



# SEATTLE HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

"An Assertive and Unified Voice helping People Shape Public Policy to Meet Basic Human Needs in Seattle and King County, Washington."

## An Assertive & Unified Voice Helping People Shape Public Policy to Meet Basic Human Needs

The Seattle Human Services Coalition (SHSC) is a multi-cultural group of human service providers, agencies, programs and individuals committed to helping Seattle-King County residents meet their basic human needs. Together we shape public policy on issues such as ending homelessness, hunger relief, domestic violence prevention, quality childcare, health care, employment and education, issues affecting elders and people with disabilities, racial equity and children and youth development.

## 2010 A Window of Opportunity

### Opportunity to Establish a Long Term Funding Solution

For the first time we have a critical mass of elected officials who recognize the urgent need for new revenue sources to resolve the ongoing deficit in the King County budget. Now, we must use this growing momentum to *insist* that a long term funding solution for community health and human services be identified and implemented to restore funding to an acceptable base level. This will be a significant public policy change that will allow for stable funding for urgently needed services across the county.

### New Mayor...New Outlook

SHSC members play a vital role in coordinating action to educate the community and elected officials on City of Seattle policies that help people meet their basic human needs. In 2010, we have a new biennial budget cycle for 2011-12 AND a new City of Seattle mayor who seeks to connect with the Seattle residents like no other mayor has in current memory. This presents the opportunity for SHSC members to engage with the Mayor and Council in new ways that allow all of us to achieve the social justice goals we share.

### What Does it Mean to Care?

With the widespread awareness that "we are all in this together" spreading across our communities we have the opportunity to open the dialogue of meeting basic human needs beyond simply a budget focus to a social justice focus which includes budget policies. We are in a key moment in time where there is the potential of bringing together business communities, environmental / sustainable communities, faith based communities, labor, neighborhoods and others to go beyond meeting basic human needs and to lay a foundation for more just communities and a better way of caring for each other.

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## Progress in 2009

- In a year that required tens of millions of cuts SHSC successfully restored over \$1.3 million in human services funding for City of Seattle coordination of food banks and meal programs, advocacy and capacity building for human service nonprofits, young adult interventions designed to prevent involvement with the criminal justice system, resulting in NO CUTS to community health and human services at the City for 2010.
- In King County we were able to move from talk of zeroing out County funding for human services to an adopted 2010 budget retaining 54% of the 2009 levels and lay the foundation for new revenue in the future.
- SHSC members began a new process called **The Call to Caring** which sparked four community-wide gatherings throughout King County where we revisited the 2020 Vision for meeting basic human needs by the year 2020 including eliminating institutional racism. Organizations across the County representing human services, faith based communities, sustainability, labor, civic engagement and social entrepreneurship have become involved in the Call to Caring project.

## Joining the Coalition

Your participation and membership in the Seattle Human Services Coalition is what enables all of us to work together toward our common goal of shaping public policy to meet basic human needs. Your contributions allow us to maintain an independent perspective and enter into conversations freely and openly without the constraints sometimes imposed by other funders. **Join SHSC as an Agency member or Individual member.**

Please check one membership category:

**Agency member:** For organizations, agencies and programs. Dues are based on a small percentage of an annual operating budget (AOB). Dues info at the bottom of this form.

**Individual member:** Not part of an agency or organization and personally contributing

\$25 - \_\_\$50 \_\_\$100 \_\_other

Complete the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you receiving SHSC email advocacy alerts?  Yes  No

Would you like to receive advocacy alerts from the Coalition?  Yes  No

**Dues info for agency members:**

To determine the amount of your dues for 2010, review the rates below. No human service organization will be turned away due to inability to pay at level below, staying active and in contact is the primary goal.

*Dues rate based on **annual operating budget (AOB)** multiplied by a fixed dues rate*

AOB \$50k - \$2M	\$	x	0.1% (0.001)	=	\$
AOB over \$2M	\$	x	0.05% (0.0005)	=	\$
AOB under \$50k	\$	<i>(please pay what you can afford)</i>			\$
<b>Amt Enclosed</b>					\$

**Please return a copy of this form with your membership dues to:**

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