

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL (EISCC)
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - Noon-1:30 PM (Pacific Time) – Virtual

- ✚ **Welcome and Opening Prayer by Elizabeth Maupin**
- ✚ **Attendees were asked** to introduce themselves and enter name, organization and email address in the chat.
- ✚ **Brief reports** were given. Current treasury information is found on the EISCC website; Congregations4Kids is awaiting information from the Bellevue School District;
- ✚ **Spotlight: Eastside Academy**, Aaron Monts, Director of Development
aaronm@eastsideacademy.org / 425.452.9920 x6005 For information regarding the school: <https://www.eastsideacademy.org/>
- ✚ **Main Presentation: Severe Weather Shelter in East King County**
 - Mallory Van Abbema, King County Regional Homelessness Authority, East King Subregional Planning Specialist;
 - Coordination during cold and heat events with organizations to pivot quickly to open beds, triage, provide shelter; working on a real-time bed availability system;
 - Whenever activated, KCRHA Communications Team coordinates with external media to keep information updated hourly; Tony Machacha, Community Capacity Team Manager; tony.machacha@kcrha.org
 - Big challenge for most vulnerable: communicating regarding availability of shelter space; KCRHA is aware and constantly working to address;
 - 211 is cumbersome and not user friendly for cellphone users who have limited minutes and/or no phone access at all; we need to continue to be aware of our society's reliance on cellphones and websites: not available or accessible by all;
 - <https://kcrha.org/regional-services-database/>
 - KCRHA office of the Ombuds which is a resource to all in the community; if people are discharged from hospitals without a place to go, without further services, etc. CONTACT: <https://kcrha.org/resources/ombuds/>
 - And an example of Severe Weather Communications from KCRHA's website: <https://kcrha.org/category/severe-weather/>
 - itfh@comcast.net weekly updates for some available services
 - <https://www.emeraldcityresourceguide.org/>
 - Nicolas Quijano, City of Bellevue Homelessness Outreach Program Manager
 - Safe Parking Program: Lake Washington Methodist-Kirkland, St. Jude Catholic-Redmond, Overlake Christian Church-Bellevue; see following link for contact information and clientele served;
 - <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/community-services/human-services/shelters-and-safe-parking>
 - Eastside cities have Homelessness Outreach personnel; reach-out to them for information and/or refer individuals to them for information and support;

✚ Q and A:

- **How might the EISCC community work with you to offer more beds when needed?** KCRHA Community Capacity Team is where organizations can connect to coordinate shelter space;
- **Have you thought of reaching out to businesses that could provide shelter in their parking garages?** No, but it's a good idea.
- **What resources does City of Bellevue provide to those experiencing homelessness?** Outreach helps with transportation, acquiring i.d., resource navigation, assist with phone calls;
- **Vehicle residency during extreme cold spells is a very hazardous place to be.** Vehicle outreach is available through Interfaith Taskforce, Bill Kirlin-Hackett;

✚ Announcements:

- People Affected by Homelessness Support Group Every Thursday at 5:30PM; More info at www.anything-helps.org/groups
- Bellevue Hopelink (Opens 1/17/23), 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98007
Tuesdays 5:00pm-9:00pm, Saturdays 9:00am-4:00pm, Sundays 10:00-4:00pm
Tax Clinics will be open the following times Bellevue Hopelink (Opens 1/17/23)
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- Faith Action Network: Thursday, February 9 – 9AM to 3 PM – Olympia – registration details to be shared soon – go to fanwa.org for more information
- To receive weekly action alerts from FAN along with the Action Tracker, sign up at fanwa.org
- Once the FAN Board votes on FAN priorities, the FAN website will be updated with more information on each. Visit www.fanwa.org for more information.

✚ Closing Prayer by Elizabeth Maupin

UPCOMING 2nd TUES. GENERAL EISCC MEETING: February 14, 2023 **Topic: Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) Update**

EISCC BOARD MEMBERS 2022-2023—Past President and Eastside Human Services Forum Rep: Linda Hillesheim, Unity of Bellevue; President: Rev. Patty Ebner, First Congregational Church, Bellevue; Treasurer: Warren Marquardson, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Secretary: Judy Buckmaster, St. Luke's Lutheran; At Large Member-Outreach/Islamic Center of Eastside Mosque and the Muslim Association of Puget Sound Mosque: Farida Hakim; At Large: Elizabeth Maupin, M.Div., Spirit of Peace UCC; At Large Member-Khizer Sherriff

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EISCC Mission Statement--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 those living in the Eastside communities.