



SCA Public Issues Committee

MINUTES

April 13, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 31 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Mayor Don Gerend, Sammamish; Lyman Howard, City of Sammamish; Mayor Debra Perry, Milton; Councilmember Shelley Kloba, Kirkland; Councilmember Austin Bell, Burien; Lacey Jane Wolfe, City of Kent; Councilmember Bill Pelosa, Auburn; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office; Dana Hinman, City of Auburn; Councilmember Christie Malchow, Sammamish; Michael Huddleston, King County Council staff; Bob Lindskov, City of Covington. Chair Mhoon welcomed Ella Williams as a new temporary staff member to SCA.

2. Public Comment

Chair Mhoon asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, Chair Mhoon closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the March 9, 2016 Minutes

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton, to approve the March 9, 2016 PIC minutes.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Mhoon reported that the SCA leadership met with King County Executive Dow Constantine earlier in the day. In addition to Chair Mhoon, SCA President Nancy Backus, SCA Vice President David Baker, and SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson were present. Meeting topics included ST3, Seattle Region Partnership, South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition, and the recently convened Heroin and Opiate Addiction Task Force. Mhoon noted SCA members will need to stick together on ST3 voicing common issues, such as parking, as there is a lot of other input from Seattle area voices. She encouraged members to take the ST3 survey and noted parking is listed at the bottom of a long list of options in that survey. Chair Mhoon distributed a handout ([Attachment B](#)) regarding the Heroin and Opiate Addiction Task Force.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported on the first meeting of the SCA Best Starts for Kids Roundtable, which focused on the Youth & Family Homelessness Prevention Plan,

specifically discussing outreach needs in communities. Additional meetings of the Roundtable are scheduled for May 5 and June 2 and all cities are welcome to participate. Interested members should contact SCA to be added to the Roundtable roster.

Dawson also reported on a recent meeting of economic development managers, who were convened to follow up on the Economic Development Summit co-sponsored by SCA, Seattle, and King County in December 2015. The group was asked to help follow up on priorities from the Summit including developing an economic development dashboard, and developing metrics/goals to be included in the dashboard.

Dawson elaborated on the Seattle Region Partnership, a collaboration of the public, private, and philanthropic sectors working on expanding middle wage jobs.

Dawson noted that Item 13b in the packet is an update on the Convening of Cities on Homelessness held on March 11, 2016.

Dawson shared that Issaquah Mayor Fred Butler had a cardiac arrest event on Sunday and is in ICU. She asked members to keep him in their thoughts and prayers. There was a request to send flowers and a card, Dawson noted when he is able to accept those, that SCA will do so.

6. All Home Coordinating Board, Children and Youth Advisory Board, King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee, and Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee Appointments

Redmond Council President Hank Margeson, PIC Nominating Committee Chair, thanked members of the PIC Nominating Committee. Chair Margeson reported that the Committee met to fill vacancies on the All Home Coordinating Board, Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB), King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC), and Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC). Chair Margeson thanked all nominees who applied and noted that the vacancies were created by members in north King County stepping down; therefore the recommendations were mainly for North and Snoqualmie Valley members.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, to recommend to the SCA Board of Directors the following appointments:

- 1) Councilmember Shelley Kloba, Kirkland, as a member to the All Home Coordinating Board;***
- 2) Councilmember Jesse Salomon, Shoreline, as a member to the Children and Youth Advisory Board;***
- 3) Councilmember Henry Sladek, Skykomish, as an alternate to the King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee; and***
- 4) Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, as a member to the Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee.***

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, stated that senior citizens make up a good portion of the population and should be included in the description of the All Home Coordinating Board. Staff agreed to make this update for future calls for nomination.

7. Sound Transit's ST3 System Plan

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that staff has prepared a draft policy position on ST3 System Plan as requested by members at the March 9 PIC meeting. She explained that the PIC will vote on whether or not to bring a policy position forward on ST3 for action at the May 11 PIC meeting. Kuciemba followed by providing an overview of the drafted policy position.

