



MINUTES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Snohomish County Children's Commission



March 27, 2019
Snohomish County Children's Commission Meeting
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The 2019 Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting was held at The Everett Public Schools Resource Center, Everett, Washington on Wednesday March 27, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:30 p.m. with Desmond Pullen presiding.

Commissioners		County Staff		Guests	
Desmond Pullen	✓	Karen Matson	✓	Lindee Tollefsen	✓
Karen O'Meara Pullen	✓	Ana Carratala	✓		
Nancy Mickels	✓				
Shannon Smith	✓				
Kristen Anderson	EX				
Mary Fischer	✓				
Anita Shad	✓				
Jerry Strieck	✓				
Charlotte Zissel	✓				
Courtney Wooten	✓				
Argelia Grassfield	✓				
Keith Smith	EX				

Welcome to All

Introductions were made around the room.

Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2019

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Jerry Strieck made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting as written. Karen O'Meara Pullen seconded the motion. Courtney Wooten and Charlotte Zissel abstained and motion passed.*

Old Business

- ✚ Karen O'Meara Pullen gave a brief overview on "We Value Kids" awards. So far there is only one nominations for each of the three levels:
 - *We Value Courage*
 - *We Value Leadership*
 - *We Value People Who Value Kids*
- ✚ Nominations came from Lakes Stevens and Monroe. Nominations will be all reviewed on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Lake Stevens Starbucks. All are welcome. Last year was very rewarding for the kids and we are hoping for the same this year. Forms and explanation on our website.

New Business

County Updates – Karen Matson

- ✦ Karen Matson handed out the **Early Learning Newsletter** for all to review. The Newsletter is used by providers and parents as a reference. This year's distribution will be done via email and hard copies will be taken to several places (i.e. Museums, Community Health Centers, etc.).
- ✦ Karen Matson gave a brief overview of ECEAP programs. ECEAP does not require any citizenship or legal documentation of any kind, just proof of age and parent guardian. The Edmonds school district area is currently underserved. The Edmonds school district has 80 slots and is scheduled for 60-80 slots next year depending on Legislative Budget. ECEAP will begin enrollment for next school year in April.
- ✦ Anita Shad mentioned Early Head Start enrolls at any time during the year.
- ✦ Karen Matson announced the County website is up and running and asked all members to review it.
- ✦ Karen Matson asked all members who have not sent their biography to Charlotte Zissel to please do so as soon as possible in order to update are website.
- ✦ Karen Matson explained, that the HSD IT department created a short video that explains how to install the app in order to open your County email. There are Android and iPhone versions available. Karen Matson will send out an email to all.

New Member Update – Desmond Pullen

- ✦ Desmond Pullen advised all that Giovanna Schachere is not eligible to be on the Snohomish County Children's Commission Board, as he accepted a position of employment with Snohomish County and per County Code, employees cannot be members of boards and commissions.
- ✦ Karen Matson advised that Anita Shad, Karen O'Meara Pullen and Charlotte Zissel will be up for renewal at the end of May 2019. April 10th is the due date to submit a new application.

Kids Count Discussion – Charlotte Zissel

- ✦ Charlotte Zissel spoke about the Kids Count packet and asked all members for their feedback and comments. The Executive Committee came up with a 5-year Strategic Plan with a framework the future of Commission. Charlotte Zissel gave everyone time to review comments followed by each member will consider 1 of 4 Domains (Economic Well-being; Education, Health, Family/Community). We will take a "shallow dive" into one Domain and begin to examine the gaps and disparities for certain ages, communities or populations. Are ECEAP, health screening, developmental disabilities, the towns of Index and Monroe and children who are currently homeless considered?
- ✦ Karen Matson spoke about Nate Marti and Kelsey Bang-Olsen being excited about supplying data and attending a meeting with the Commission and discussing data related to the adopted framework; they will be attending April's meeting.

Snohomish County Children's Commission Framework/Future

- ✦ Karen Matson spoke with Susan Neely who represents the Executive's Office about Commission's ideas and future. She expressed that she would be willing to meet with the Commission once there is a clear direction for their future. Jerry

Strieck expressed he likes the overall direction of Kids Count, but feels more information, time, data, trends, etc. are needed to make a decision.

- + Desmond Pullen expressed not waiting a year before inviting Susan Neely to meeting.

- + Charlotte Zissel suggested researching a specific area. Moving forward all members have agreed to do preliminary work on a specific domain in order to find a domain.

- + ***ACTION ITEM. Jerry Strieck made a motion to accept the Strategic Plan Implementation (2019 – 2023) and continue to modify the general direction of the Strategic Plan as deemed necessary. Courtney Wooten seconded the motion, Desmond Pullen abstained and motion passed.***

- + Karen O'Meara Pullen suggested they make a decision tonight to choose a Domain they are interested in. The following was agreed:

- ***Economic Well-being:*** Jerry Strieck, Karen O'Meara Pullen and Argelia Grassfield
- ***Education:*** Courtney Wooten, Mary Fischer, and Kristen Anderson
- ***Family & Community:*** Shannon Smith, Desmond Pullen and Keith Smith
- ***Health:*** Charlotte Zissel, Anita Shad and Nancy Mickels

Wrap-up and Announcements

- + Desmond Pullen reminded all that the Chair/Vice Chair meeting is on Monday, April 8, 2019 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Executive Committee meeting is on Monday, April 15, 2019 from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

- + ***ACTION ITEM. Karen O'Meara Pullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Mickels seconded the motion and motion passed.***

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The next Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., at the Everett Public Schools Resource Center.