

KCMC: Access to work and school subcommittee

MEETING NOTES

July 22nd, 2016

2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4070

Participants: Michael Given (HERO House), Jacqueline Mann (PSESD), Lauren Link (Hopelink), Staci Haber (Hopelink), Brian Dougherty (SDOT), Eleen Trang (SDOT), Julie Burrell (King County Metro)

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting began at 2:30 PM. Introduction were made and everyone explained why they were interested in access to work and school. Staci gave a brief overview about the King County Mobility Coalition and how the access to work and school subcommittee was deemed a priority.

KCMC WORK PLAN 2015-2020

Staci talked about the King County Mobility Coalition (KCMC) 2015-2020 work plan. Staci provided background on the KCMC and then brought attention to Initiative 7. Access to Work and School. Jacqueline had worked on this particular initiative, so she provided insight and explanations as to what they were looking to achieve.

IDENTIFYING THE GAPS:

Lauren led the “Identifying the gaps” activity. She handed out different colored Post-it notes to subcommittee members. She then asked them to list the gaps they saw in their daily work that related to access to work and school. Geographical area, transit service agencies, systemic obstacles, whatever it may be—participants were asked to write down their ideas—one per Post-it.

When everyone finished, Lauren facilitated the activity by asking everyone to take turns in sharing the gaps they identified. Patterns started to emerge based on systemic issues (poverty, poor health) to geographical barriers (low transit area, S. King county vs. N. King County) to fragmented services and lack of awareness of services. Attached is a list of all the gaps that were identified by the members of the subcommittee.

There was a lot of discussion on cost of bus service and other transportation services for low to no income individuals. There was also discussion on reverse commuting, alternative services, people working non-traditional hours, and how best to serve different populations.

ACTION PLAN FOR NEXT MEETING:

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- Meeting times will be bi-monthly—a doodle poll will be sent out by Lauren to determine the best time to meet—next meeting would be in September.
 - Lauren will share the contact list with subcommittee members—anyone they believe should be part of the conversation can be referred to Lauren or invited by the subcommittee member.
 - Further recruitment will be done by Lauren to reach out to individuals identified by the subcommittee: Worksource representative, community college/ university representative, Seattle Jobs Initiative, Public health
 - Lauren will confirm with members regarding about their desired level of involvement: work group member or interested party
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