



MINUTES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Children’s Commission



January 29, 2019
4:30 – 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: The 2020 Snohomish County Children’s Commission Meeting was held at The Snohomish County Government Building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave Everett, Washington on Wednesday January 29, 2020. The meeting convened at 4:33PM, