Opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors

The Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness invites diverse, passionate, and experienced people to apply to serve on our Board of Directors! Board members steward this small and mighty organization as we continue our important work for safety, housing, and justice.

Please apply online by Monday, November 20, 2017

Our Mission

We work collaboratively to ensure safety and survival for people while they are experiencing homelessness, and to end the crisis of homelessness in our region.

Our Values

The Coalition on Homelessness brings together non-profit service and housing agencies, local government entities, religious congregations, community groups, and concerned individuals, including people with personal experiences of homelessness. Together, we work to advance reasonable solutions and solid program models; to protect and strengthen the civil rights and dignity of people who are homeless and poor; and to accomplish legislative and public policy victories that promote housing, human services, and the public good at the local, state, and federal levels.

Our Work

The Coalition on Homelessness is a coordinating force on budget and policy decisions that directly affect the lives and futures of people who are homeless, and shape the community we live in. We work to organize, mobilize, and educate our members, supporters, elected officials, and the general public through regular programs and meetings, and special projects. Examples of our regular program work:

• We are an active force in local and state budget processes and policy development to secure resources and promote immediate, interim, and long-term housing and services for people who are homeless
• We support homeless students’ educational success through community education and Project Cool for Back-to-School backpacks
• We encourage civic engagement among people with first-hand experience of homelessness through non-partisan voter registration and education
• We host regular meetings, trainings and professional development opportunities for direct service providers and allies
• We involve people in understanding key issues and speaking up to make affordable housing and homelessness priorities at the local, state, and federal levels with our Homelessness Advocacy 101 workshops.

Join us and lend your talents to the Coalition!

Complete the online application by Monday, November 20, 2017: http://bit.ly/2017SKCCHBoardRecruitment. Once your application is received, we will schedule an in-person interview. The Board will forward a slate of candidates to be voted on at the Coalition’s annual meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Newly appointed Board members will each serve a three year term, beginning in January 2018.

You are welcome to contact Ben Miksch, Board Chair (benjamin.miksch@gmail.com) or Alison Eisinger, Executive Director (206.204.8355) with any questions.

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Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness  
Board of Directors  
Position Description

The Coalition is seeking Board members who fully support our mission, and have the skills, time, and passion to help advance it. We welcome applicants from a wide array of backgrounds: it is not necessary for new members to bring deep knowledge about homelessness, affordable housing, or public policy. We expect applicants to have a strong and demonstrated commitment to social justice and advocacy; to be willing to learn about, share, and promote the work of the Coalition; and to embrace the responsibilities of serving on a non-profit Board. Board members are, as a group, responsible for the governance, sustainability, and viability of the Coalition as an organization. Board members are elected to serve three year terms, with the possibility of serving two terms.

Primary roles and responsibilities

- Define, promote, and advance the Coalition’s mission
- Develop strategic plan
- Provide financial oversight, including adoption of the annual budget
- Fundraising
- Oversight and evaluation of the Executive Director

Members of the Board share these responsibilities while acting in the interest of the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness. Each member is expected to share information and make recommendations based on her or his experience and vantage point in the community. Individual Board members may be affiliated with member or partner organizations of the Coalition, and contribute specific expertise or experience, however during deliberations and when voting, board members are expected to give weight to the Coalition’s mission.

Meetings and time commitment

- The Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 6.00 -7.30 p.m..
- Board members are expected to attend and participate actively in the Board, and in at least one standing or ad hoc committee (approximately 1-4 hours per month).
- Board members are encouraged to attend special events at least twice a year.

Board members agree to:

- Become familiar with the Coalition’s finances, budget, resources, and needs
- Make a meaningful personal gift to the Coalition and help meet overall fundraising goals
- Help communicate and promote the Coalition’s mission and activities to the community, and be alert to community concerns that can be addressed by the Coalition’s mission and activities

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