



Wednesday, March 17, 2021 ~ 2:00~4:00pm
KHHC Minutes

INTRODUCTIONS & AGENCY UPDATES

ACLU of Washington, Savannah

Advocating for a bill to stop suspending driving licenses. It was shut down in the senate. Have a sign on letter to support bringing the bill to the floor again. My email is ssly@aclu-wa.org if you'd like to get in touch. https://signonacluofwashington.nationbuilder.com/end_debt_based_license_suspensions_improve_bill

Kitsap Mental Health, Bridgette

Kitsap Mental Health is continuing to offer telehealth services to all ages.

PCHS, Yvonne Brown- Outreach Coordinator PCHS ybrown@pchsweb.org

Folks 16 and up can get vaccinated. Sign up for vaccine appointment on their website <https://www.pchsweb.org/>

Behavioral Health Navigator Program, Melissa Stern

The city police of Poulsbo, Port Orchard, Bainbridge, and Bremerton have a navigator to help people connect to community services.

Fishline, Sandra

Fishline currently offers a drive through food pick-up model. They are also delivering to 100 households each week. Case management is happening remotely. The shower program has started today.

Bremerton Housing Authority, Jill Stanton

Influx of funding will be coming to the Bremerton Housing Authority. They will be able to issue emergency vouchers for the community. Currently they are advertising a time sensitive housing lottery waitlist sign up. For more information www.bremertonhousing.org/waitlistinfo

Agape Limited, Tiffany

Have three openings in their women's house. This housing is available to women without children. More information is on their website <https://www.agapekitsap.org/housing>

COMMUNITY AGENCY PRESENTATION: St. Vincent de Paul

Presenter: Felicia Kolhage & Dana Kaye

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St. Vincent de Paul presentation summary: Update: Provides Housing Opportunities for homeless single folks in Kitsap County. Our Assistance Office is offering 24-Hour-Packs for clients experiencing



homelessness, and clothing through our thrift store. The Stella Maris House shelter is ensuring their resident's long-term success and assistance to find housing. They are open Tues, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

**COMMUNITY AGENCY PRESENTATION: ~~Rescheduled~~
Salvation Army:**

COMMUNITY AGENCY PRESENTATION: Sound Transit

NAME OF PROGRAM: Next Generation ORCA
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Sound Transit presentation summary: Next Gen ORCA. The ORCA card can be used on all WA State Ferry routes. To improve transit services, Sound Transit surveyed participants of Sound Transit service. The survey indicated that they liked the convenience of the ORCA card and disliked the delay in Orca card loading, limited sales locations, and no mobile solution. As a result, they will have a new website and mobile purchase access. With the Next Gen ORCA, people will need to have their own individual card, rather than share a card. Sound Transit will phase out the old ORCA cards through attrition and replace with Next Gen cards. They will offer accessibility to seven languages.

Q - What's the process for adding another stop?

A – Contact Michelle @ Kitsap Transit and she can submit the request.

**COMMUNITY AGENCY PRESENTATION: Department of Children Youth and Families,
Strengthen Families Locally project**

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Strengthening Families presentation summary: Strengthen Families Locally is a project aimed at increasing family and community resilience to prevent child maltreatment and removal in 4 communities, including Bremerton operated by DCYF www.dcyf.wa.gov

Not to be confused with KCR's Strengthening Families program, Strengthen Families Locally is a DCYF initiative working on increasing family protective factors and reducing rates of child maltreatment



and entry into foster care in four target communities, including Bremerton, Port Angeles/Sequim, Spokane, and Stevens/Ferry.

They are working with community to collect stories about families in Bremerton and Washington to gather information on what factors have helped families to thrive or not. This will help identify community-based solutions. Any Washington resident can participate. Service providers who may have multiple stories to share are free to do so. The stories will not ask or present any identifying information.

Bremerton residents can share stories at <http://ourtomorro.ws/Bremerton>

For stories in other parts of Kitsap County or Washington state <http://ourtomorro.ws/WADCYF>

If you would like to join the Strengthening Families community work group, please contact Joy Lile joy.lile@dcyf.wa.gov

COMMUNITY HOUSING & HEALTH UPDATES:

Community Agency Presentation: Department of Health and Human Services, Housing and Homelessness Division

Name of Presenter: Kirsten Jewell

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Kirsten reports hearing in meetings she participates is a sense of relief, hope and optimism as the vaccine is rolled out and relief funding continues. That said, people that were struggling before the pandemic will likely be the last to receive support and relief and there is still work to do.

The 2021 amendments to the Housing and Homeless contract is moving forward.

Grant application information for the 2022/2023 funding cycle will be forthcoming in the next months.

The Housing and Homeless Division will be hiring a new staff member in the next couple of weeks. This role will administer contracts and perform site visits.

The American Rescue Plan, the latest round of COVID relief funding, included provisions for housing and homeless needs such as Housing Vouchers, home owner mortgage assistance, utilities assistance and more <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319> . Kirsten is not sure yet when the funding will arrive or how it will be distributed.

The Child Tax Credit will increase relief to households with children

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/07/us/politics/child-tax-credit-stimulus.html>

The Housing and Homeless Division is working with Housing Kitsap, Kitsap Community Resources, Bremerton Housing Authority and Coffee Oasis to offer rental assistance.

Kirsten extends thanks to all the service providers for the work they are doing in Kitsap.



Q: Is there a timeline on continuing 24/7 shelters?

A: When Covid happened, we received funding to be able to provide 24/7 shelter access. The funding we have can support until June 2021 for the Kitsap Rescue Mission pavilion and the Salvation Army.

Q: How much more funding does it take to keep 24/7 shelters?

A: An exact number was not readily available.

Closing

Julie Davis, Social Worker at the St. Anthony's and St. Michael's Hospitals extends her support.