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HCHN Governance Council Summary
2026

Governance Council Name: King County Health Care for the Homeless Network (HCHN) Governance Council

Origin: King County HCHN is partly funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) section 330 grant. The Governance Council is given oversight authority in compliance with federal funding.

Duties/Responsibilities: Members of the King County HCHN Governance Council consist of individuals from throughout the region with the experience, knowledge, and information to aid county leaders as they consider policies, investments and outcomes related to delivering effective health care services to people experiencing homelessness.

In particular, the HCHN Governance Council will serve as the oversight body to carry out responsibilities in compliance with HRSA regulations.

Composition: Up to eighteen (18) members and are at large with the exception of the designations:

- At least three (3) positions for people who are current HCHN patients or others who are currently homeless or have other pertinent lived experience with homelessness
- One (1) position for member from North King County
- One (1) position for member from South King County
- One (1) position for member from East King County
- One (1) position for member appointed by the King County Community Health Center (CHC) Council

Term: Members serve 4-year terms (with the exception of the member appointed by the King County CHC Council, who serves a 2-year term)

Meetings: Meetings of the HCHN Governance Council take place on the third Wednesdays of each month, 3-4:45pm. Meetings are currently hybrid – with a Zoom option or at the King County Chinook building, Room 115 (401 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104). Committees of the HCHN Governance Council meet monthly or on an as-needed basis.

Eligibility Requirements: Anyone can apply to serve on a King County council, board, or commission as long as they are willing to put in the time and commitment necessary to serve on the council. HCHN Governance Council members come from all walks of life. They are known leaders and new leaders, content experts and context experts, and reflect the diversity of stakeholder interests.

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Eligibility requirements for the HCHN Governance Council are as follows:

- Resident or work in King County
- Willingness to serve as a volunteer
- Interest and/or expertise in the council's subject matter;
- Committed to attending scheduled meetings;
- Committed to preparing for meetings (read through and understand materials before coming to the meeting)

Compensation: Must meet eligibility requirements

Reimbursement: Members may be reimbursed for some items related to travel to meeting or provided with bus tokens.

Other Responsibilities:

- Work with the Council and staff to review the annual project budget, engage in long-term strategic planning, and evaluate program activities;
- Assist with agenda development;
- Prepare for and participate in the discussions and the deliberations of the Council;
- Promote council membership through community networking
- Community outreach to promote council activity and gather public input on upcoming council business;
- Foster a positive working relationship with other Council members and King County staff;
- Committed to King County's Equity & Social Justice Initiative;
- Be aware of potential conflicts of interest

Other Information: Visit the HCHN website & "About Us – HCHN Governance"

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