

MEETING NOTES



KINGS PARTNERSHIP

KPPF Monthly Meeting

October 21, 2021

1:00pm-3:00pm

Via Zoom

Attendees: 52 individuals joined the meeting

Watch meeting recording here: <https://youtu.be/q978CqignS0>

Welcome and Introductions

Julie LeFils, KPPF Executive Director

- **Prevention Award Nominations**

The Kings County Prevention Awards are coming up and WE NEED YOUR NOMINATIONS!

The Prevention Awards is an incredible opportunity to showcase the great work individuals and organizations are doing in Kings County! They deserve to be recognized for making a difference in this community, but how can anyone thank them if we don't know about the great work being accomplished? Start here. Share their story. NOMINATE!

This year we are opening up our Prevention Award nominations and voting to the community, FOR THE FIRST TIME! We see the value in bringing in the community because we know you have stories to share, organizations who have assisted you, and people who you think deserve the appreciation. Until November 1st, you can nominate an individual or an organization for any of the categories below.

- Greatest Contribution to Youth Development
- Greatest Contribution to Parent Support
- Youth Award- Outstanding Contribution to the Community
- Most Innovative Prevention Program
- Excellence in Prevention Programming
- Lifetime Achievement in Prevention
- Excellence in Community Collaboration
- Most Involved with Pandemic Response

To nominate, [click here](#)

- **CHNA Community Survey**

The Hospital Council Northern & Central California along with Saint Agnes Medical Center and Community Regional Medical Center, are collecting survey data for the Community Health Needs Assessment. This data, provided by local residents, will help to measure the relative health and social well-being of a community. These responses will directly help in inspiring



collective action and ensure meaningful, effective allocation of resources, both within the hospital and in the community.

Please take the survey and share within your networks.

[Click here to access the survey.](#)

Barbara Saville Shelter Presentation

Joey Cox

[To view the presentation, please [click here](#);

Kings Community Action Organization

[Click here](#) to view presentation slides]

Crisis Number: 1-877-727-3225 or 559-585-1018. We are also connected to the National DV Crisis Line and RAINN, the National Sexual Assault Crisis Line.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Presentation

Keith Fagundes,

[To view the presentation by Keith Fagundes, please [click here](#);

Kings County District Attorney

To view the video “October is Kings County Domestic Violence

Michelle Kubic,

Awareness Month”, please [click here](#)]

Kings County Deputy District Attorney

[To view the video “Kings County Services”, please [click here](#)]

Phil Esbenshade,

Kings County Assistant District Attorney

Kings County District Attorney

Victim Witness Program

- What do we do to help victims? 1) Help them process the trauma. Make time to listen. Validating their feelings. 2) Help them create a safety plan. Help them resolve the uncertainty of the future. 3) Provide a social-support system. Sometimes this is within their family unit, but oftentimes the support system is fragmented. Help restore the pieces to create the social support they need.
- If you think - ‘maybe it’s domestic violence, maybe it isn’t?’ - CALL. If you question it, make the call.

Roundtable

- **Joey Cox (Kings Community Action Organization)**- Kings Cares: Essential Workforce Isolation Project- Comprehensive support to help COVID-positive essential workers isolate and quarantine safely – in their home or in a hotel. Healthy food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, transportation and laundry service, and utilities/housing assistance are available.
559-572-6129 COVID19help@kcao.org
- **Miguel Perez (Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance)**- 100-day challenge that Kings and Tulare region is engaging in to house as many individuals/families with the Emergency Housing Choice Voucher program. In collaboration with Kings Housing Authority, they are trying to look for landlords who are willing to allow participants to utilize assistance in their units. If you have any questions, please contact Miguel at mperez@kthomelessalliance.org
- **Alix Carranza (The Source)**- The Source is hosting Pride this Saturday, October 23rd, at Valley Strong Ballpark [Rawhide Stadium] from 11-3pm. There will be food trucks and resources. For more information, visit <https://www.pridevisalia.org/> or email Alix Carranza alix@thesourcegbt.org



