Homes for All Leadership Group

"Providing innovative leadership toward ending homelessness"
Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 9:00 am

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions
Review of Meeting Notes – 6/13/17

Legislative Review
a.	State: Homelessness Funding	Kirsten Jewell
b.	Federal: HUD funding for Housing Authorities	Kurt Wiest

Our Goals

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition: Update		Sarah van Cleve
Reflections on our first year	*Attachment 1*	All
(report from the Homelessness Workshop)		
Leadership Group Composition	*Attachment 2*	All

2017 Projects

Kitsap Tiny Cottages – SK Pilot
i.	Presentation on Kitsap Cottages		Com. Garrido/Randy Spitzer
ii.	Buildings to date		Roland Arper/Tim Blair
iii.	Property/Site Development/Permitting	*Attachment 3*	Jeff Rowe/Angie Silva
iv.	Financing		All
v.	Site Management		Stuart Grogran
vi.	Care Coordination		Monica Bernhard
vii.	Web Presence/Messaging/Communications		Angie Silva

Commitments and Closing Comments

Next Meetings: 9 a.m. at the Salvation Army
August 8
September 12
October 10

THE SUQUAMISH TRIBE

Kitsap Homelessness Workshop Report

June 30, 2016

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Suquamish Chairman Leonard Forsman welcomes the gathering to Suquamish

Executive Summary

On June 30, 2016 the Kitsap County Commissioners and the Suquamish Tribe hosted a Homelessness Workshop to review strategies and develop an action plan for addressing homelessness in Kitsap County. The event was attended by 125 people. The program offered information about homelessness from national, state and local perspectives, including a panel of individuals who shared their direct personal experiences with no home. Speakers from the Kitsap Continuum of Care presented examples of support services in Kitsap County. Author Andrew Heben (*Tent City Urbanism*) told of tiny house villages he has helped build, and Lloyd Pendleton outlined "Lessons Learned in Utah" regarding the concept known as Housing First.

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. This report contains the recommendations developed in the break-out groups that day, and the evaluations we received about the forum. The next steps are to convene action groups that will address the recommendations and work toward the goals set by the workshop attendees.

Recommendations from the Workshop

Kitsap County's Homeless Housing Plan has been updated for 2016, and prioritizes issues for action. The 2017 priorities were determined through efforts of the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition's Homeless Housing Plan Action Team, as well as survey information from Continuum of Care member agencies. These key strategies are:

Sheriff Simpson, Mayor Lent, Commissioners Garrido and Gelder, Mayor Erickson and Lloyd Pendleton

A. Preserve and create affordable housing units.
B. Prioritize serving people experiencing unsheltered and/or who are chronically homeless.
C. Increase funding for affordable housing units and programs that remedy homelessness.
D. Integrate planning for homelessness and affordable housing with other planning efforts.[1]

Each workshop table was labeled with a strategy, allowing attendees to self-select the topic they wanted to discuss. Facilitators from the League of Women Voters of Kitsap County and the Continuum of Care asked the groups to explore actions and potential next steps, involvement of their agency, and areas for involving policymakers. The ideas include:

Preserve and Create Affordable Housing Units. *(Strategy 1.3)*

1. Establish the Affordable Housing Task Force
    a. Identify leader(s) for the task force – ask commissioners and mayors or other elected officials to be the champion(s).
    b. Also identify other stakeholder organizations to be involved: Realtors, human/social services, financial organization, county and cities, such as planning commissioner, assessor.[2]

2. Partner with Landlords
    a. Landlords meet potential renters
    b. Pool of money for repairs
    c. Ready for Rent programs

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[1] To learn more about what Kitsap County is doing to end homelessness and to review the Kitsap Homeless Housing Plan for 2016, please visit the following link: http://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/housing/housing_grant.htm.

[2] Others who need to be at the table per Lloyd Pendleton: funders, housing authorities, business leaders, faith-based leaders, formerly homeless citizens, community leaders, advocates, county staff.

3. Explore Alternative Housing Models (e.g. 30-50% AMI housing)
    a. Bring people together who are working on the tiny houses movement to coordinate efforts
    b. Every community needs an ordinance similar to the one passed by Kitsap County

    GOAL: 20 people in any combination of alternative housing modules in 6 months

4. Seek New Funding
    a. Ask Commissioners to put a 1/10th of 1% Homeless tax on the ballot
    b. Educate elected officials and citizens on the need for funding

Presenter and Author Andrew Heben

Prioritize Serving People Experiencing Unsheltered and/or Chronic Homelessness. *(Strategy 2.4)*