Kuciemba explained that the policy position drafted reflects considerable feedback from SCA member cities, including jurisdictional letters submitted to Sound Transit and discussion at the March PIC meeting. While the ST3 draft plan includes many projects that bring a direct benefit to individual cities or subregions, SCA staff developed a policy position that highlights system-wide priorities that would have far-reaching impacts to SCA communities. Kuciemba encouraged an individual city or a coalition of cities to consider providing feedback to the Sound Transit Board on individual projects.

By way of background, Kuciemba stated that the [Sound Transit Draft ST3 System Plan](#) was released for public comment by the Sound Transit Board of Directors (ST Board) on March 24, 2016. The ST Board is expected to adopt a final ST3 System Plan in June 2016, which could be placed on the November 2016 ballot for a public vote. During the public comment period, cities could send letters to the ST Board, invite Sound Transit to present to the council, or encourage residents to weigh-in on an online survey or at an open house.

The projects in the \$50 billion draft plan would be built over a 25-year period. The Draft ST3 System Plan:

- adds 58 miles of Link light rail and 39 stations, creating a 108-mile system;
- contains a capital improvement program for Sounder Commuter Rail allowing for growth and additional parking facilities throughout the region;
- includes Bus Rapid Transit investments that would improve the speed, reliability and frequency of buses;
- adds approximately 600,000 more annual hours of ST Express bus service;
- includes an early deliverables or “early wins” program that would expedite Bus Rapid Transit investment and improve system access within eight years; and
- lays the foundation for new policies and programs.

Kuciemba noted that a majority of the system-wide priorities identified by the PIC in March are reflected in the Draft ST3 System Plan including the length of the package, the need for system access investments including parking, integration of transit services, and important “early-wins.”

Kuciemba concluded by stating that the draft plan is likely to change, particularly in light of feedback that ST Board members are hearing from vocal constituencies. SCA could send a

strong message to the ST Board that ST3 must remain a truly regional transit system with far-reaching benefits beyond Seattle.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that Mayor Baker requested additional north King County public meetings on ST3. Kuciemba suggested members contact her for assistance if they are also seeking meetings with Sound Transit.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, noted that the issue PIC is considering addresses the content of ST3. He asked whether SCA would be considering a position of support for the ballot measure itself. Dawson noted that SCA has not previously taken positions on ballot measures and noted the legal requirements. She recommended that the SCA Board discuss policies around this topic.

Chair Mhoon reminded members that this is a high level policy position; it does not address specific projects. Dawson noted that if specific projects were added, the issue could become divisive and reminded members SCA does not take positions on divisive issues. Chair Mhoon asked for a motion on the proposed policy.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, moved, seconded by Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, to bring back the following potential policy position to the next meeting of the PIC:

The Sound Cities Association (SCA) urges the Sound Transit Board of Directors to ensure the ST3 System Plan maintains a commitment to a truly regional transit system. In developing the final ST3 System Plan, the Sound Transit Board of Directors is urged to retain the following principles from the draft plan:

- ***A 25-year financial package to ensure a complete build-out of the light rail spine, as well as providing critical east-west connections throughout the region and north-south service on the eastside.***
- ***A program for early deliverables to improve system access and bus reliability, while incubating future light rail ridership.***
- ***Investment in system access improvements that enables a person's ability to easily and safely access an integrated transit system which includes parking options.***
- ***A commitment to equitable housing, including transit-oriented development (TOD) and affordable housing which promote walkable, compact communities in close proximity to transit service.***
- ***A commitment to working with local jurisdictions to assess ongoing improvements to access.***

Discussion on the motion ensued.

Councilmember Toby Nixon, Kirkland, noted that there is a Seattle bias in the plan. He suggested the issue of providing subarea equity should be addressed more directly. Dawson noted that this is a draft position and can be fine-tuned to address that issue.

Councilmember Tom Stowe, Beaux Arts Village, questioned the transparency of Sound Transit's communications with local jurisdictions and noted such communications needs to improve.

