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**EISCC General Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2023, Noon-1:30 PM**

- ✚ **Welcome and Opening Prayer** by Ellen Weiss Phelps
- ✚ **Twenty-six attendees** introduced themselves and were asked to enter their name, organization, and email address in the chat.
- ✚ **Minutes** from previous meeting considered and comments were asked for; none were given and the minutes were accepted;
  - Elizabeth Dickinson, Faith Action Network, indicated that going forward she would be able to bring Legislative updates to this group (Jean Harris would like to be relieved of this duty)
- ✚ **Link to join Eastside Interfaith** <http://eiscc.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-EISCC-dues-letter-Jan-2023.pdf>
  
- ✚ **Brief reports:**
  - **EISCC Treasury report:** Total assets checking/savings balance, \$84,633; C4K asset balance 154,692; For details and total balance see [http://eiscc.net/?page\\_id=69](http://eiscc.net/?page_id=69)
  - **Congregations4Kids:** <http://congregations4kids.org/> School started last week and the backpack distribution has gone well. Families are asking for home supplies, which is new this year. Families can acquire those at their home Family Connection Center. C4K has updated their website. Please take a look at this subagency of EISCC which has been serving Bellevue School District students for 28 years. Questions/comments: [bnjacobs@frontier.com](mailto:bnjacobs@frontier.com).
  - **Eastside Human Services Forum:** <http://eastsideforum.org> Linda Hillesheim invites members to give input for her to take to meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14; EHS is looking for new E.D.
  - **Hopelink:** Has five centers; has a mobile food source; Luncheon on Oct. 16;
  - **Faith Action Network:** Elizabeth Dickinson shared info regarding action to be taken right now: The Farm Bill--support for food justice: <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/take-action-for-the-farm-bill>
  - If you'd like to bring this advocacy opportunity to your faith community, please contact me at Elizabeth, [dickinson@fanwa.org](mailto:dickinson@fanwa.org)
  - You're invited to a **Gathering of Advocating Faith Communities and People of Conscience** on Wednesday, Oct 25, 6:30-8:00 pm at Newport Presbyterian Church, with food. Come talk about your concerns, actions and hopes for compassion and justice!
  - **Slate of officers** presented to be voted on at October meeting. President: Pastor Mark Griffith; Past President: Linda Hillesheim; Treasurer: Warren Marquardson; Secretary: open; At large: Farida Hakim, Khizer Sheriff, Elizabeth Maupin.
- ✚ **Spotlight: *Plymouth Crossing, with Site Manager Taryn Collis***
  - Eastside's first permanent supportive housing that opened mid-July in Bellevue, focusing on homelessness resources and affordable housing;
  - part of the new 10-acre Eastgate Housing Campus that includes CFH (now Porchlight) permanent men's shelter and the 353-unit Polaris at Eastgate affordable housing development. [www.https://plymouthhousing.org](https://plymouthhousing.org)
  - Does not do shelter work or medication management. Five case managers onsite. Twenty-four hour front desk staff. Working towards onsite nursing and onsite social worker. They are open to single adults, tend to be older and long-term housing-challenged. Building rules that tenants are expected to abide by. Secure residence.
  - Connect residents to services such as case management, transportation.

- Looking for organizations to engage with. Need donations of hygiene products, shelf stable foods, games/activities, premade lunches; volunteer to prepare and serve a meal, host a bingo night, BBQ on the patio;
- Questions please contact [tcollis@plymouthhousing.org](mailto:tcollis@plymouthhousing.org) or [volunteer@plymouthhousing.org](mailto:volunteer@plymouthhousing.org)
- Tenancy is through Coordinated Entry 211; for support contact Bellevue Team at mybellevueapp, info here: <https://downtownbellevue.com/2014/04/07/city-of-bellevue-launches-new-mybellevue-mobile-app/>

✚ **Main Presentation: *Gathering Input for City Human Needs Assessment and Update*, Megan Beers, PhD, Sr. HMA Consultant** This year, the City of Bellevue is working with national research and consulting firm HMA (Health Management Associates) to better learn about the City's human services needs for their biennial report. They have been reaching out to organizations, including EISCC, to gather as much information from those serving the community as they can through interactions and conversations like this, and through their provider survey. All attending are encouraged to contribute to the conversation.

- Data gathering: Provider survey, consumer survey, community focus groups, provider and coalition meetings.
- Info will be published in a report and information will be utilized in City of Bellevue (COB) strategic planning.
- Questions posed to the group:
  - Using one word or a short phrase, how would you describe the current state of human services on the Eastside?
  - What are the greatest challenges the residents of the Eastside are facing over the next 3-5 years?
  - What is one key question you would like answered by the needs update.
  - What haven't I asked about that you think would be helpful for us to know?
- Here is the link to the survey, which will be open until the end of the day this Friday, September 15th: [https://healthmanagement.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_250bD63vXkC0aJo](https://healthmanagement.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_250bD63vXkC0aJo)
- [mbeers@healthmanagement.com](mailto:mbeers@healthmanagement.com) for support, questions, comments

✚ **Announcements**

- FAN East King County Cluster Meeting Oct 25, 6:30-8:00 pm, Newport Presbyterian Church, Please RSVP to help us plan: East King County Gathering of FAN Advocates; <https://fanwa.org/2023/08/18/fan-cluster-meetings-begin/>
- Mary's Place is looking for 5/6 sized diapers, baby wipes and blankets;
- Eastside for All is having Bridging the Gap- Addressing the Housing Disparity in EKC on September 15th at the Together Center in Redmond. Link for registering is [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bridging-the-gap-addressing-housing-disparities-in-east-king-county-tickets-701226024917?aff=oddtcreator).
- A Platefull is also looking for 65 turkeys for the holiday season; Contact Lisa at [info@aplatefull.org](mailto:info@aplatefull.org)

✚ **Closing Prayer** by Pastor Mark Griffith

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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 heritage, 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.*