1. Form Crisis Response Teams
    a. Centralized numbers for someone to call (211, 911)
    b. 24/7 crisis line/triage center – providers can refer to the team for subject matter expertise
    c. Homeless Youth Crisis Response (new and existing programs) – onsite therapist, FT outreach specialist, and 24/7 crisis line (staff and volunteers)
    d. Kitsap Connect – KPHD, BHA, police, EMS, Harrison Hospital, Salvation Army, and KMHS
    e. Court Diversion (Poulsbo)

2. De-criminalize Homelessness (e.g. Increase legal outdoor living options)
    a. Find suitable government-owned land
    b. Option for law enforcement to deliver homeless individuals for a legal place to stay
    c. Safe Parks
    d. Clean, low barrier shelters and transition accommodations

    GOAL: Commit to a pilot project in 6 months

3. Provide Support for Housing First Units
    a. Establish community need – collect and analyze data by September 30th
    b. Community education – provided by Kitsap County Human Services no later than September 30th

    GOAL: Plan a scattered site project – 2-10 people by January 1, 2017

Increase Funding for Affordable Housing Units and Programs that Remedy Homelessness *(Strategy 4.3)*

1. Secure Additional Funding
   a. Identify known sources of funding (LIH creds, project-based vouchers)

   GOAL: Propose a "demonstration" program to attract funders (state/federal)

Integrate planning for homelessness and affordable housing with other planning efforts. *(Strategy 5.3)*

1. Promote Cross-sector Planning
   a. Identify champion within each area
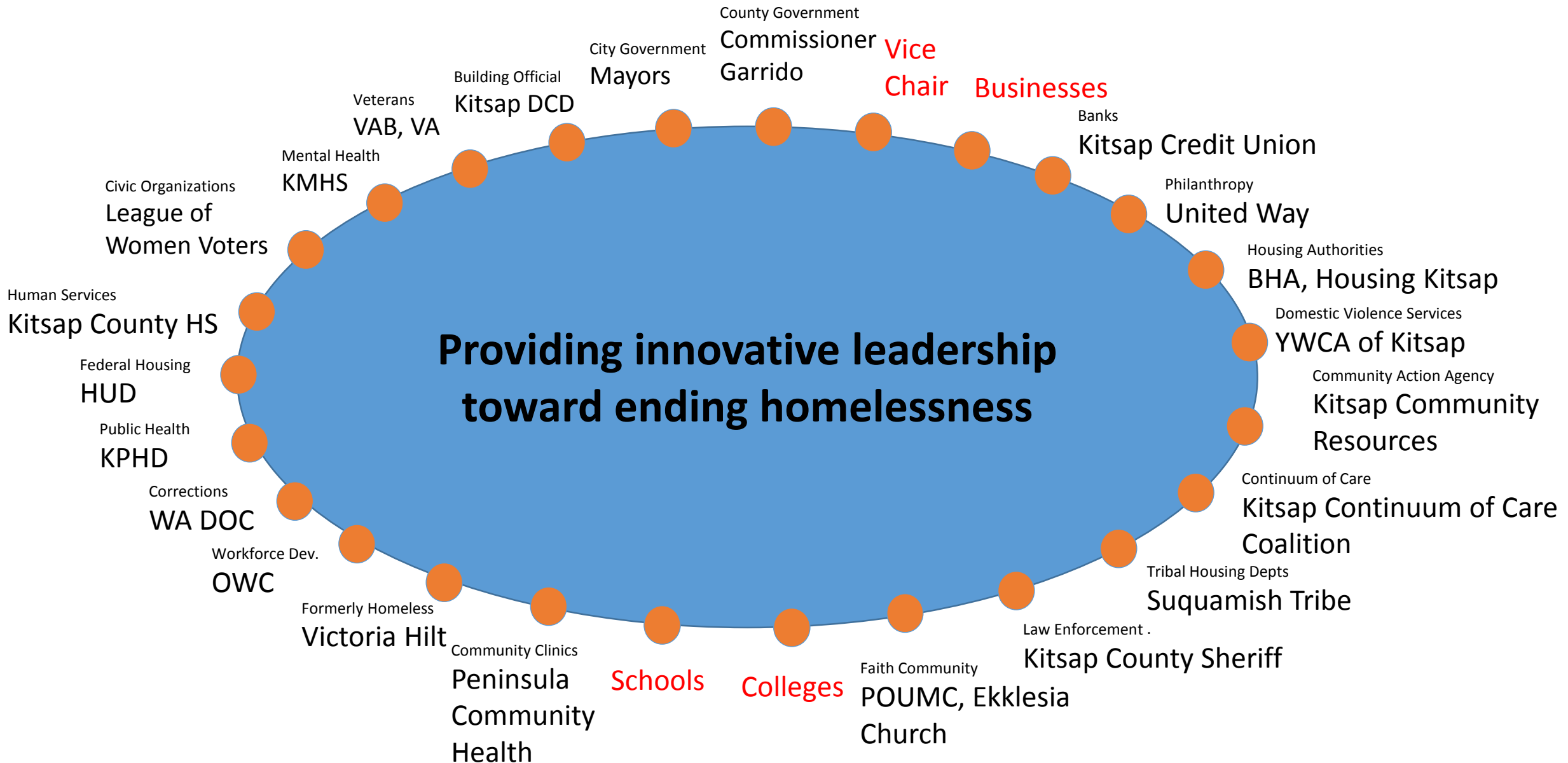   b. Identify stakeholder area of overlap and intersect (Salish BHO, CAC)

