



MINUTES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Children’s Commission



Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

4:30 – 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: The Snohomish County Children’s Commission Meeting was held via ZOOM on Wednesday April 26, 2023. The meeting convened at 4:32 PM, Chair Lark Kesterke presiding.

Commissioners	County Staff	Guests
Charlotte Zissel ✓	Karen Matson ✓	
Karen O’Meara Pullen ✓	Cathy Butler ✓	
Nancy Mickels	Nichole Bascue ✓	
EX		
Ashvi Shah		
AB		
Lindee Tollefsen		
EX		
Anita Canter		
AB		
Argelia Grassfield ✓		
Courtney Wooten		
EX		
Becky Megard ✓		
Charles Adkins ✓		
ShaKima Tozay ✓		
Lark Kesterke ✓		
Monica Wilson ✓		
Anthony Fletcher ✓		

Welcome

Chair Lark Kesterke welcomed all.


Introductions

Commissioners introduced themselves.

Public Comment

No comments today.

Commissioner Connection

 Commissioner and County ice breaker “What is your favorite celebration? And what does it mean to you?”

Approval of Minutes

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Anthony Fletcher made a motion to accept the minutes for the March 22, 2023 meeting. Monica Wilson Best seconded the motion. Karen O'Meara Pullen Abstained. Motion approved.*

Chemical Dependency Mental Health Board Replacement Delegation

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Monica Wilson Best made a motion to nominate Argelia Grassfield for the Chemical Dependency Mental Health Board as Karen O'Meara Pullen's replacement. Anthony Fletcher seconded the motion. Motion approved.*
- ✚ *Discussion aside: in 3 to 6 months there will be a check in to see if Argelia can remain in the position or needs to be replaced due to burn out*

Liberatory Design

- ✚ Lark and Shakima to reach out to the regional coalition of early learning providers who strive to become regional trainers around liberatory design to find learning supports for the board to become better versed in liberatory design practices

We Value Kids Award Working Group

- ✚ Working group still scheduled to meet; requested 10 – 15 minutes of May 2023 meeting to share ideas and thoughts

Equity Toolkits & Frameworks

- ✚ Shakima provided a slideshow presentation of 3 different pre-created equity toolkits the commission could implement
- ✚ Equity video presented to the commission
- ✚ Adding equity toolkits discussion to May agenda and Shakima will be sharing the presentation slides with the group for personal review

Annual Report 2022

- ✚ Verified contact information for distribution list

Annual Report 2023

- ✚ Kelsey Bang Olsen is ready to begin data gathering around the commission stated priorities
- ✚ Nate Marti is invited to May 2023 meeting

County Report

- ✚ RFP for employment services prioritizing youth

ADJOURNMENT:

- ✚ *Lark Kesterke moved to adjourn the meeting*

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

*****The next Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, May 28, 2023 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.*****

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