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, noted Woodinville sent a letter of appreciation to the ST Board for including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and other improvements in north King County. Talmas questioned Sound Transit's role in providing affordable housing along transit routes, suggesting it may be a jurisdictions' responsibility.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, shared that transit agencies often have a strong interest in the connection between affordable housing and transit. She noted the benefits of a holistic approach to affordable housing and transit.

Councilmember Bob Keller, Sammamish, discussed the impacts of ST3 to Sammamish residents. While he understands the need for a comprehensive transit system, Sammamish staff has estimated the cost of ST3 to Sammamish taxpayers as well above the estimated average provided by Sound Transit. Keller noted that Sammamish is receiving very little service in the plan. Sammamish residents must be able to get to transit to use it and they cannot access transit successfully in Sammamish due to parking issues. This will continue to be a topic of conversation for the city council.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated Redmond has taken a position in support of ST3. He noted Sound Transit is evolving its role in transit-oriented development (TOD); the agency is now working with jurisdictions and communities in making excess property available for TOD.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, to amend the main motion to include additional language in the third bullet of the potential policy position. The amended policy would read as follows:

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- *Investment in system access improvements that enables a person's ability to easily and safely access an integrated transit system which includes parking options, **with additional park and ride capacity.***
- *A commitment to equitable housing, including transit-oriented development (TOD) and affordable housing which promote walkable, compact communities in close proximity to transit service.*
- *A commitment to working with local jurisdictions to assess ongoing improvements to access.*

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, asked what parking options there were other than park and rides. There was a brief discussion about types of parking, including vehicular and bicycle.

Councilmember Marts expressed support for the amendment and noted Issaquah's support for ST3. He expressed sensitivity to Sammamish's concerns related to parking and access to transit.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, spoke in favor of the amendment. She also expressed interest in stating a need to increase access for bicycles, as well. Kuciemba responded there is approximately \$250 million in the plan for a non-motorized access allowance, including bicycles and pedestrian improvements. Dawson noted that an SCA policy position could highlight policy principles with wide support by SCA members, but which have received considerable opposition from external constituencies, such as parking.

Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Lake Forest Park, shared information she received from the Cascade Bicycle Club (CBC) asking CBC members to advocate for increased funding for bikes.

Mayor Crispo questioned Newcastle's support for ST3 given the lack of projects serving Newcastle residents. He expressed support for general congestion relief but questioned north-south service improvements. Dawson noted that BRT is proposed for I-405 and that there are ongoing efforts to further develop that project for the ST3 System Plan.

Deputy Mayor Stanford asked the intent of the fourth bullet of the position, which expresses the continued commitment to equitable housing. Kuciemba noted that SCA members expressed interest in ensuring that Sound Transit would go above and beyond what is currently being planned for equitable housing. She noted that Sound Transit is required to implement a regional equitable housing strategy, including maximizing TOD potential and affordable housing through strategic use of remnant property and capital investment. Kuciemba stated that the Washington State Legislature requires the agency prioritize affordable housing on surplus property and to contribute to a \$20 million loan to support affordable housing. Additionally, there is a \$20 million fund for TOD development within the ST3 System Plan.

Councilmember Kruller noted that even if ST3 doesn't reach residents directly, the region will benefit from an overall decrease in congestion. Chair Mhoon also noted the benefits to air quality from reduced congestion.

Councilmember Tosta questioned bullet four and suggested adding "bikeable" language. Dawson noted that staff can rework this bullet item in response to comments heard tonight.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, stated that, as a Sound Transit Board Member she is intent on listening to comments made by members of the PIC. She reiterated a statement from Executive Constantine's State of the County address that it would take 14 more lanes on I-5 to handle the capacity achieved with ST3. She went on to say that ST3 is an opportunity to relieve congestion and wants to focus on what is best for the region.

Councilmember Stowe asked if staff would edit the position to address comments heard, specifically language about needing more transparency from Sound Transit. Dawson said a

motion could be brought forward but also noted that maybe this is not the best place for such language. Stowe wants to emphasize that transparency and communication with cities needs to be a priority. Dawson suggested Diane Carlson could share that message with the County Executive.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, questioned how we are going to connect all of our cities regionally. He discussed the issues in the north end with multiple transit agencies serving different geographies and questioned how agencies work together to connect on cities to cities. Kuciemba noted that the third bullet addresses an integrated transit system. She shared that King County Metro has released its draft long-range plan, with a final plan in July 2016, which is integrated with Sound Transit's existing, planned and future systems. Metro and Sound Transit have made strides in their work to create an integrated transit system.

