



MINUTES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Snohomish County Children’s Commission



May 29, 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 Snohomish County Government Building, Everett, Washington on Wednesday May 29, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:35 p.m. with Desmond Pullen presiding.

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

Welcome to All

Introductions were made around the room.

- ✚ Karen Matson introduced Bambie Fontana as a new Support Staff to the Snohomish County Children’s Commission.
- ✚ Desmond Pullen announced he is no longer with the NAACP group.
- ✚ Desmond Pullen recapped on the Snohomish County Youth and Wellness Fair, around 1,100 attendees (70% were 1st time attendees and 71% were low income), 60 workshops, 130 Volunteers, 145 haircuts and manicures, etc.) Event was a great success, but next year changes are being made.
- ✚ Desmond Pullen mentioned Mary Jane Brell Vujovic and Susan Neely will be attending an upcoming meeting.
- ✚ Keith Smith mentioned he spoke to Mountlake Terrace High School teachers and ask if there were any teens that would be willing to be the Youth member on the board with the Snohomish County Children’s Commission.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2019

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** Meeting Minutes were not approved and shall be voted on at the next Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting June 26, 2019.

Old Business

We Value Kids – Karen O’Meara Pullen

- ✚ Karen O’Meara Pullen gave a brief overview on “We Value Kids” awards. A young girl from Monroe was given the “We Value Kids” awards. Karen O’Meara Pullen and Kristen Anderson gave a presentation at Lake Stevens for “We Value those who Value Kids” award for folks who are retiring from staff. Two presentations will be given on Friday, May 31st at 2:30 and 3:30pm.
- ✚ Desmond Pullen mentioned to all commissioners, the new updated packet inserts for their notebooks are being handed out by Ana Carratala.
- ✚ Shannon Smith mentioned they organization received \$95,000 grant to start a new Homeless Shelter for women and children.

New Business

County Updates – Karen Matson

- ✚ Karen Matson is happy to mention Karen McKeen, Keith Smith and Lindee Tollefsen are now officially Snohomish County Children’s Commission Board Members. Email will be set up soon and a current matrix will be updated and handed out at next meeting. Karen Matson also mentioned Susan Neely will be attending our June meeting.
- ✚ Kelsey Bang-Olsen and Nate Marti will have data ready for the June meeting hopefully this information will help on creating an info-graph for Snohomish County Children’s Commission.
- ✚ Karen Matson will try and bring copies of the final draft copy of the Community Action Agency Needs Assessment.
- ✚ Karen Matson mentioned Snohomish County received two grants from Building Changes focusing on Homeless Family and Employment. Hope is to sustain long-term.
- ✚ Karen Matson mentioned Mary Fischer participated in “Strengthening Families Collaboration.” Mary Fischer gave a brief overview.

Retreat / Share Thoughts – Desmond Pullen

- ✚ Desmond Pullen and the Executive Committee will meet to talk about this year’s retreat. Possibly hosting at a restaurant might be an option.

Committees – Charlotte Zissel

Committee break out – Define Domain, Indicators, Next Steps and Questions (20 minutes)

Domain Groups:

Economic Well-Being: Karen O’Meara Pullen, Jerry Strieck and Argelia Grassfield

Education: Courtney Wooten, Mary Fischer and Kristen Anderson

Health: Charlotte Zissel, Anita Shad, Nancy Mickels and Lindee Tollefsen

Family and Community: Shannon Smith, Desmond Pullen and Keith Smith

- ✚ Charlotte Zissel asked all members to break-out into their assigned groups for further discussion and dig deeper into their subjects. Questions to follow.

✚ Desmond Pullen asked all groups for their feedback.

- *Economic Well-Being*: will focus on Children and Poverty – Where are they?
- *Education*: Should they focus on Education? – Impact vs. Advocate
- *Health*: will focus on Low Birth weight, Teen Abuse Alcohol/Drugs, Pre-Natal Support
- *Family and Community*: will focus on Teen Pregnancy by Race

Wrap-up and Announcements

✚ Desmond Pullen reminded all that the Chair/Vice Chair meeting is on Monday, June 6, 2019. The Executive Committee meeting is on Monday, June 17, 2019 from 5:15 – 6:45PM at Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center.

Announcements – NEW

✚ ***Beginning June 26, 2019 all Snohomish County Children's Commission Meetings will be held at the Robert J. Drewell Administration Building (Snohomish County Government Bldg.) 6th Floor, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue Everett, WA 98201***

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., at the Everett Public Schools Resource Center.