

NUSHA Update Spring 2011



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!

Housing and Homelessness Work Group

A NUHSA Partnership with the Housing Development Consortium, the work group is focusing on mobilizing the faith community, with one church actively pursuing an affordable housing project. A how-to workshop is planned later this year for faith communities who want to be involved in programs and services for homeless people rather than housing development. The group is actively working to ensure local cities plans and building codes are supportive of affordable housing. For information or to volunteer, contact Harry Hoffman harry@housingconsortium.org.

Mobility

The North King County Mobility Coalition, a NUHSA Partnership, has just completed an asset map of North King County and is now at work on a consumer needs assessment to inform the process of selecting priority projects. The goal is to have 2000 consumers complete the survey by June. A companion telephone survey of providers, by Coalition volunteers, will be administered in May to gauge the current capacity of services and demand for transportation services. For information or to volunteer, contact Michelle Zeidman mzeidman@hope-link.org.

Policy Committee

The Committee has been focusing on the renewal of the Veterans and Human Services Levy and monitoring critical state legislation affecting human services. The Committee is planning a June 7th community forum, in conjunction with the Eastside Forum, on how local communities and service providers can work together to ensure essential services are maintained for our most vulnerable. The Forum is titled **"A New Urgency for Leveraging Local Resources"** and will be held at Northshore Senior Center. For information or to volunteer contact Rob Beem, Co-Chair rbeem@shorelinewa.gov.

Coalition for Attainable Financial Education (CAFÉ)

This is a newly formed asset building coalition in North and East King County. NUSHA is supportive of helping individuals and families achieve financial stability. CAFÉ is sponsoring workshops for national Money Smart Week at Bellevue College and Lake Washington Technical College for April 27. A training for case managers on financial literacy topics is planned for later in the year. For information or to volunteer contact, Jani James: jjames@hope-link.org

Please check the NUHSA website www.nuhsa.org for additional details on our activities including the dates and times of Board and Committee meetings and notes from past meetings.

Membership Committee

The Committee is conducting the annual membership drive to renew existing individual and organizational members of NUHSA. Memberships help fund the organization. The Committee has also begun planning for the 2011 Human Service Award. For information or to volunteer, contact co chairs Anne Guthrie aguthrie49@yahoo.co or Leslie Brooks leslieb@hope-link.org.