Councilmember Kruller asked when SCA staff would get revised potential policy language to PIC members. She also proposed a motion to add the word "continued" commitment to bullet five. Dawson noted that there may be people who don't believe there is communication occurring. Kruller withdrew her motion.

Mayor Crispo asked about funding for BRT on I-405. Kuciemba will follow up with him directly.

Dawson noted she has heard the following should be addressed by staff in a revised position: include park and rides as discussed in the motion, sharpen the language around "a truly regional transit system" to address subarea equity, and clarify the transit-oriented development bullet. She suggested someone propose a motion if members wanted language specifically referencing bicycles in the policy position. Dawson stated that staff will send out a revised position shortly.

Council President Margeson noted he added language about park and rides because of a vocal Seattle constituency which is opposed to the inclusion of parking in ST3.

Margeson called the question, seconded by Council President Bill Boyce, Kent. Chair Mhoon asked for show of hands on the question motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Mhoon asked for members to vote on bringing the amended motion back to the May PIC meeting as follows:

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There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Best Starts for Kids Levy – Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative Implementation Plan

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, provided an overview of the Best Starts for Kids item. The Regional Policy Committee (RPC) took action earlier today on the proposed Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative Implementation Plan. Dawson complimented RPC members on their hard work and diligence in reviewing and making recommendations for improvements on the plan.

Dawson reminded members that the Best Starts for Kids Levy sets aside \$19 million for the first year's levy proceeds for early action around youth and family homelessness prevention. The funding will provide youth and families at imminent risk of homelessness client-centered, outcomes-focused case management and flexible financial assistance. Dawson noted that King County staff proposes using a funding model developed by the Gates Foundation, the Domestic Violence Housing First (DVHF) model, ([Attachment C](#)). That model envisions 50% of funding being used for case management and 50% for flexible financial assistance to clients. The Implementation Plan, however, did not specifically address that model and money could be spent by agencies for either case management or flexible funds to clients. Councilmember Dan Grausz, Mercer Island, drafted an Amendment ([Attachment D](#)) to Ordinance 2016-0156 to have the goal of a 50/50 funding split included in the Implementation Plan. That amendment passed with support from all RPC members.

The RPC also discussed how to measure the success of the plan. Dawson noted that questions by RPC members highlighted the need for further clarity on how the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) would be used to track program participants.

The plan is now before the King County Council for consideration. Dawson noted that the PIC will receive additional updates in future meetings on the remainder of the BSK levy. The implementation plan on the remainder of the levy is due to Council on June 1, 2016.

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, a member of the RPC, concurred with Dawson's report and elaborated on the work of the RPC to improve the plan.

Councilmember Bob Keller, Sammamish, asked that numbers on clients served and metrics as to those clients be provided in addition to percentages, noting that percentages can be deceiving. For example, a program that has a 100% success rate but serves only one client

would appear to be successful based on percentages alone. Dawson asked that Diane Carlson share this feedback with county staff. Carlson agreed to do so.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, asked for an explanation of the reference in the plan to King County Central Rates; Dawson explained they are countywide administrative costs. Tosta also asked how agencies would be funded, and asked about duplicated existing services for the homeless. Dawson noted that the services in this plan were to prevent homelessness, not to serve the existing homeless population. On geographic distribution, Dawson noted that the desire to serve the entire county was part of the reason for the county staff recommendation to fund 25 agencies in the plan. She noted that the plan needed to reach outside Seattle, and in urban, suburban, and rural areas, and referenced the discussion at the SCA BSK Roundtable on outreach. She also noted the interest in the plan serving populations that are overrepresented in homelessness, specifically LGBTQ, Native American and African American communities.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, thanked our RPC members for their good work. He reiterated the need to have good data and metrics, not to just look at number of clients served.

