

South King County Forum on Homelessness  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017  
9AM - 10:30AM  
City of Kent, Kent Commons

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#### SKCCH

- McKinney-Vento 101 training was held in August; more trainings to be held around trauma-informed care
- Newly-published McKinney Vento guides are available and will be emailed to the group
- Liaisons are in each school in King County; McK-V's definition of "homeless" is much broader than the norm
- Feedback is encouraged about what barriers are being faced by McK-V families
- Election Day: Tues., Nov. 7
- Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) renewal is on ballot to continue housing & other program funding
- Homeless and low-income residents are encouraged to register to vote; outreach provided at area hygiene & day shelters
- Two (2) trainings will be held for volunteers and service providers (9/14 and 9/23)
- General membership meeting & service provider training only on 9/21
- 501(c)3 agencies can educate on levy but not endorse any candidates (*contact Hillary with legality questions*)

#### UPDATES

- Eileen & Callie's Place is now recruiting for their mentoring program
- YWCA/Renton working on rapid rehousing for honorably discharged vets
- Kent SD's McKinney-Vento program has already identified 140 students this school year; there's a noticeable upturn in unsheltered families and frustration in lack of available resources
- Housing Development Consortium: "Housing Stability" is a large piece of the VSHSL but has not been fully defined; contact County staff and Councilmembers with input and to highlight where the gaps in service are
- Kent Hope: Fundraiser on Nov. 4 – contact them if interested in hosting a table

#### RAY OF HOPE DAY SHELTER

- Opened Aug. 28; hours are 10-3:30, Monday-Friday at Valley Cities property (2536 I St. NE)
- Call The Auburn Food Bank for more info: 253-833-8925
- Project stemmed from Auburn's Homeless Task Force recommendations
- Currently no overnight shelter, but should be available in October; then hours will be 9am-9pm
- Temporary shelter to be open for approximately 18 months
- Located on bus line
- Lunch is provided
- Showers, laundry are available within walking distance

- WorkSource, DSHS, Parole Offices, Social Security are all located across the street
- Case managers from Valley Cities are available onsite
- All are welcome; those under 25 are referred to Nexus or Valley Cities Phoenix Rising
- Low-barrier style shelter
- Orion Industries comes once weekly to assist with job search, interview process

Next meeting: Wed., Oct. 4, 2017