

KCR Board Hires Anthony Ives as Executive Director

Kitsap Community Resources, a Community Action Agency dedicated to reducing poverty in Kitsap County, has named Anthony Ives as its next Executive Director.

The Board of Directors, under the leadership of Board President Tracy Flood, worked to ensure an open and transparent hiring process. The hiring committee began its work in April, led by Tracy Flood as Hiring Committee Chair. Committee members include Dr. Frankie Coleman, Olympic College Trustee and Pastor of Sinclair MB Church; Gina Lindal, Administrator DSHS and former KCR Board Member; Elaine Williams Bryant, Personnel Committee Chair and KCR Board Member; and Jill Brenner, KCR Deputy Director/Child Development Manager. At each stage, the committee sourced interview questions from the participants. KCR Board Chair Tracy Flood says, "The Hiring Committee felt that it was vital to be as inclusive and open as possible. We are thrilled that KCR staff and Board of Directors enthusiastically support the hire of Anthony Ives to lead KCR. His passion and engagement in community, robust leadership experience, and commitment to equity is exactly what we seek. Our agency was created out of community action, with dedication to creating hope and opportunity for low-income Kitsap County families. Tony's energy, leadership, and values will serve to lead KCR into its next era."

Anthony Ives joins KCR with a wide range of professional experience and is bi-lingual in Spanish. He has managed companies in the public, private and non-profit sectors. As consultant and volunteer, he currently serves as a board member for the Key Peninsula Center and Food Bank, treasurer for Amigos de Honduras, and is a fellow for the 2021-22 Puget Sound SAGE Community Leadership Institute. Ives states, "I left finance to put my efforts into serving and providing sustainable community work. I am elated to further the mission of Kitsap Community Resources." Ives will start at KCR on December 1st, 2021.

KCR is a dynamic partner in the Kitsap County Community. KCR touches 10% of the 277,000 residents of Kitsap County's population through a variety of programs. The organization's services and programs include Housing and Homelessness services; Veteran's assistance; WIC (Women Infant Children) nutritional food program; Early Head Start and Head Start; WIOA (Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act); BE\$T (Business Education Support Training); GED instruction and testing; job training and placement services; food services for Meals on Wheels Kitsap and early learning centers; Weatherization; Energy assistance; and other community support services. KCR operates 11 sites throughout Kitsap County.

For more information about KCR, please go to our website at www.kcr.org for all KCR services and locations.