Dawson noted the proposed metrics for the program, and noted that there was work to be done on finalizing these metrics.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, said there is a need to connect parents to jobs so they can care for families.

Councilmember Bill Pelozo, Auburn, thanked Deanna for her hard work on this issue and working with King County to find success.

9. 2016 Legislative Session Update

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the Legislature adjourned the 2016 legislative session on March 29 following passage of bills related to the budget. Governor Jay Inslee has until April 21 to sign the Supplemental Operating and the Supplemental Capital budgets; however, it is expected that he will sign the supplemental budgets on April 18.

Kuciemba referenced a summary of impacts to cities in the supplemental budgets which was provided by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). The list includes issues important to SCA members, such as the Municipal Research & Services Center (MRSC) which is fully funded without additional diversions of city and county liquor revenue.

The Legislature continues to divert funds from cities and defund programs that directly benefit cities and their residents, with a prime example of the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA). For all intents and purposes, this budget completely sweeps all available revenues from the account, including loan repayments, and specifies the intent to sweep all available revenues in 2017-2019. However, the budget includes \$50,000 to generate a state infrastructure strategy and examine the state and local infrastructure partnership. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) is directed to lead the task force charge.

Kuciemba reported that many SCA members expressed concern in their Legislative Agendas about the significant decline in Model Toxics Control Account (MTCA) revenue. Kuciemba provided an overview of the significant cuts to both stormwater and clean-up projects in the 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget and 2016 Supplemental Operating Budget. The Department of Ecology will be releasing lists of impacts to specific projects as a result of these cuts when the budget is signed and enacted.

Kuciemba reported that a number of SCA cities are impacted by changes to the Fire Insurance Premium Tax within the supplemental budget and have requested that Governor Inslee veto Section 920 of the budget, citing the need for a more deliberative public process. Kuciemba noted that Representative Joan McBride sent a letter to Governor Inslee with a number of other legislators requesting a veto.

In conclusion, Kuciemba stated there will be a number of high profile task forces that will work through the interim on issues such as: a study of a merger of LEOFF 1 and TRS 1 and update a 2011 merger study of LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2; educational funding; and body cameras. Kuciemba encouraged members to consider your legislative priorities for 2017 as soon as possible and to include SCA in the development of your agendas.

Chair Mhoon encouraged members to talk to their legislators now about issues important to them in the next session.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, suggested the PIC may want to look at revenues that come to cities from the excise tax structure, specifically for recreational marijuana. Marts questioned the state Liquor and Cannabis Board's assignment of new marijuana licenses, referring to a situation in Issaquah where a convicted murderer is in line to receive a retail marijuana license.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, agreed with the concern regarding potential marijuana licenses and noted members also need to have a better understanding of the state Liquor and Cannabis Board's allocation of licenses. Auburn is having challenges getting information from the Board.

Dawson noted that the SCA Board of Directors had discussed forming a legislative committee in 2016, and that the topics of state shared revenues and marijuana could be considered as a part of a legislative agenda.

Since the April PIC meeting, Governor Jay Inslee took action on the supplemental operating budget on April 18. The Governor vetoed several items of significant concern to cities including: Section 920 of the supplemental budget related to Fire Insurance Premium Tax distribution, which imposed new eligibility requirements for the 44 cities that receive a share of the state's Fire Insurance Premium Tax, as well as additional sweeps to the Public Works Trust Fund in the next biennium.

10. Regional E-911 Strategic Plan Scoping Progress Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, provided a progress report on Regional E-911. The Strategic Plan Scoping Committee, approved by the King County Council in October 2015, is

made up of a staff group, the Project Coordination Team, and a Leadership Group made up of primarily elected officials, including Renton Mayor Denis Law, Enumclaw Mayor Liz Reynolds, and Issaquah Councilmember Tola Marts. The Leadership Group is working to develop the scope of work for a regional E-911 Strategic Plan. The Leadership Group met for the first time on March 17, 2016.

