**KITSAP HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COALITION –** July 19, 2023, 2-4pm

Video and registration link: <https://krl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvceuqrT4jGdKwPgsrFqd-FIBHVoHrOxB8>

Zoom link: <https://krl.zoom.us/j/82262235936>, Meeting ID: 822 6223 5936

Link to recorded meeting (courtesy of The Conduit): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq9Fm-U93Bs>

**STATEMENT OF KHHC VISION, MISSION, VALUES:** Read by Katie Sharp

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Lisa Lechuga (Chair), Katie Sharp (Vice Chair), Priya Charry (Secretary), with support from: Bridget Glasspoole (KMHS), Leif Wagner (KMHS), Virginia McCaslin (Kitsap County)

**MINUTES:** Moved by Bridget Glasspoole, seconded by Roland Arper

**COMMUNITY BUILDER:** Share a guilty pleasure

**KHHC UPDATES**: Katie Sharp, KHHC Executive Team

Future meetings:

* *August 16*: reviewing “How You Can Help People Living Homeless” and “Resource Guide for Pet Owners” documents as a group
* *September 20*: In-person meeting at Salvation Army in Bremerton, planning for Project Connect 2024. Project Connect is one of KHHC’s main responsibilities.

**PRESENTATION:** **Kitsap Homes of Compassion** – Madison Roszak, Housing Program Manager, [Madison.Roszak@KitsapHOC.org](mailto:Madison.Roszak@KitsapHOC.org), 360-362-4326

KHOC is a 501c3 nonprofit established in 2017 to create cost-effective long-term supportive housing solutions to end homelessness in Kitsap.

*Mission*: create hope and opportunity for homeless Kitsap residents by providing affordable, permanent housing and other resources that promote self-sufficiency and thriving instead of just surviving.

Programs:

* **Foundational Community Supports** (FCS) - State-run program for people with Medicaid/Apple Health and complex needs. Case management services are provided by Housing Navigators. Program participants work one-on-one with a Housing Navigator to assess strengths and barriers to finding and maintaining housing. Program is similar to Housing First services but with a different funding stream.
* **Housing First** – Case management services provided by Housing Specialists and Peer Support Counselors through a WA Health Care Authority grant. This prioritizes people’s basic needs above less critical necessities like employment, income, or sobriety.
  + Eligibility: experiencing homelessness/housing instability, income not exceeding 50% of Kitsap’s median income, must have a mental health need and/or current or past substance use
* **KHOC Housing** – Creates master leases with homeowners and sublets rooms out to folks experiencing homelessness/housing insecurity for an affordable monthly rent. Now serves approximately 100 individuals in 26 homes across Kitsap.

Intake process:

1. *Outreach*: Team finds people interested in finding safe and stable housing. Includes referrals, advertisement, website applications, community events, local partnerships
2. *Establish eligibility*: After gaining consent for services, staff screens a potential participant for eligibility. Then, participant is assigned to a team member’s caseload.
3. *Assessments*: Staff complete HMIS and FCS assessments and adds activities into HMIS tracker.
4. *Research*: HS helps participant find housing they want using the HSPPR.
5. *Collaboration*: HS and PSC remove barriers for participant, using progressive engagement model, and provide harm reduction supplies and survival gear if necessary.
6. *Maintenance*: HS and PSC check on participant regularly to support stability until all agree that discharge from the program is appropriate.

*Housing Specialists/Navigators*: work with participants to identify housing goals and find realistic options that satisfy clients.

*Peer Support Counselors*: provide connections to support resource access, that supports goals leading to further housing stability.

Apply on website for case management and housing support: <https://khoc.homes/>

There is a KHOC T-shirt/hoodie drive going on now.

Questions:

* Does KHOC have bilingual staff? - We have access to translators who can help with applying.
* Where does the funding come from? - Several funding sources: grants (state, county), donations
* Do folks need a Social Security number to apply? - None needed for case management program; KHOC Housing program requires one as they run a background check. Contact Madison with further questions on this. (WA State background checks don’t require SSN, federal background checks do.)
* Do folks need Medicaid? - For FCS yes, for KHOC program or case management no. We have resources to help people sign up for Medicaid if needed.

**KITSAP COUNTY UPDATES:** Cory Derenburger, Kitsap County Housing and Homelessness Division

Introduction to Carl Borg, new Program Manager for the Division

Coordinated Grant application process: applications close July 27 at noon.

Wrapping up state fiscal year with the Department of Commerce. Next month we’ll be working on a Housing Inventory Chart, putting together information about all of the local programs and how they’re funded; this is an annual report that happens in August.

*Jason Doty, Kitsap Aging and Long-Term Care*: The County is working on an update to the Area Aging Plan, with a public forum coming up July 25, 1-2:30 at the Silverdale Library. Other ALTC updates:

* Upcoming event: Veteran Retiree Appreciation, Thursday, August 3, 9am-3pm.
* Senior Information & Assistance is ongoing through Givens Center in Port Orchard: <https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/Aging-Information-and-Assistance-.aspx>
* Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program: ongoing through Meals on Wheels Kitsap: <http://www.mealsonwheelskitsap.org/senior-farmers-market-nutrition-program.html>
* For more information, visit [Agingkitsap.com](https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/Aging-Landing.aspx)

Results from Hearing Examiner are positive. Construction for the Mile Hill shelter is scheduled to start in late September/early October.

