

# MEETING NOTES



## KINGS PARTNERSHIP

### KPFP Monthly Meeting

June 16, 2022

1:00pm-3:00pm

*Koinonia Church*

12536 Hanford Armona Rd, Hanford, CA 93230

*Attendees: 30 individuals joined the meeting (17 via Zoom)*

Watch meeting recording here: <https://youtu.be/LecSQsi14tE>

#### Welcome and Introductions

*Gabriela Rodriguez, KPFP Executive Director*

- Homeless Ambassador Training:
  - **Wednesday July 27th from 5:30pm-6:30pm**  
The Homeless Collaborative is looking for passionate individuals who want to make a difference in the community and find solutions to helping the homeless population. Ambassador training will go over homelessness in Kings County and what YOU can do to help. In addition, each ambassador will have the support of KPFP staff to develop their own homelessness project in order to one day end homelessness. Please contact [Cameron@kfpf.org](mailto:Cameron@kfpf.org) for more information. To register for the training, please [click here](#).
- Project Room Key Event
  - **Thursday July 14th from 10-11:30am**  
KPFP has been facilitating small events at Project Room Key, where we are trying to bring community awareness to homelessness through community engagement/outreach. The 1st event was held in May. Volunteers played board games with the residents while also providing Cinco de Mayo treats. Our June event had breakfast burritos and board games. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out our volunteer link [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Cameron@kfpf.org](mailto:Cameron@kfpf.org).
- Financial Stability Taskforce
  - **Monday October 3rd; time TBD**  
The Financial Stability Taskforce will be meeting for the 1st time on **Monday, October 3rd**. Financial stability impacts the overall health of a community. Kings Partnership's goal is to see the economic vitality of Kings County THRIVE. The goal of this taskforce is to bring businesses and organizations together to address job skills, housing, financial education, health costs, etc.



## Face of Poverty

Jeff Garner, KCAO, Executive Director

*Poverty is complex and ever-changing. As a society, we try to wrap our arms around what defines poverty, what poverty looks like, why poverty exists, and how to respond to poverty. A presentation on the Face of Poverty will be provided by Jeff Garner, Executive Director of Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) to help identify challenges related to poverty in our communities. The presentation will focus on the variations of poverty, the uncommon signs of poverty, and how WE can strive for advocacy before judgement.*

*KCAO is a private, non-profit organization designated by the Federal Government as the anti-poverty agency for Kings County.*

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

## Organization Spotlight: Soup Kitchen

Carole Farris, Soup Kitchen Manager

- Run by all volunteers
- Serving begins at 11:30am but volunteers usually arrive around 9:30am.
- Provide meals Monday- Saturday (9:30-12:30pm; serve from 11:30-12:30pm); sack lunch provided on Sunday (1-3pm; serve from 1:30-2:30pm)
- Receive a lot of food donations; food is used to cook and also to give to people in need
- Receive donations from KCAO; Get deliveries from Panera 2x a week; receive donations from SaveMart every day
- Rely mainly on donations from individuals
- How can you help?
  - Need volunteers
  - Need food
- Volunteers do not need to know how to cook
- To volunteer, please feel free to show up (family, friends, and children allowed). Please show up at 9:30am
- Volunteer schedule is flexible; Soup Kitchen will take anybody, any time, any thing they can give
- In December, did an "adoption" program
- Looking for staff; if someone is looking for a job, please let them know.
  - Looking to serve inside.
  - Positions include security, inventory clerk, staff for potential "adopt" program
- Has teamed up with ValleyVoices and just had a vaccine event

## Roundtable

**Kings View**- Kings View did an event for Pride month. They also have DBT groups on **Wednesdays at 5pm**. They see a need for homeless assistance. There may be a program starting called Local Initiatives Navigation Center (LINC) on the **1st Wednesday of each month beginning July 6th** at the Salvation Army. LINC is for all community organizations to come together for homeless services

**KCAO**- Always enrolling in Childcare/HeadStart programs. They are currently recruiting for positions to hire which can be found on the KCAO website (teachers, teacher assistants, family service workers, weatherization workers, etc.)

**Devonderia**- Provides wellness trainings to organizations. Also acts as Veterans Support Group facilitator. Group meets on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month from 6-7:30pm**



**AmVets**- Currently restructuring and reorganizing. Primary focus is suicide prevention, suicide awareness, and homelessness. Will be putting fundraisers together. **Next meeting is July 13th at 6:30pm.** Meeting is located at the Veterans Hall **every 2nd Wednesday.**

**Junior AmVets**- Need one more child to continue post. If you know of any veterans who have children or grandchildren between the ages of 5 and 17, please let them know of this opportunity

**Aspiranet parent partner**- Go out to clients homes to create relationship between parent and child

**JTO**- Continue to take individuals in adult population. They provide job training and assistance for individuals to complete training (offer technical training and also work experience opportunities).

*Justice Involved program*- any client on state parole or county probation can be referred to JTO.

**June 22nd from 10-2pm**- NAF Lemoore will be having a table regarding open positions  
JTO has a full career center that they can utilize Mon-Friday (resumes, free typing tests)

**June 22nd 10-2pm**- KCOE will also have information regarding career opportunities

**Victim Witness Program**- Just had an Elder Awareness event yesterday. Doing "Adopt a Senior" this month (through KCWA). If you know of any seniors who need assistance (no age limit; individual agreed upon by KCWA based on their situation), please refer them to the Victim Witness Program (assistance could include hard labor and/or resources needed). You should see purple pinwheels around for Elder Awareness.

KCWA will be starting to plan Domestic Violence Awareness month in October. Please let KPFP know if you are interested in being at the table. KCWA is going to try to pull off the Rock the Purple Luncheon this year. Also thinking of maybe teaching self-help skills this year (how to change a tire, how to change oil).

**KCAO**- Currently looking for office space; if you know of space please let KCAO know. Doing their summer food program; all information is on KCAO website

**KPFP**- Office Administrator position is open; please forward through your networks. Position is available on Indeed, LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, the KPFP website. Position closes June 23rd with position to be filled in mid-July.

Meeting Adjourned

## Workgroup Highlights

- **Substance Use Prevention** (First Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00am, via Zoom)
- **HEAL (Healthy Eating/Active Living)** (Second Wednesday, 1:00-2:00pm, via Zoom)
- **Kings County Mental Health Taskforce** (Fourth Thursday, 9:00-10:30am, via Zoom)

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