- **Aime Hernandez (HSA)**- Effective September 27th, HSA transitioned to CalSAWS, a new system. Kings County was onboarded as one of the first counties to go live. There have been some hiccups (specifically in regard to the call system) but similar to the system they were on before. Hopefully by 2023, all CA counties will be utilizing the same system. Having more traffic in their lobbies and asking clients to be patient. CalFresh upped the maximum allotment. There are also new amounts for CalFresh. Has a new online system. The new portal will be BenefitsCal. Pandemic EBT is still offered for school-aged children. Trying to get families benefits since unemployment benefits have stopped.
- **May Ly (Aetna)**- Flu season is here. You can go to any CVS store and get the flu shot. Many CVS pharmacies don't require appointments. CVS surplus still has hand sanitizers left. Any CBO that would like to receive hand sanitizers, please reach out to May Ly (you would need to be able to receive the full pallet) at LyM@aetna.com
- **Codi Pennington (Public Guardian/Veteran Service Department)**- Hiring for Veterans' Service Representative I/II – Closing Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm
One vacancy in the Public Guardian/Veteran Services Department
If anyone is interested, please go to the [county website](#) for more information.
- **Yvette Olivera (Kings United Way/ 211)**- KUW will be having a TT BOGO for the Kings United Way Turkey Trot. Follow on social media to see the date. Event will be hybrid (virtual/in person). For more information regarding the event, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Hanford/KingsUnitedWayTurkeyTrot>
Kings Referral Exchange- If you'd like more information or would like to request a demo, please reach out to Yvette at yvetteo@kingsunitedway.org
- **Julia Patino (Victim Witness Program)**- Wear purple on Fridays for Domestic Violence. KCAO has about 25 purple light bulbs. If anyone is interested in obtaining lights, please contact Joey Cox at jcox@kcao.org.
Julia Patino, District Attorney Victim Witness Program Coordinator.
Julia.Patino@co.kings.ca.us 559-852-2644
- **Lali Witrigo (Anthem Blue Cross)**- Expansion updates regarding benefits to Anthem Medi-Cal members:
 - Support with housing and support with moving cost - [Housing Flex Fund Referral Form](#)
 - Medically tailored meals. For individuals with chronic or disabling mental health/behavioral health conditions, individuals can be referred to get medically tailored meals delivered to them on a daily basis - [Medically Tailor Meals Referral Form](#)
 - Offering transportation to members not only for medical appointments, but also for picking up food and groceries - Members are instructed to call Logisticare at 1-877-931-4755 (TTY 1-866-288-3133) in order to schedule their transportation. Reservation hours: MondayFriday: 7:00 AM -7:00 PM (PST) Bilingual services are available

***The first two referral forms are for partners' use to refer members who may meet criteria. The transportation flyers can be shared with community members to request services (transportation flyers will be available in the KPFP Weekly Email)*
- **Laura Fisher (Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance)**- The alliance submitted an Emergency Solutions Grant and did put the Salvation Army to get their full funding (Kings & Tulare) for over \$200,000 (non-competitive) and Kings Gospel Mission (competitive). They are



also in the middle of doing a HUD application and are happy to announce the Rating and Ranking Committee has made the recommendation to fully fund Champions as well as KCAO's HUD programs.

Will be required to do 2022 Unsheltered Point in Time Count (count of number of people experiencing homelessness in our region). Will be happening in January. Information will be shared out via Listserv; looking for leads in cities; if anyone is passionate about census' and people experiencing homelessness, please contact Laura atlfisher@kthomelessalliance.org. You can also sign up for their Listserv at: <https://www.kthomelessalliance.org/new-page>

Will be doing counting this year by conducting a full survey.

- **Dule Velazquez (American Cancer Society)**- The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is working with rural communities in the Central Valley to help reduce tobacco-related health disparities. Currently working in Hanford to reduce involuntary second hand smoke exposure. Has a committee based on different community partners and CBOs. They are looking for new community partners to join their Committee. If you are interested, please email Dulce Velazquez, ACS CAN – VIVA Project
Email: Dulce.Velazquez@cancer.org

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is conducting a survey to learn what the community thinks about smoking and secondhand smoke in the home, apartment, or other living community:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=jHa7r4LWrUKPfnIC0GwLYQ0h8w9inh1Lgv18H9EyYgJUM1ZQUeDORTk4SU9JRk1LMUFaTTJYWVVaOC4u> (Raffle done every month for those who complete survey)

Meeting Adjourned

Workgroup Highlights

- **Substance Use Prevention** (First Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00am, via Zoom)
- **HEAL (Healthy Eating/Active Living)** (Second Tuesday, 9:00-10:00am, via Zoom)
- **Kings County Mental Health Taskforce** (Fourth Thursday, 9:00-10:30am)

Want to join one of our workgroups? Email Karina at karina@kfpf.org and she will get you connected! Make sure your team is at the table!

