



Joint Human Services Commission  
Meeting Summary  
Monday, July 22, 2013  
6:00-8:30 pm

**Bellevue Members Present:** Michael Yantis, Stefanie Beighle, John Bruels, Brian Plaskon, Jan Stout, Michael Johnson

**Bellevue Staff Present:** Joseph Adriano, Emily Leslie, Alex O'Reilly, Jessamyn Findlay

**Issaquah Members Present:** Maggie Baker, Bill Ramos, Leo Finnegan, Suzanne Pak, Irene Reynolds, Jennifer Sutton

**Issaquah Staff Present:** Lisa Zurhorst

**Kirkland Members Present:** Jo Ann Geer, Santiago Ramos, Karen Turner

**Kirkland Staff Present:** Sharon Anderson, Michael Cogle

**Redmond Members Present:** Steve Daschle, Jason Dick, Kellen Baker, Valerie Bays, Lynn Fleshman, Carolyn Mansfield

**Redmond Staff Present:** Alaric Bien

**Guests:** David Johns-Bowling, Congregations for the Homeless; Leslie Miller, The Sophia Way

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Presentation:**

Emily gave a brief history of the winter shelter and past efforts at siting. David and Leslie spoke on challenges with the winter shelters in the past and how their agencies have mitigated or overcome these concerns.

**Shelter Siting:**

Michael Cogle spoke on current efforts across the Eastside to find a long term solution for winter shelter as well as a temporary solution for this year. He referred people to the draft report that will be presented to the ARCH board outlining the specific needs for space.

**Small Group Discussion:**

Alaric guided the group into small group discussions on what individuals can do or commissions can do jointly to support winter shelter and/or homelessness in general. Each group reported their top 3 ideas then the large group settled on the following ideas for follow up:

- commissions will ask staff to explore creative code solutions
- commissions will explore additional incentives to entice organizations or landlords to host a winter shelter
- Bellevue staff will look at the feasibility of vacant fitness centers (Bally's, 24 Hour Fitness)

Commissioners also agreed that those that are able will pass on any leads for potential shelter sites on to staff for further exploration. They may be corporate contacts, developer or real estate concerns, or mission driven organizations.

Next meeting date for joint commission is Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Kirkland City Hall.