

North Urban Human Service Alliance

Annual Report 2011

Mission: to build the community's capacity to respond to human service needs in North King County encompassing the cities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville.

Co Sponsored "A New Urgency for Leveraging Local Resources with Eastside Human Services Forum": This event featured data and stories showing the impact of recent cuts in human services, examples of innovative leveraging of local resources and next steps communities can take to address the cuts.

Affordable Housing and Homelessness Stakeholders Group: NUHSA is Co-sponsoring with the Housing Development Consortium, Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness and United Way of King County a November 9th Forum on *Homeless to Housed: Working Together to Make It Happen* at Shoreline City Hall. The Forum will assist faith communities and community organizations seeking information on how to meet the basic needs of homeless individuals and families. The Forum will also recap the progress made since the 2010 forum on efforts by the Stakeholders Group to encourage faith communities to build affordable housing units in North King County.

North King County Mobility Coalition: The Coalition was formed late in 2010 and is affiliated with the King County Mobility Coalition. The North King Group oversaw the completion of a survey of consumers and transportation providers in North King County to identify needs and opportunities for improving transportation. The Coalition was successful in advocating for expansion of the Hyde Shuttle from Shoreline/Lake Forest Park to selected destinations in North Seattle, including medical facilities. Transportation has been a priority problem identified in NUHSA's Needs assessments.

Public Policy: The Board endorsed the Vets and Human Service Levy renewal and supported the adoption of the Congestion Reduction charge of \$20.00 per vehicle, for a two year period, to avert cuts in public transportation.

Human Service Awards: This is the third year NUHSA has solicited submissions recognizing excellence in local Human Service Agencies, Individuals and Businesses. The Human Service Award is part of NUSHA's mission of increasing understanding among the public of the role of human services in maintaining healthy communities.

Communication with Members: To improve communication with members, a quarterly newsletter "NUHSA Updates" was launched to provide current information on events and projects. A revamp of the NUHSA website is underway to make it more accessible. Watch for the website changes coming soon. A first ever logo has also been created to provide a visual identity for print materials and for use on the website.

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