



## Single Adult Advisory Group (SAAG) Agenda

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-10:30am

King County Admin Building, Lean Lab

500 Fourth Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Problem Statement:** “There is an increase in those falling into homelessness (it is not rare enough), an increase in length of stay (it is not brief enough), all while exits to permanent housing have remained stable (it is not one-time/episodic)”

8:30am	Welcome	Kira
8:40am	<b>Key Developments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Adult Coordinated Entry &amp; Assessment / CEA for All</li> <li>• Veterans</li> <li>• HMIS Transition</li> <li>• Future Meetings</li> </ul> <p><i>Result: Group has an understanding of the work products associated with Single Adult and All Home sub-groups</i></p>	Gretchen Charles  Kira
8:55 am	<b>Single Adult Strategy Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWAP and Focus Strategies Update and Framework for Single Adult Strategic Plan</li> </ul> <p><i>Result: Group remains informed of Single Adult Strategic Planning efforts and the connection between Focus Strategies’ work and the efforts of the SAAG.</i></p>	Kira
9:05 am	Strategy Development – ONE TIME Priorities identifies September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Flexibility in housing to meet individuals’ needs as their circumstances change – program transfers and graduation</li> <li>➢ Improving access to appropriate Long Term Care programs and gaps in type of Long Term Care</li> <li>➢ Understand the demand – Single Adult Typology</li> </ul> Small Group Activity: What Policies, Activities and Strategies, specific to Single Adults, should be included in the plan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What’s missing?</li> <li>○ What strategies need to be taken on?</li> <li>○ What should be prioritized?</li> </ul> <p><i>Result: Group identifies key strategies, activities and policies for making homelessness ONE TIME in King County.</i></p>	Gretchen  Kira Gretchen ?  to lead small group activity

**Next Meeting: Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 2 pm, Mercer Island Community Center**

NOTE: All Home is transitioning all SubCommittee meeting dates in order to streamline scheduling and allow for coordinated feedback to critical All Home Strategic Planning issues. The general schedule is below.

Day 1- Second Tuesday of each month		
12:30-2:30	Data & Evaluations	
3:00-4:30	Communications	Safe Harbors

Day 2- Second Wednesday of each month		
12:00-2:00	SA/Veterans Advisory Group	FHI Advisory Group
2:30-4:30	YYA Advisory Group	



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#### **From the Strategic Plan: Relevant Strategies regarding ONE TIME**

Strategy 1.2.A **Advocate for Federal, State, and local policies and funding to increase and preserve low-income housing** for households earning below 30% Area Median Income (AMI).

Strategy 2.4: **right-size housing and supports** to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness

- ⇒ 2.4.A Commit to **right-sizing our homeless housing stock and services** based on typology and needs throughout the system so we can house more people; utilize National Alliance to End Homelessness tool to assist in setting system targets.
- ⇒ 2.4.D **Convert transitional housing** stock to support rapid placement in permanent housing. Some limited transitional housing will remain to serve specialized populations that would benefit from the model.
- ⇒ 2.4.E Increase the capacity of providers to implement **tailored services**; utilizing **progressive engagement** and **Housing First** practices that are flexible and responsive to the needs and priorities of individuals. Ensure support for culture shift for providers.
- ⇒ 2.4.F Ensure **culturally appropriate, tailored, and responsive services** / relevant pathways out of homelessness. Ensure that the right amount of the appropriate services is available to maintain housing in a culturally appropriate way.
- ⇒ 2.4.G Ensure homeless **housing stock and services are geographically located** to allow, whenever possible, for the need of individuals and families to be met in their own communities.

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Strategy 2.3: assess, divert, prioritize, and match people with housing and supports

- ⇒ 2.3.C Ensure admission criteria for homeless housing programs reflects **Housing First practices** (reducing criteria based on income, disability, treatment compliance, criminal histories, etc.) while ensuring agencies have the capacity to provide appropriate services for the target population.
- ⇒ 2.3.D Improve access to civil legal aid to assist populations facing disproportionate levels of homelessness in King County in accessing state and federal benefit programs. Explore ‘no cost’ strategies that provide better integration of existing structures for improved coordination and elimination of silos that create structural barriers. Identify civil legal organizations in King County that can partner with homeless housing providers to deliver civil legal aid to people facing civil legal barriers to obtaining or maintaining access to housing.

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Strategy 2.4: **right-size housing and supports** to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness

- ⇒ 2.3.A Ensure there is a **coordinated assessment system that is equipped to assist in appropriately identifying and prioritizing candidates for the right housing** and services intervention by using a progressive engagement approach and diverting people from shelter where possible.
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