At the first meeting, one of the major points was that consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) was “off the table.” The Leadership Group is tasked with developing the scope of a strategic plan. They also agreed on the need to develop guiding principles. The issues to be determined in the strategic plan include implementation of next generation 911 (which includes the ability to send text messages to 911), whether all PSAPs need to move forward on implementation together, and how to pay for the upgrade.

Councilmember Tola Marts, Issaquah, noted the Leadership Group is also going to be looking at how to structure future elected oversight of the Regional E-911 system.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, serves on the State E-911 Committee. He noted that system upgrades may put considerable financial pressure on smaller PSAPs. Marts noted that the Leadership Group is looking at smart collaboration opportunities.

Dawson noted an SCA committee has been formed to review the County budget and that the County has identified funding for the 911 system as an area of concern. Staff will report back on this topic.

Deputy Mayor Sheree Wen, Medina, referenced her work with a “hackathon” and suggested that such a group might be tasked with coming up with creative solutions on this issue.

11. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Katie Kuciemba, SCA Senior Policy Analyst, reported that the list of future levies and ballot measures had been updated with information from King County Elections. A special election is scheduled for April 26, 2016.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, stated that the Tukwila Regional Fire Authority should be removed from the list of potential future ballot measures. She will update SCA staff if a measure advances.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, recommended contacting the Highline School District to determine the date for the anticipated school bond ballot measure.

Councilmember James McNeal, Bothell, stated that the City is considering four potential public safety ballot measures for 2016 related to streets, sidewalks, fire department maintenance and operations, and fire station improvements.

Mayor Gerend, Sammamish, commented that the Proposed Eastside Regional Fire Authority on the April ballot can be best identified as King County Fire Protection District 10 and King County Fire Protection District 38.

12. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, highlighted one new item, noting that the proposed methanol plant issue discussed at the March PIC was discussed at SCA's March Board of Directors' meeting. Based on issues raised at PIC, it was decided that any future PIC item should be delayed until June.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, noted that Normandy Park and Des Moines have passed resolutions opposing the plant and Burien has been asked to consider such a resolution. Dawson asked that SCA be updated on any new developments.

13. Informational Items

Chair Mhoon reported that there are two informational items in the packet regarding the King County Metro Strategic Plan and Service Guidelines, and a recap of the Convening of Cities on Homelessness.

14. Upcoming Events

The next Public Issues Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, shared that the May Pre-PIC workshop will be presented by Jurassic Parliament. All SCA members are invited to attend.

15. For the Good of the Order

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, updated members on action at the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) on April 7, 2016 regarding certification of comprehensive plans. This topic is also on the agenda at the PSRC Transportation Policy Board on April 14, 2016, and at the PSRC Executive Board on April 28, 2016. Council President Margeson noted that he was recently appointed the vice chair of the GMPB. Members are asked to contact SCA staff with any questions.

16. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Bill Pelosa
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Richard Leider
Black Diamond	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
Bothell	James McNeal	Tris Samberg
Burien	Nancy Tosta	Austin Bell
Carnation	Jim Berger	Dustin Green
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto
Des Moines	Melissa Musser	Robert Back
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof
Enumclaw	Mike Sando	Chance LaFleur
Federal Way	Dini Duclos	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	
Kenmore	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
Kent	Bill Boyce	Dana Ralph
Kirkland	Toby Nixon	Shelley Kloba
Lake Forest Park	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
Maple Valley	Erin Weaver	
Medina	Sheree Wen	
Mercer Island	Benson Wong	Debbie Bertlin
Milton	Susan Johnson	Debra Perry
Newcastle	Rich Crispo	Carol Simpson
Normandy Park	Michelle Sipes-Marvin	
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing
Pacific	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
Redmond	Hank Margeson	John Stilin
Renton	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Bob Keller	Christie Malchow
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Bob Jeans	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Verna Seal
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders
SCA Deanna Dawson Katie Kuciemba Doreen Booth Ella Williams Kristy Cole		

Voting members are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.

