

SKC Forum on Homelessness

December 6, 2017

9:00-10:30am

Planning for 2018

- At this month's meeting, we had an exercise for folks to think about how the SKC Forum is used and if we should consider utilizing it differently to include greater resource sharing, training, advocacy, or skill building.
- If you were not able to attend, please keep an eye on your email! A survey will be sent out in the next few days to get your thoughts and input on what would make the SKC Forum a valuable space for you in 2018.

Update from SKCCH

[Coalition on Homelessness Annual Meeting & Legislative Preview Thursday, December 14: 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. E. Cherry St. YWCA \(2820 E. Cherry St. in Seattle\)](#) [Reserve your seat today!](#)

Please plan to join us for the Coalition's first [annual member meeting](#) on Thursday, December 14! This special meeting combines our December Membership meeting and Legislative Preview with a special opportunity to come together as a Coalition, celebrate our collective work, and learn how to advance safety, housing, health, and justice. [General Membership Meeting Agenda](#)

- **9 a.m. - 10 a.m.: Legislative Preview -**
 - [Hear from State Legislators](#) who represent King County about their perspectives and priorities for the 2018 session and what they suggest effective advocates do
 - Senator **David Frockt** (LD 46), Rep. **Joan McBride** (LD 48), Rep. **Vandana Slatter** (LD 48), Penka Jane Culevski (LA to Senator Pedersen, LD 43), and Adam Day (LA to Senator Mullet, LD 5) will join us!
- **10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.: Our Homelessness & Affordable Housing Priorities in Olympia**
 - [Learn from Coalition advocacy partners](#) about key legislative and budget priorities, and strategies for advancing smart laws and robust budgets.
- **10.45-11.00: Planning YOUR Coalition advocacy for 2018!** How will you inform and involve clients, residents, guests, Board members, volunteers, and staff in speaking up? When is *Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day* (Thursday, Feb. 1!) When are winter *Homelessness Advocacy 101* workshops? (Coming soon!)
- *Plus:* Special Thank Yous to key people who have partnered with us this year, including King County Elections.

Coalition's 1st Annual Member Meeting Agenda

- **11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Light Lunch and snacks will be provided)**
 - **Voting on Coalition Board of Directors slate**
 - **All in for Washington Presentation and Messaging Training**

- [All In For Washington](#) is a statewide effort to clean up the tax code so that all communities in Washington thrive. We know that our work to create a lot more affordable housing and support people while they are homeless is only possible if we address our upside down tax structure and invest in the future health and strength of our state. How do we connect this work with what we do every day?
- Special entertainment (what could it be?!)

[RSVP to let us know you can make it!](#)

Spotlight Topic: 2018 Point in Time count – Kira Zylstra, All Home (kira.zylstra@allhomekc.org)

- Every year, King County conducts a count of individuals experiencing homelessness
 - A count is required by the federal government in January
 - This year's count is **January 26, 2018** 2am-6am (remember: this is between Thursday night/Friday morning!)
 - King County's annual point in time count, called **Count Us In** includes a visual count of unsheltered individuals, data from shelter and transitional housing providers, and surveys that take place over a two week period
 - Data is used to understand the scope of need vs resources, inform overall strategies
- All Home is working with Applied Survey Research to conduct the count
- SKCCH will be a partner for advocacy the night of at deployment centers
- A youth specific count will also take place on the afternoon/evening of January 25th.
- Last year, there were changes made to the count methodology
 - Became a full area count rather than a known area count
 - Included paid guide positions with lived experience of homelessness
 - A greater portion of the count done from vehicles rather than on foot
 - Data released months after rather than the morning of
- All Home is looking for support with volunteer recruitment and guide recruitment
 - Would like input on what is needed for better recruitment of guides, especially outside of Seattle
 - e.g. transportation to and from the deployment sites
 - Volunteer signup is on the website: <http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/>
 - More information will be sent out to the group from All Home in the coming weeks

For more information about Count Us In:

- Michelle Valdez – Project Manager (michellevaldezconsulting@gmail.com)

Michelle is leading overall project management for everything Count Us In. There are many people designated as leads for various aspects of the work, but Michelle will be our guide, directing us all and keeping us coordinated.

- Sinan Demirel – Logistics Coordinator (sinand@gmail.com)

Sinan is point on everything related to night-of logistics and is the key contact for Area Leads and anything related to Deployment sites.

- Jean-Paul Yafali – Guide Recruitment (jyafali@kingcounty.gov)

Jean-Paul is our point person for everything related to Guide recruitment and is the key contact for potential guides as well as providers and other partners that will be helping with recruitment.