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2008 Advocacy Recommendations

The Policy Committee recommends that NUHSA consider the following issues for advocacy:

NUHSA will monitor the distribution of King County's Regional Human Services funding, with an overarching goal of ensuring that inequitable geographic distribution of funds becomes a metric in determining project results.

Funding sources included are:

- Mental Health Sales Tax
 - *Potential Action Steps:* Meet with mental health providers to determine their funding needs, desires, and expectations. Ask local officials and other interested parties about their priorities for mental health funding, within the guidelines of the Plan. Use this guidance to determine NUHSA's focus areas and for monitoring.
- Vets and Human Services Levy
- Landlord Liaison Project

NUHSA will advocate on the need to incorporate space for human services and centralized human service centers in North End cities. Opportunities to advocate for this position include:

- The Downtown Bothell redevelopment plan
- The Fircrest Campus Master Plan
 - *Potential Action Steps:* Develop NUHSA's message. Carry this message to the City of Shoreline and Shoreline City Council. Currently interested parties Food Lifeline, Hopelink, and the Center for Human Services, will advocate to the state legislature.