Heroin and Opiate Addiction Task Force

King County, like many places across the country, is seeing sharp increases in the use and abuse of heroin and prescription opiates. The rate of addiction is high and availability of treatment is not keeping pace with the need. Currently, as many as 150 people are on wait lists for treatment in King County.

On March 1, King County Executive Dow Constantine hosted a [news conference](#) to announce the formation of a new heroin and prescription opiate addiction task force. Serving as co-conveners of the task force are Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, and Renton Mayor Denis Law. King County Sheriff John Urquhart participated in the news conference, along with community leaders on the front lines in the fight to reduce opiate addiction, overdose and deaths.

The [task force membership](#) is comprised of individuals from across many disciplines who will come together over a period of six months to develop both short and long-term strategies to prevent abuse and addiction, prevent overdose, and improve access to different types of treatment for opioid addiction. The task force is co-chaired by Behavioral Health and Recovery Assistant Division Director [Brad Finegood](#) and Public Health Officer [Dr. Jeff Duchin](#).

- The Task Force held its first meeting on Friday, March 25th at the YMCA in Seattle.
- Auburn and Renton police staff are members of the Task Force.
- The Task Force workgroups and focus areas are:

Primary Prevention – Caleb Banta-Green

- Prescriber Education
- Public Education (Adult & Youth)
- Secure Medication Return Program (Prescription Drug Take Back)

Treatment Expansion & Enhancement – Brad Finegood

- Treatment on Demand (Abstinence-based & Medication Assisted)
- Innovative Suboxone Prescribing Practices

User Health Services & Overdose Prevention – Jeff Duchin

- Expand Access to Naloxone
- Safe Consumption Sites

- The next Task Force meeting is Friday, April 22nd.
- The Task Force will meet at least every six weeks throughout the summer and workgroups will continue to meet up to weekly or as frequently as necessary to develop a variety of recommendations to address the opiate abuse crisis facing our communities in King County.
- Recommendations are to be made in September.

- The Task Force will be holding at least one community event to engage community members about challenges related to opiate abuse and their suggested responses to address the abuse of heroin and opiates.

How cities can be involved -

- Email comments/ideas to Brad Finegood brad.finegood@kingcounty.gov or call Brad at (206)263-8087
- Check out the web page for updates on Task Force meetings materials and agendas <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/HeroinPrescriptionOpiatesTaskForce.aspx>
- Help spread the word about the community event (once it is scheduled) to engage your community members to provide their input and feedback



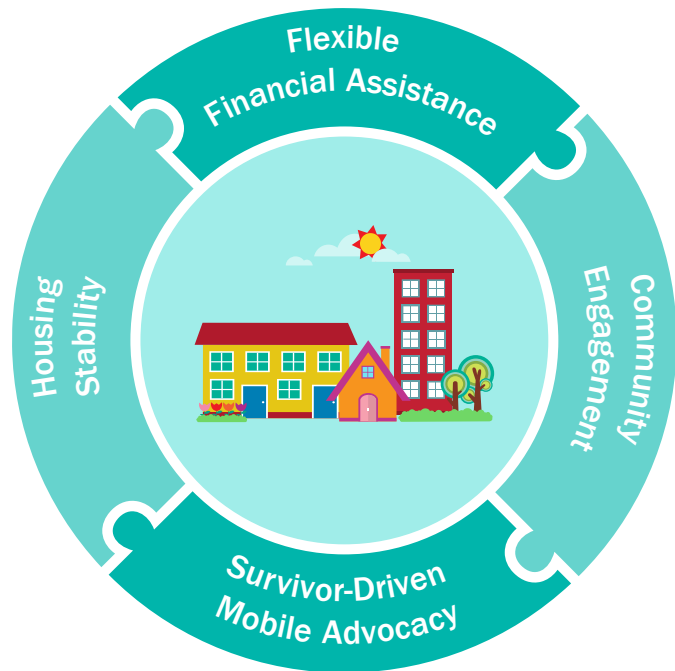
The Domestic Violence Housing First Approach

Overview

Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

The Domestic Violence Housing First approach focuses on getting survivors of domestic violence into stable housing as quickly as possible and then providing the necessary support as they rebuild their lives.

