

## MEETING NOTES

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Tukwila Community Center

12424 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave South

Tukwila, WA 98168

Meeting Room A

Participants: Adria Briehl (Catholic Community Services), Alison Turner (City of Tukwila), Chris Andree (City of Tukwila), Chris Staats (DSHS CSO Renton), Cindy Chen (Metro), Jay Thomas (Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation), Mark Smutney (Sound Generations), Samantha Jolin (Road to Independence)

Laurie Meynig (Staff Support), David Lynch (Staff Support)

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## WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting began at 9:30am. Laurie asked everyone to introduce themselves and provided the following regional updates:

- Period of Maximum Constraint, Seattle Squeeze, Via-Doom, 3 Week Closure of SR99: beginning Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10pm, the longest major highway closure in Puget Sound history will close SR 99 from South Spokane St to the south end of the Battery Street Tunnel. For information and tools, go to:  
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Viaduct/realign99>
- New service available: Normandy Park Community Ride. Serving Normandy Park, and portions of Burien, SeaTac and Des Moines. Operates from 10am to 4pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 11am to 3pm on Saturdays. Reservations [can be made online](#) or by calling 1-855-233-6043.
- Saturday, January 12 United Way hosted a Free Resource Exchange for Families Experiencing Homelessness at Green River College in Auburn.
- Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> the ORCA Youth Coordinator will be at the Ron Sandwith Teen Center in Federal Way to distribute travel training and pre-loaded ORCA Youth cards for high school students. For more information on the program, contact AJ Gabriel (ORCAYouth @hopelink.org).

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**ROUNDTABLE: 2018 WRAP UP AND PROJECT UPDATES**

*SKCMC MEMBERS*

Laurie shared updates on activities of the KCMC's Inclusive Planning Grant. Working under a national grant from the US Administration for Community Living to spend six months leveraging an inclusive planning process to evaluate how people find and secure transportation in our region. In that time a survey was distributed across the county with over 300 responses in six languages, two Mobility for All Summits were held with 134 total attendance and 3 listening sessions were conducted. The findings from these efforts are being compiled and the next steps for the grant are being explored.

Cindy Chen provided an update on the outreach efforts surrounding the closing of SR99—multi-language brochures are available and highlight the bus routes affected by the closure; an FAQ on Metro's blog is now available ([link here](#)). She has also been working with the Transit Advisory Commission with a focus on advocacy in 2019.

Chris Staats is expanding the reach of the Renton DSHS offices by providing CSO access on site at the Renton SHAG housing complex. Services will be available to residents twice monthly.

Adria shared information on Catholic Community Services program in Woodinville, which created a volunteer job to assist individuals experiencing homelessness with overcoming first-last mile issues.

Alison shared and updated on the Commute Trip Innovation Grant. The program has brought on a new hire—Chris—to expand the promotion efforts around public transit options. Additionally, the City of Tukwila.

Penny Laura shared information on the ORCA Youth program which seeks to educate and incentivize high school students around King County with the Find Your Freedom campaign. Inclusive planning and an equity lens was incorporated into the planning stages of this grant to focus on accessibility. The first video in an educational series, "What is an ORCA card?" is released and [can be seen here](#).

Mark Smutney shared information about the inclusive planning grant findings, emphasizing the need to simplify a user's access to service providers. Mark also shared information about the King County Mobility Coalition's Request for Information on Transportation Technology to help providers and explore a 1-Call 1-Click option.

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**PRESENTATION: REGIONAL ALLIANCE FOR RESILIENT AND EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION**

*DAVID LYNCH (HOPELINK)*

David provided a presentation on the RARET workgroup. RARET is a group formed by Emergency Managers, Transportation Providers, and advocates seeking to improve coordination among transportation and human service providers to increase the life-sustaining transportation services available to special needs populations in the event of a disaster. They are a tri-county group supporting agency preparedness across Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties.

Adria shared that the volunteer groups with Catholic Community Services can be utilized in an emergent event for coordination and transportation for the clients they already serve, when possible. It's a great opportunity makes use of established relationships to build trust. Chris also noted that DSHS has mobile CSOs that respond to emergency situations.

RARET is always looking to expand its partnerships with agencies around the area. For any questions or if you'd like to be added to the communications list, please contact David ([dlynch@hopelink.org](mailto:dlynch@hopelink.org)).

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**PRESENTATION: AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION RFP**

*LAURIE MEYNIG (HOPELINK/SKCMC) FOR JON MORRISON-WINTERS (ADS)*

On behalf of Jon Morrison-Winters and Aging and Disability Services, Laurie shared slides and information on the upcoming RFP grant.

The RFP will be an open and competitive funding process with for programs serving older adults (60+) with Health Services Transportation and Food Access Transportation and approximately \$711,500 annual investment. The funding awards will be made for the period of July 2019 to June 2020. Partnerships and collaboration are strongly encouraged to meet the funding's aim of addressing significant needs among eligible populations. ADS will be looking for a commitment to equity, innovation or continuous improvement, and flexibility.

An information session will be held on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:30 at the Renton Community Center, Meeting Room B. Application deadline is Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm. Questions may be directed to Jon at [jon.winters@seattle.gov](mailto:jon.winters@seattle.gov)

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**UPDATE: FOOD ACCESS PROJECT**

*LAURIE MEYNIG (HOPELINK/SKCMC)*

Laurie shared an update on the food access project. March of 2018 saw the conclusion of a usage survey distributed to patrons of 8 South King County food banks as they made regular

visits. Nearly 600 responses were received from community members and the project moved to the next phase of interviewing subject matter experts.

The project is nearing completion, culminating in a Food Access Needs Assessment which examines the barriers and struggles South King County residents living on low- or no-income face when securing food for themselves and their families. It explores the risks of food insecurity and examines avenues of addressing this inequity.

Chris identified access issues that are common for individuals experiencing homelessness: lack of accurate information on identification card. For example, a person's ID might show an out-of-state address for a previous residence that would render them ineligible for local food banks, despite currently residing in Washington.

Once the report is finalized, it will be ready for distribution among networks within King County.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 11:00

Location: Renton DSHS/CSO, Seahawks Room

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