared in chat:** If any agency would like Monica or myself to present on Pendleton Place to your agency please email me at [bridgetg@kmhs.org](mailto:bridgetg@kmhs.org)

**COMMUNITY AGENCY PRESENTATION: NAME OF AGENCY: Northwest Hospitality  
3:15 – 3:30 PM**

NAME OF PRESENTER: Anton Preisinger PHONE/EMAIL: 206-249-9875 STREET &  
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ADDRESS: [www.nwhospitality.org](http://www.nwhospitality.org)

TOPIC: A brief introduction to NWH's program offerings highlighting our Resource Database, Hospitality Cards, Mobile Closet, and our plan and platform for a Safe Parking Network. Also a discussion on how NWH advocates may be able to act as impromptu fieldworkers to strengthen the services of partner orgs and help bridge gaps between services. What does your agency do to best serve our community? Our most effective program has been Environmental Hospitality - our volunteers have picked up 55,000 pounds of trash since early 2019 while building relationships with our neighbors. Despite our small size, we also do our best to meet random needs quickly and flexibly in the field and encourage people to seek out more advanced local resources. If anybody wants to preview the program descriptions on our website: <https://www.nwhospitality.org/programs>

Anton provided a brief review of programs offered including:

- Resource Curation
- Hospitality Kits (Hygiene kits) –Rather than focusing on well known support agencies, NW Hospitality connects with schools and community groups that may not have awareness of resources in Kitsap
- Hospitality Cards – flexible financial assistance program
- Environmental Hospitality – Have 5 volunteer leads that help facilitate litter clean up events
- Mobile Supply Closet – Can make a request for free clothing items. You can add them to their website and store until it is requested. It will save on cost and maintenance for a centralized storage unit.
- Safe Parking Network – Publicly available safe parking network. 50 publicly available safe places in the county to park. NW Hospitality wants to provide stability for more than an overnight stay and will provide electricity where they can. If you know of any churches, businesses that can support, please contact Anton.
- Dental Services – Port Orchard Dental Excellence provides free 1-time vouchers. Anton would like to see this grow. Please share with your dentist.
- Partner Programs include:
  - *HOMELESS ORGANIZING COMMUNITY SEATTLE*
  - *KITSAP NEIGHBORHOOD LITTLE PANTRIES*
  - *HOT JAVA CAFE'S NEIGHBORHOOD JAVA CLUB*

Anton posed a request: Many local artists are unhoused and do not have opportunities to display and sell their artwork. NW Hospitality would be willing to coordinate sales but need the wall space. Please contact Anton if you have wall space available.

**Chat Question from Kristen Osman:** How do people find out about NW Hospitality services without technology? Anton agreed that many services are accessed by some form of technology such as phones or computers, but in-person outreach has been effective.

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**COMMUNITY AGENCY PRESENTATION: NAME OF AGENCY: 211-United Way**

NAME OF PRESENTER: Kristin Osman PHONE/EMAIL: kosman@unitedwaykitsap.org  
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TOPIC: Reminder that 211 can assist finding local resources for assistance for most basic needs. What does your agency do to best serve our community? 2-1-1 is a free confidential community service and your one-stop connection to the local services you need, from utility assistance, food, housing, health, childcare, after school programs, elder care, crisis intervention and much more. 2-1-1 is always ready to assist you in finding the help you need. Dial the three-digit number 2-1-1 on your phone.

Kirsten had technical difficulties and provided a brief in chat shared by Bridget Glasspoole. 211 – Just want to remind everyone that by calling 211 resource information is available. We do basic food applications over the phone with callers (SNAP or food stamps). We maintain a database of agencies that provide basic services and financial assistance to the community.

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**COMMUNITY HOUSING & HEALTH UPDATES: Kirsten Jewell &/or Cory Derenberger  
3:30 – 4:00 PM**

Subject: Kitsap Homeless & Housing Check-In Updates from the Department of Commerce & Legislation/Olympia Updates Subject: Kitsap County Updates – COVID 19

- Kitsap Homeless & Housing Division added a new staff member, contracts coordinator, Robin.
- Currently meeting with Eviction Court, the Dispute and Resolution Center, trying to stem eviction for when the eviction moratorium ends in June. Kirsten also shared considering a Landlord education over the next couple of months.
- The County purchased the Olympic Fitness building on Mile Hill Drive in Port Orchard to support a housing program. Public expresses support and concern. The county is planning on renovations on the roof, fire prevention standards, and ADA compliance. No date yet as when this will be operational.
- Looking for another temporary location for the shelter program at the Kitsap County Fair Grounds. Please share leads on where we may move this program temporarily. Ideally an unincorporated area but will work with cities as well if there is a space available.

**Legislation that has passed to support tenant rights.**

- House Bill 1236 – Passed the legislature. Protecting residential tenants from the beginning to end of their tenancies by penalizing the inclusion of unlawful lease provisions and limiting the reasons for eviction, refusal to continue, and termination. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1236&Year=2021&Initiative=false>
- Senate Bill 5160 – passed both chambers. Addressing landlord-tenant relations by providing certain tenant protections during and after public health emergencies, providing for legal representation in eviction cases, and authorizing landlord access to state rental assistance programs.
- Provides rights to council for people in eviction proceedings. 2-year pilot program to include Dispute Resolution Center in all eviction proceedings. Planning to be ready July 1. Additionally, landlords can apply from rental assistance.

- House Bill 1220 – Passed both chambers. Supporting emergency shelters and housing through local planning and development regulations.
- House Bill 1277 – has not passed through house or senate yet. Providing for an additional revenue source for eviction prevention and housing stability services.
- Add \$100 document recording fee to generate 100 million dollars for the state to fund affordable housing projects. Consider reaching out to your local representatives to vote on this bill.
- Eviction moratorium expires the end of June. 18 million dollars of back rent is due in Washington State. We do not know how much back rent is due in Kitsap County.

### **Kitsap County HH Coordinated Grant Application 2022 cycle**

2022 grant cycle information is now available.

<https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/HH-Coordinated-Grant-Application-Process.aspx>

### **American Rescue Plan**

Funding for childcare, small business, and other basic social services that people need.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>

### **Transitory Accommodation Permit**

In response to Anton's NW Hospitality presentation, regarding the Safe Parking program, Kirsten shared that the County has a transitory accommodation permit for people living in RV/Trailers to stay on your property for a temporary period.