**AGENCY UPDATES:**

**Kathleen Cottey, Housing Solutions Center** - Carla is no longer with KCR.

**Maria Fergus, Kitsap Public Health District** – Kitsap Health Equity Collaborative through KPHD; barriers to housing is one of the priorities. We just had a panel at our meeting yesterday. Hybrid meetings by invitation; reach out if your org would like to join.

**Judy Rae Karlsen, Kitsap Division of Housing and Homelessness** – Thanks to all KHHC members who attended the Pacific Building/United Way “Day of Caring. “

**Nicole Oberg, Salish BH-ASO** – Upcoming community resource fair, Monday 4-6pm at Village Green Community Center in Kingston. We’ll be hosting 16+ community-based agencies and will have time to discuss behavioral health needs. Connect with Nicole if you’d like to host a table.

**Chris, DSHS** – For those needing to apply for benefits, report a change, or complete a review: phone interview hours are changing to 9am-2pm, and Bremerton office hours are 8am-2pm. All DSHS community offices will be closed on August 14 and 15. PEBT benefits are returning at the end of July.

**Martitha May, Kitsap Public Health District –** Sharing information for the Nurse-Family Partnership, for pregnant people and first-time parents: <https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/pch_nfp.php>

Mama Moves Kitsap is a postpartum walking group; next meeting is July 28 at 11am. There are staff present to answer questions (like a nurse or nutritionist). <https://www.instagram.com/mama_moves_kitsap/>

**Roland Arper, Project Share** – Reminder that he has metal folding chairs available for a nonprofit who can use them.

**Sarah Kinnear, Kitsap Public Health District** – Sharing information about the Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response program: there is a shortage of cooling centers and Kitsap Department of Emergency Management (separate from KPHD) didn’t have any new information. It might be useful for KHHC to reach out directly to DEM to voice concerns about the shortage, as well as identify potential hosts for new cooling centers.

Maria shared a link to recommendations for dealing with wildfire smoke and what to do when it’s hot out. You can get boxes of N95 masks from KPHD for your organization.

**Eric Harrold, Salvation Army** – The low income and free meals guides are also available on the Salvation Army website: <https://bremerton.salvationarmy.org/bremerton_corps/>

*Meeting ended at 3pm. Next meeting August 16, 2-4pm, virtual.*

*In attendance: 49*

Alec Bellis, Catholic Housing Services/Max Hale Center

Ami Leach, North Kitsap Fishline

Annika Turner, Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center

Brenda Johnson, Kitsap Community Resources

Brick Kawabata, Northwest Justice Project

Bridget Glasspoole, Kitsap Mental Health Services

Brittney Covey, Kitsap Homes of Compassion

Carl Borg, Kitsap County Housing and Homelessness Division

Chuck Svac, Kitsap County Central Labor Council

Chris, DSHS

Cory Derenburger, Kitsap County Housing and Homelessness Division

Danielle Gorman, Peninsula Community Health Services

Emily Larson, Kitsap Rescue Mission

Eric Harrold, Salvation Army

Erica Kommuri

Frankie Coleman, Coordinated Care Community Relations

Gail Misner

Gina Lindal, DSHS

Heather Blough, Housing Kitsap

Janae Jenkins, Benedict House

Jason Doty, Kitsap Aging and Long-Term Care

Jim Strunk, public

Joanna Hayes, Kitsap Homes of Compassion

Judy Rae Karlsen, Kitsap County Division of Housing and Homelessness

Julie Davis, St. Michael’s Medical Center

Karisha Stanley, Bremerton Housing Authority

Kathleen Knutsen, Catholic Community Services

Kathleen Kottey, Housing Solutions Center

Katie Sharp, Bremerton Housing Authority

Leah Noldan, Kitsap County

Leann Weaver, Georgia’s House/Weaver Foundation

Linda Hollingsworth, WorkSource Kitsap Veterans

Lorie Flatray, Northwest Justice Project

Madison Roszak, Kitsap Homes of Compassion

Maria Fergus, Kitsap Public Health District

Martitha May, Kitsap Public Health District

Marwan Cameron, Gather Together Grow Together and the Conduit

Michelle Jayroe, Kitsap Transit

Mindy Tonti, Kitsap Public Health District

Molly Brooks, Kitsap ERACE

Morgan Duffy, Bremerton Housing Authority

Nicole Oberg, Salish Behavioral Health-Administrative Services Organization

Nicole Vaughn, Housing and Essential Needs

Rae Hill, Kitsap Community Resources Rental Assistance Program

Roland Arper, Project Share

Sarah Kinnear, Kitsap Public Health District, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

Scott Willard, Kitsap Homes of Compassion

Sherri Raines, Housing Resources Bainbridge

Shawn Nigh, Helpline House

Susie Bell, Summit Ave Presbyterian Church

Theresa Ballew, Housing Kitsap

*Notes: Priya Charry*

*[Notes taken from recorded video; apologies for any missed names.]*