

NUSHA Update Summer 2011



2010 Human Service Award Winners
(L) Express Credit Union represented by Hannah Haag and (R) Sue Dahlin, founder of Youth Awareness and Disability Assemblies (YADA).

Homelessness in King County

At the July 20 Board Meeting Alison Eisinger, Executive Director of the Seattle King County Coalition on Homelessness, briefed board members and guests on the 2011 One Night Count (ONC). Alison stressed that the ONC is only one source of information on the extent of homelessness. Almost 9,000 people were counted in three locations: emergency shelters (2,611) transitional housing (3827) and unsheltered (street count) 2,492. The unsheltered group in North King County (35) was primarily living in cars and trucks. Alison encouraged NUHSA members to start thinking now about possible additional count areas in Shoreline, Kenmore, Bothell, and Woodinville and to contact her as early as possible with ideas for the 2012 count, which is in the planning stage. See www.homelessinfo.org for the entire ONC Report.

Funding Bus Service

The NUHSA Board adopted a position in support of having the King County Council enact a two year \$20 per vehicle congestion reduction charge. Without additional revenue, METRO will be forced to cut bus service by 17%.

While Board members expressed concern about supporting a regressive tax, no other option is available. The Board voted in support of the Council enacting the measure through its councilmanic authority. The tax is time-limited and for a single purpose. Low income, minority, immigrant, refugee and older adults rely on bus service and would be disproportionately affected by bus service cuts.

See www.nuhsa.org for the complete position paper.

Mobility

The North King County Mobility Coalition conducted a needs assessment in May to evaluate service gaps among transportation providers and to identify ways to increase community use of existing services. The results of the survey are being reviewed by the Coalition as it decides which projects will best address the problems identified. A total of 622 responses were obtained from the target audience consisting of youth, seniors, minority and low income community members. A copy of the Needs Assessment can be viewed at www.nuhsa.org or Alina Aaron caaron@hope-link.org

Veterans and Human Service Levy Vote August 16

The Board of NUHSA urges community members to vote yes on Proposition 1 on the August 16th Primary Ballot. The measure would continue existing funding for services to priority human service needs for another 6 years. Originally passed in 2005, the measure would extend the levy for another 6 years. Funds from the Levy have brought services to 82,000 veterans, their families and others across King County.

What is NUSHA?

The North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA) works in partnership with other organizations to increase the capacity of our communities to respond to human service needs in North King County, encompassing the cities of Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell and Woodinville. Our ability to be effective depends on active volunteers. If you see an issue that interests you, get involved, we need you!

NUSHA Website

www.nuhsa.org

Check the site for additional details on our activities including the dates and times of Board and Committee meetings and notes from past meetings.

Human Service Awards Nominations Souaht

The Third Annual Human Service Awards, given to an individual, agency or program that has made a significant contribution to human services in North King County will be announced at the Annual Meeting on October 27th at Third Place Commons, 9:00 AM. The Membership Committee invites nominations until September 15th. Nomination forms can be downloaded at www.nuhsa.org