

# PLANNING FOR THE 2015-2016 HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS UPDATE REPORT



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# BACKGROUND

- Purpose of the Needs Update: “snapshot in time” of health and human services needs of Bellevue/East King County
- Used by Human Services Commission to make recommendations to the City Council for funding
- Other city departments, community members and organizations use report for planning
- Report has been published since 1988, every two years
- The report is a dynamic document, sensitive to what is happening in the external environment



# EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

- Still many cuts and uncertainty bring challenges
- Current State Legislative Session will bring more difficult choices with responding to the McCleary Decision and I 1351 (school class size initiative)
- Employment rate improving but there are still not enough living wage jobs
- Aging of the population continues to create more needs for support
- Transportation still shows up as a big barrier to accessing human services



# EXAMPLES OF “DATA TO ACTION”

- Response to the “Great Recession”: City Council provided additional funds for 2 years which were allocated for food banks, emergency financial assistance, shelter
- Response to implementation of the Affordable Care Act: continuing for the most part funding for health clinics serving those ineligible for the ACA as well as funding more low-cost dental services
- Response to increasing diversity: several new agencies were funded that serve the needs of Asian and Eastern European



# PLANNING FOR NEXT REPORT

- Methodology
  - Phone-Online Survey
  - Community Conversations
  - Key Informant Interviews
  - Provider Surveys
  - Consumer Surveys
  - Focus Area: Changes each report



# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

- Every year, approximately 20 Community Conversations are held with a variety of groups
- Some completed thus far:
  - Cultural Navigators
  - Congregations for the Homeless Men's Shelter
  - Muslim Community Resource Center
  - Bellevue College
  - Others in process
    - Jubilee REACH ESL group
    - King County Library staff
    - Eastside Latino Leadership Forum



# FOCUS AREAS IN PREVIOUS REPORTS

- 2005-2006: Public Transportation to Health and Human Services and Working Poor: Working Full-Time and Not Making a Living in Bellevue
- 2007-2008 Emergency Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations and School Readiness- Efforts in Washington State, King County, East King County and Bellevue
- 2009-2010 The Economic Recession: Effects and Response
- 2011-2012 Ongoing Impacts of the Economic Recession
- 2013-2014 The Affordable Care Act: What Will It Mean for Bellevue Residents?
- 2015-2016 Bellevue's Diversity Initiative: Bellevue Welcomes the World



# ASSETS IN OUR COMMUNITY

- With all the “bad news” that is part of our work, what are some of the assets in our community?
- What are some exemplary projects that can be replicated?
- What collaborations following a “Collective Impact” philosophy are emerging to address the new needs with better use of dwindling resources?
  - Eastside Pathways
  - Developing ideas for a new, permanent winter shelter for men and one for women





# TIMELINE

- Report will be written during the summer
- Draft will go to the Human Services Commission after Labor Day
- Final draft will be presented to the City Council in January 2016 with the release shortly afterwards
- In March, applications for 2017-2018 funding will be posted with the due date sometime in April



# QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