This approach has been shown to promote long-term stability, safety and well-being for survivors and their children.



Survivor Driven Mobile Advocacy Working flexibly and in the community with survivors. Survivors lead the process, choose their own goals, and define what is going to be safer for themselves. Advocates focus on the survivor, not the domestic violence.

- Offers options, not opinions or mandates, and considers the unique needs and strengths of each individual survivor and their children.
- Asks “what do you need?” instead of saying “these are the services we can offer you.”
- Advocates have skills, supervision, and technology to support working safely out in the community. They literally meet survivors where they are—in the survivor’s home, coffee shops, parks, etc.
- Advocates have the knowledge and skills to assist survivors in navigating other support systems.
- Looks at the strengths of a survivor’s culture and community that can help them become safer and rebuild connections.

Flexible Financial Assistance Unrestricted funds used to support survivors to become stably housed.

- Funds are used to support housing, employment, and survivor safety. This can include rent and utilities, children’s needs, transportation, work uniforms, etc.
- Advocates work with survivors collaboratively to determine the level and amount of financial assistance needed to meet a survivor’s immediate needs.
- Funds may be dispersed directly to survivors or as a payment on their behalf to a landlord, child care provider, car mechanic, etc.
- There is no cap. Additional financial assistance is provided based on survivors’ changing needs.
- Advocates don’t require survivors to meet goals or participate in services to receive funding.
- Financial assistance is available to survivors regardless of their income.

Community engagement Advocates working in the community to build lasting connections with the goal of engaging community members in supporting survivors' safety, independence, and housing stability.

- Advocates proactively cultivate relationships with community members such as car mechanics, small businesses, community colleges, law enforcement, employers.
- Advocates are encouraged to spend work time connecting with people and organizations in the community and help them find ways to support survivors.
- Because advocates are out in the community doing mobile advocacy, it is easier for them to connect with community members.
- Advocates attend community events in order to represent survivors' interests in community conversations.
- People in the community become aware that there are more services for survivors than just emergency shelters.

Housing Stability Supporting survivors and their children to retain or obtain safe, stable housing.

- Advocates have access to a spectrum of housing options* that meet a survivor's unique needs.
- Address housing needs first and then work with survivors on stability, safety, and self-sufficiency.
- Have strong relationships with housing authorities and landlords who have different housing options for survivors.
- Advocates are active, proactive, and flexible. They accompany survivors to housing appointments, negotiate lease agreements, and act as a liaison between survivors and landlords.
- Utilize flexible financial assistance to pay for past due rent, deposits, and rent.

Housing Options

Homelessness prevention Survivors remain in their current housing or get assistance to move into new housing.

Rapid Re-housing Rapidly connects homeless survivors to permanent, market rate housing, often accompanied by financial assistance and services.

Subsidized Housing Section 8 vouchers or public housing that subsidizes rent for survivors with low incomes.

Permanent Supportive Housing Housing designed for survivors with very low incomes and chronic, disabling health conditions. There are no limits on length of tenancy.

Learn more at wscadv.org/dvhf

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1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2016-0156, VERSION 1**

2 Delete Attachment A, Best Starts for Kids Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention
3 Initiative Implementation Plan dated March 1, 2016, and insert Attachment A, Best Starts
4 for Kids Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative Implementation Plan,
5 Updated April 13, 2016

6 **EFFECT:**

7 **Would add the following language to page 9 of the implementation plan:**

8 **“In recognition of the successful Domestic Violence Housing First program model,**
9 **the goal to be achieved in the annual spending of funds by provider agencies shall be**
10 **to split their funds 50/50, with half of the funding going to case managers and**
11 **administrative costs and the other half going to flexible funds for clients. The**
12 **County recognizes that this allocation will vary between agencies and therefore the**
13 **intention is that this goal be achieved by looking at the aggregate spending of all**
14 **provider agencies. The County further recognizes that this goal may be difficult to**
15 **achieve in the first year of the program due to higher start-up costs. Consequently,**
16 **this goal will start with the 2017 fiscal year.”**

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