Treasurer Meredith Green facilitates a work group

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido leads the debrief and report out

Homes for All Leadership Group – DRAFT 7/11/17

County Government
Commissioner Garrido

City Government
Mayors

Vice Chair

Businesses

Building Official
Kitsap DCD

Banks
Kitsap Credit Union

Veterans
VAB, VA

Philanthropy
United Way

Mental Health
KMHS

Housing Authorities
BHA, Housing Kitsap

Civic Organizations
League of Women Voters

Domestic Violence Services
YWCA of Kitsap

Human Services
Kitsap County HS

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Community Action Agency
Kitsap Community Resources

Federal Housing
HUD

Public Health
KPHD

Continuum of Care
Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition

Corrections
WA DOC

Tribal Housing Depts
Suquamish Tribe

Workforce Dev.
OWC

Formerly Homeless
Victoria Hilt

Law Enforcement .
Kitsap County Sheriff

Community Clinics
Peninsula Community Health

Schools

Colleges

Faith Community
POUMC, Ekklesia Church

Homes for All Site Preparation Estimate

- Shelter Costs per Building $3,575.00
  - Includes building interior and exterior finish, heater, light, and two outlets.
- Site Preparation $14,780.00
  - Includes power, water, sewer, gravel, fencing, dumpster, and street lighting
- Community Kitchen, bath rooms and shower. $2,500.00.
  - Central Kitsap School District is donating the modular class room, but we will need to install the water heater, sink, shower, range and vents
- Monthly Ongoing Cost
  - To be determined.

Please note that these are all subject to change when the actual site is located, things like sewer and water hook-ups, permit fees and land development cost vary by jurisdiction.

Kitsap Homeless Response System Performance: 2017 1st Quarter

April 2017

Kitsap County Human Services

MAKING HOMELESSNESS RARE –

Goal: *Reduce the number of people who are newly homeless through targeted eviction prevention and short-term rental assistance.*

Prevented from Homelessness

1st Quarter 2017
94 Households

New to Homelessness[1]

1st Quarter 2017	
163 Households	**65%**

MAKING HOMELESSNESS ONE-TIME –

Goal: *Decrease the number of returns to homelessness, and increase the number of exits to stable housing through placements into Permanent Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing, and connection with employment and education.*

Returns to Homelessness[2]

1st Quarter 2017	
6 Households	**12%**

Regained Stable Housing[3]/ Increased Income

	Total Households Exited	Exited to Stable Housing	Exited w/ Increased Income
Emergency Shelter	**158**	**21** (13%)	**N/A**
Transitional Housing	**12**	**6** (50%)	**6** (50%)
Rapid Rehousing	**15**	**12** (83%)	**0** (0%)

[1]% of households who are literally homeless or at imminent risk of losing housing that received HSC services with no homeless services within last 2 years
[2]Households that received HSC services & previously exited to permanent housing within last 2 years
[3]Uses Commerce Dashboard Methodology: Rapid Rehousing & Prevention is counted only for literally homeless. Housing & Essential Needs program not included in Rapid Rehousing exits.
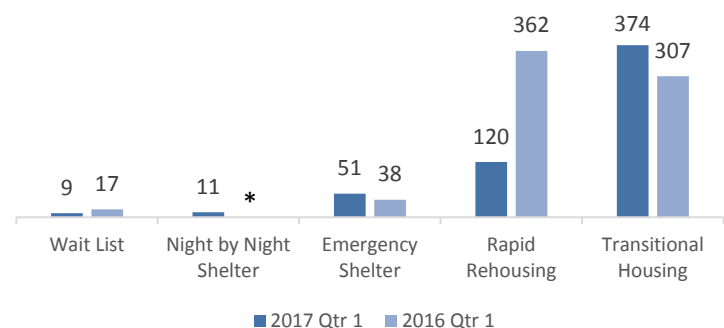
MAKING HOMELESSNESS BRIEF –

