



I. CALL TO ORDER

Angela San Filippo called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Advisory Board members present: Linda Smith, Menka Soni, Aaron Johnson, Andrew Calkins, Dorsol Plants, Jennifer Hurley, Kaitlin Heinen, Ryan Disch-Guzman, Uche Okezie, Maju Qureshi.

Other attendees: Angela San Filippo, SKHHP; Jason Gauthier, SSHAP, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, KCRHA; Abby Anderson, KCRHA

III. AUGUST 4, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

There were no questions, concerns, or edits were to the meeting minutes, August 4 meeting minutes are approved.

IV. KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY (KCRHA) INTRODUCTION AND UPDATES

Alexis Rinck provided an overview of KCRHA, background and formation of authority, organizational structure, responsibilities, and relationships with King County and City with Seattle.

Overview of some recent wins related to emergency housing vouchers, contract, contract consolidation, release of RFPs, severe weather response framework, sub-regional agreement progress, service landscape data, qualitative data, housing gaps analysis, and encampment resolutions.

Question about workshops and targeted audience, partnerships/organizations versus people with lived experience. A broad spectrum of workshops have been held with providers, those with lived experience, as well as the general public.

Discussion on whether KCRHA plans to work with neighboring counties and alignment of service styles and service models, some providers are literally on the county line and shelters that are down the road are run very differently. There is an aspiration to work with neighboring counties but there is also an issue with capacity. Already working with over 100 providers and 450 programs, would like to have more capacity to partner with, question about who to contact at Pierce County.

Discussion about temporary accommodations to support individuals and families in between housing. KCRHA works with outreach providers and have transportation programs for people to access services.

Discussion on data collection and sensitivity of data, data collection methods can affect the answer/response. What are the three main recurrent problems that database is picking up and how will they be addressed?

Several methods of data collection – first through HMIS (client level data on access to services). Challenges with HMIS – 6-7,000 in the HMIS system but the accuracy of that data is casualty of short staffing and overworked staff, also families can opt out of the system. Most important metrics to track is the return to homelessness but the nature of inputted data, can impact the way the data is inputted.

Discussion on All Home and Point in Time County - on the ground physically counting the people and bring that information into the data.

This year interviews and stories were conducted through respondent driven sampling. Used by World Health Organization when measuring disease outbreaks. Set up interview hubs, started with seed hubs to conduct initial interviews and gave them coupons and compensation packet to pass on to their own networks. Interviewed over 600 currently unsheltered people in King County. Partnered with Lived Experience Coalition to collect qualitative data through a series of questions that got at people's stories. They are currently in the process of coding all of the qualitative information to identify themes, common typologies. Through using the respondent driven methodology they modeled out an estimated 13,368 people are experiencing homelessness, increase by almost 2,000 folks.

Cross systems analysis of administrative systems and how many individuals are captured in all those systems. De-duplicated number of individuals accessing services was 40,871. Keep in mind that not all folks experiencing homelessness are system connected. Highlighted the disproportionate number of BIPOC communities that experience homelessness, over half experience disability, 31% experience issues related to mental health, and 37% have a substance abuse disorder.

Review of subregional analysis with a focus on South King County (SKC) analytics and ongoing communication amongst KCRHA and SKC cities.

Discussion on housing vouchers and whether there were agencies that did not get to use all the vouchers. Discussion on partnership opportunities and working together in other capacities – how do providers work with KCRHA and hold KCRHA accountable.

Discussion on partnership opportunities between SKHHP and KCRHA, opportunity to align around funding. In the previous system, Seattle and King County each held individual contracts for similar services, resulting in duplication in the system and lack of alignment. How can we further work to align funding streams, number of jurisdictions are providing funding to service providers. What would it look like to pool funding with KCRHA – local dollars to support local services with KCRHA administering those funds.

In North King County, 5 jurisdictions are in the process of adopting an interlocal agreement to that effect, lots of learning potential from that work.

Potential partnership opportunity around advocacy and alignment in South King County needs, what does aligned and effective advocacy look like in South King County?

Question on outreach to people living in communities where hotels are being turned into temporary shelters. Community outreach includes community based forums where are there gatherings to have those conversations, led by King County.

Discussion on Los Angeles organization with similar structure to KCRHA and LA City Council recent passage of harmful ordinance to homeless community, question on learning from the backlash that has happened LA. Discussion on the political nature of discussion around housing and homelessness and trying to shield decisions from politics and political backlash.

Discussion on the loss of trust in service providers, not sure what to do. Communities are hurting, and there is more open distrust towards government organizations. How to rebuild that trust?

MultiService Center is working on coordinated/hosting education session. Currently in the planning stages but hoping to hold community education event in October. Will help for providers and cities to be on the same page and work with KCRHA to build some bridges.

V. EXECUTIVE BOARD LIAISON REPORT OUT

Uche attended the August 19 Executive Board meeting where the Executive Board heard similar presentations as the Advisory Board from ARCH and KCRHA. In addition, the Executive Board approved the 2023 annual work plan and budget with comments shared in support of continued contribution and participation with SKHHP. Last item on the agenda was an overview of progress during the second quarter of 2022.

VI. UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angela provided a brief update on the hiring process for a SKHHP Program Coordinator and interest in applications for the housing capital fund.

VII. ADJOURN

Angela adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm