

# Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council

## Meeting Minutes May 14, 2019

Meeting was opened by President Linda Hillesheim at 12:00 noon

Introductions were made.

Financial report by Treasurer Warren Marquardson (see website for report)

Congregations for Kids report by Nancy Jacobs. Nancy reported they are starting on their 24th year of this project and initial contacts with congregations and other organizations are underway. She also shared a heartfelt letter about the program from the Family Connections Center Staff.

Elizabeth Maupin announced her workshop on Housing to be held at St Luke's on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 until 3. Main topic is how faith communities can make their land available for homeless services mostly housing.

Tony Copes reported on the Eastside Human Services Forum where he is the EISCC representative. Their work plan for this year is:

- Internal organization structure review
- Advocate for funds for people with needs
- Bringing people and groups together to maximize resources
- Educate and influence decision makers and communities to focus on Eastside needs
- Affordable housing
- Impact regional issues that affect human services

Presentation. Josh Terlouw, EISCC Board member facilitated a panel discussion on how providers on the Eastside can provide services to the homeless.

Muslim Community Resource Center (MCRC) Khizer Sherrif **888-404-6272**

Food services, gas cards, medical and legal clinic, transitional housing for women.

Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) Tom Miles **425-241-1791**

Outreach (all populations) Day Center, shelter, Case management, resource center food , laundry, showers, housing (all for men).

Tom stressed that when you encounter a person who might be experiencing homelessness to start with a normal relationship to build trust

Friends of Youth Jessica Wood **425-298-4846. Night (425) 449-3868**

Serve infants through age 24, throughout King County. Housing for singles 18-24r, Family housing, host homes, young adult shelter 18-34, youth shelter 7-17, assistance for those experiencing sex trafficking.

City of Redmond Outreach Kent Hay **425.556.2413 Khay@redmond.gov** All populations in Redmond, resource center, works with police and fire depts., does whatever it takes to help folks move out of homelessness.

Hopelink Donata Brenner **425.985.6287** | Serves all populations in NW King County. Food banks, case managers, housing for families with children, eviction prevention, utility assistance, emergency food bags.

Catholic Community Services (CCS) Jana Lissiak **206-437-7448 or 206-328-5900**

All populations over much of King county. Eastside focus is access point for housing, New Bethlehem Day center for families, year round shelter for families under construction, emergency shelter for families, Issaquah meals, Housing and Essential Needs Program (HEN), Rapid rehousing, housing navigators.

Sophia Way Cynthia Brown 425-455-8607

Serves single-328-5900 adult women, Day center, food, showers wash/dry, year round shelter, emergency shelter, outreach, case management, small transitional housing,

### **What should people do when encounter a possibly homeless person?**

CFH: make human contact, "Hello, How are you doing" etc. contact CFH to send out an outreach worker

MCRC provides small kits with personal emergency items with contact info that a person can use immediately

FOY: Contact Friends of Youth to send out an outreach worker

Hopelink: Tell them about Hopelink's, resources

CCS: Tell them about the New Bethlehem Day center

Sophia Way: Cal Case manager (number above)

Redmond Outreach: make sure whatever you say/do actually does something

**Numbers to call at night:** See numbers above

**Mental Health Services:** call case managers

**Domestic violence:** Call case managers

**Announcements:**

KIN is working on a tiny house project. More NextG month

Imagine Housing is opening "30 Bellevue" apartments and needs furniture,  
Call Imagine Housing for next steps.

Jack Roos has "A Start-up Guide to Safe Parking Programs for Religious Organizations" and it's the outcome of some analysis that was done of the safe parking programs of 5 churches in the Eastside and Kent. It outlines the rationale, steps to getting started, and program structures. Contact Jack at [jhroos@juno.com](mailto:jhroos@juno.com)

**NEXT MEETING June 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM, St Margaret's,**

**TOPIC: Mental Health services**

**EISCC's mission:** Members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council ("EISCC") believe we are guided by the moving of God's spirit in our community to work together in a spirit of caring and celebration. We honor and respect each other's religious heritages, welcome and pray for each other, and share information about pressing community needs.

We provide a forum to educate, advocate, initiate, coordinate, and support through task forces and other means, to work for the common good, and to address human needs and improve the quality of life of the citizens living in the eastside communities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Issaquah, Renton, and Redmond.

List of Board members with phone numbers???