Goal: *Get people sheltered as quickly as possible and reduce the number of days spent in emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, or on a wait list.*
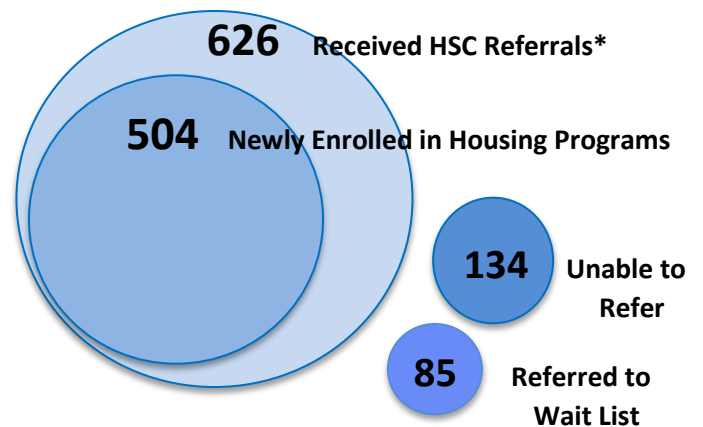
Number of Households Housed

	Wait List	Night by Night Shelter	Emergency Shelter	Rapid Rehousing	Transitional Housing
2017 Qtr 1	134	90	405	121	56
2016 Qtr 1	74	*	153	163	60
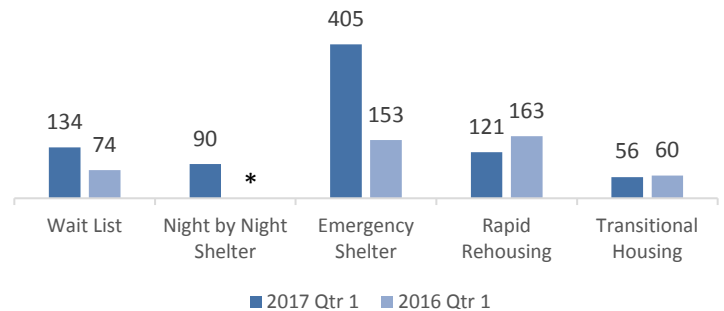
Average Length of Stay – Days Enrolled

	Wait List	Night by Night Shelter	Emergency Shelter	Rapid Rehousing	Transitional Housing
2017 Qtr 1	9	11	51	120	374
2016 Qtr 1	17	*	38	362	307

*No applicable 2016 Night by Night Shelter Data

System Capacity

626 Received HSC Referrals*

504 Newly Enrolled in Housing Programs

134 Unable to Refer

85 Referred to Wait List

*Includes all households who are literally homeless or imminently at risk of losing housing as defined by HUD guidelines. An additional **612** at-risk or stably housed households received HSC referrals during the reporting period.

Poulsbo moving toward homeless housing program in Nelson Park

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The old caretaker home in Poulsbo's Nelson Park could soon be home to a transitional housing program for homeless women run by Coffee Oasis.(Photo: Nathan Pilling / Kitsap Sun)

POULSBO – Nelson Park could soon host a transitional housing program for homeless women.

The Poulsbo City Council approved a letter of intent Wednesday night for Mayor Becky Erickson to pursue a contract with Coffee Oasis to run such a program there. With supervision from the nonprofit, the house will be a way to help homeless women get on their feet, Erickson said.

The program would be operated out of the park's caretaker home, which would host five women ages 18-25, each for as long as two years, Coffee Oasis executive director Dave Frederick said. Residents would move into the home through Coffee Oasis' case management system, which would help the women to find stability through employment, education and housing.

The house would be managed by a resident supervisor. During their time there, residents would be required to work in the park, doing tasks like lawn work, weeding flower beds, maintaining trails and paths, cleaning gutters and drains, and washing picnic tables.

"This is a hand up, not a handout," Erickson said. "We are going to help them move on with their lives."

Said Frederick: "It's a win-win in terms of providing housing, but also providing for a need that the city has in cleaning the park."

The park's longtime caretaker had been living in the home and maintaining the park, but decided to retire and recently moved out, opening up the opportunity, Erickson said. The city won't charge Coffee Oasis for rent or utilities, but the nonprofit will pay the salary of its staff member at the site.

With a need for low-income and affordable housing throughout Kitsap County, Frederick said, "It's just another way for the community to say, 'We want to do something about this.'"

The idea is a unique partnership with the city, Frederick said, one that could be implemented elsewhere.

"There is the potential that this could be a model for other parks around the state for providing an answer to homelessness," he said. "We're interested to see how it works and how it could be a model that way."

Frederick estimated the new program could be up and running in the fall after the home undergoes renovations and plans for the program are finalized.

Nelson Park is located at 317 Lindvig Way, near the head of Liberty Bay.