



The Alliance of Eastside Agencies' (AEA) mission is to build healthy communities in East King County through a strong human services network by providing a strong voice for Eastside health and human services and by promoting organizational excellence among providers.

BOARD: Joseph Adriano, David Johns Bowling, Brooke Buckingham, David Downing-*Co-Chair*, Debra Grant-*Co-Chair*, Lori Guilfoyle, Katherine Jordan, Stan Kehl, Pam Mauk-*Treasurer*, Leslie Miller, Helen Banks Routon, Andrea Simmonds, Sarah Steininger, Rochelle Clayton Strunk-*Secretary*, Barbara Thompson, Gina Yarwood-*Vice-Chair*.

2014 HUMAN SERVICES AWARD WINNERS:

Business of the Year: Small Threads for Kids; Elected Official: Jane Hague, KC Council; Faith Organization: Cascade Covenant Church; Not-for-Profit Staff: Karina Woodruff; Volunteer of the Year: Mabel Graham; Youth Volunteer: Alaina Blyth; Legacy Award: Sharon Anderson; Outstanding Eastside Philanthropist Award: Bill Henningsgaard; Community Impact Award: Marilyn Mason-Plunkett.

AEA eNews

Our monthly member newsletter – June 2014

AEA News!

➤ **AEA's Spring Awards Luncheon a great success!**

Over 90 AEA members and others from the community attended the annual luncheon at Bear Creek Country Club. Awards were presented to several people for their outstanding contribution to human services on the Eastside (see list above on our banner). Co-chair David Downing welcomed the participants and Kathy Lambert gave an inspiring keynote speech.

➤ **Join an AEA Committee**

AEA members are welcome to participate in the planning of its various activities. Currently the Training Committee could use your assistance. Please contact Chairs David Downing: davidd@youtheastideservices.org or Debra Grant: debrag@hope-link.org if you are interested.

Featured Member Agency of the Month

➤ **Alliance of People with DisAbilities**

“People with disAbilities; Advocating for Equality and Choice” defines the mission of the Alliance of People with disAbilities. Since 1977, the Alliance continues to be a civil rights and advocacy non-profit organization serving the people of King County. It provides empowerment and assistance to individuals in a person-centered environment where

over 85% of staff, management, and Board are proudly people with significant disAbilities.

The organization started when a group of King County disability rights advocates joined together to urge enactment of regulations implementing Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. These same advocates 'convinced' Metro to install lifts in buses and the City of Seattle to add curb ramps to sidewalks at corners. In 1991, the Alliance was designated as a Center for Independent Living, funded by the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, and dedicated to providing the following core services: Information & Referral, Independent Living Skills Training, Peer Counseling-individual & group, Advocacy-self & systems.

Alliance's programs and services are open to people with all types of disAbilities and any age group. Alliance staff assists the consumer on any facet of life they wish to accomplish: housing, transportation, benefits, health care, accessibility, community services, employment, assistive technology, etc. Each year Alliance assists over 5000 people throughout King County with programs and services that enhance their abilities to live the life they chose as independently as possible. For more information see their website: www.disabilitypride.org.

Advocacy

➤ **Advocate at Eastside City Councils**

North and East cities are getting ready to prepare for their 2015-2016 budgets, which include human services funding recommendations. AEA is urging its members to sign up for advocacy opportunities in front of Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Sammamish, Kenmore, Issaquah, and Shoreline councils. Many of you have done so but there is room for more, particularly for some communities. [Sign up here!](#) You may find it helpful to use our advocacy [messaging template](#).

➤ **Give King County Alliance for Human Services your Feedback**

Message from David Downing, AEA Co-Chair on behalf of AEA Board:

The \$15 minimum wage increase is happening in Seattle and, as you may know, we are engaged in this conversation here on the Eastside as well with our Eastside Human Services Forum event having just taken place. We know this will have impacts on us as employers and our own budgets as this may trend to the Eastside, and ultimately could impact levels of services provided. Please read the information below, from the King County Alliance for Human Services on this topic, and opt in to sending them your answers to these questions by email per their request, no later than 9am Monday June 30th. Please send responses directly to Pam Raphael, Project Coordinator King County Alliance at pam@kingcountyalliance.com.

Statement from King County Alliance for Human Services /Request about \$15 wage increase:

We understand that this will be a tool that can lift people out of poverty across King County and we want to make sure it is done in such a way that it doesn't result in cuts to urgently needed community health & human services. We are also acutely aware that

this call for raising the minimum wage must be done in such a way that does not result in a decrease in services; any solution must take into account the impact on the vulnerable people we serve. We cannot pit one low income group against another and still reach the goals we all share, and we don't think policy makers want this to happen either.

King County policy makers have asked us for estimates of impact for human services and to that end this information from you about the services your agency provides will be very helpful. In order to bring our concerns to policy makers most effectively we want to be able to explain the complexities and the costs of implementing a \$15 minimum wage, and the impact if there is no additional funding to offset those costs.

You may already be collecting some of this information at the request of King County, as they are asking some of their contracted providers. If so, that may make responding to these questions easier! However they are NOT asking what the impacts will be on services if cost offset funding is not provided. This information may be critical to help policy makers understand the potential impact of an unfunded mandate

For this reason we are asking all AEA members to do a preliminary "back of the envelope" estimate of the costs to implement a \$15 minimum wage and send it in to us before 9 am on Monday, June 30th.

There are three pieces of info that would be most helpful:

1. What will it cost to maintain current service levels in King County while bringing all workers who work in or provide services in King County up to a \$15/hr. minimum wage across your agency? How many FTE's will be affected?
2. What will be the cost of equity adjustments for employees working in King County or providing services in King County who are currently close to the \$15/hr. threshold, the issue which you may have heard referred to as "compression?" How many additional FTE's will be affected?
3. What services would have to be reduced or eliminated if your agency implemented a \$15 minimum wage without any new revenue to offset the costs? Who are your program participants and what would the impact be on them if these services had to be reduced or eliminated?

Please send responses directly to Pam Raphael, Project Coordinator King County Alliance at pam@kingcountyalliance.com.

Funding

➤ **SVP Fast pitch competition now accepting applications**

Do you know a non-profit or for-profit organization with an innovative plan to effect change? The application period has now opened for [Social Venture Partner's \(SVP\) 'Fast Pitch'](#). Entrepreneurs apply to compete in one of five categories to win significant grants and investments dollars from SVP to fund their concept. Categories include: 1) for profit startup 2) non-profit startup 3) startup program in established non-profit 4) college

student-led venture 5) high school student led venture. Participants get free business coaching. SVP awards over \$250,000 in grants and investments (prizes range from \$500 to \$140,000). General applications close July 1; student applications close July 30. Watch a [short video on the 2013 event](#). There are also workshops to help organizations put together a strong application: [Financial Modeling](#) (June 17); [Marketing, Sales, and Social Impact](#) (June 27). For registration details: <http://bit.ly/SVPFastPitchApp>

Here are links to the [2014 application](#) and the [new application process](#). Details about the program can be found on their [new website](#).

Questions? Email: fastpitch@svpseattle.org.

Workshops/Conferences

- NW Development Officers Association (NDOA) conference in Seattle Nov. 16-18.
<http://www.ndoa.org/partner-benefits>

- ***Thanks for reading our newsletter. Watch for us next month.***
- **AEA Board of Directors**