

Update on Compass Housing Alliance Program Changes and Impacts

Our Union met with Compass Housing Alliance management late last week to discuss all the current and upcoming changes happening with multiple CHA programs and sites and the impact on our Union bargaining unit members. We receive frequent updates from management, and we will pass them on to you. You should have received communication from management about the changes. We want to assure our Union members that we are here to support you throughout all these changes so please do not hesitate to contact your Union Representatives (contact info listed below).

- No Union bargaining unit layoffs are anticipated;
- Administration office formerly on the 5th floor at the Compass Center moved to Compass on Dexter;
- The Miller shelter site is scheduled to close the weekend of August 22/23 and the remaining guests at Miller will be reintegrated back to open beds at Blaine or Compass First Presbyterian shelters;
- Pioneer Square Men's Program guests move to a lower Queen Anne shelter on Roy Street this weekend;
- Hygiene and CSO programs will continue with some modification due to the construction;
- Staff and guests entering the Compass Center will enter off of S. Washington street and the Alaska Way entrance will be closed and only used by the construction crew;
- Hygiene may be required to close for several days to up to a week to complete the shower upgrades, tiling and sink installations. Trying to keep this to a minimum. Management intends to keep all staff employed during construction but may have to temporarily re-assign other duties while programs are closed;
- The Day Center will be closed during construction for health and safety reasons with a tentative closure date of August 3rd;
- All Day Center staff will be re-assigned to hygiene and/or milieu management around the CSO services (banking and mail), during the time that the Day Center is closed;
- The tentative construction period is 12-13 weeks out;
- The Compass First Presbyterian Shelter property has been sold and the CFP shelter will relocate to the Compass Center location at a date to be determined;
- The Blaine and Jan and Peter's Place shelters will be remodeled to be COVID-19 distancing compliant;
- Increased precautions will be implemented to ensure staff and guest safety which include
 - o More security cameras
 - o Enhanced bathrooms including no-touch sinks and no-touch hand dryers

***If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Union Representatives
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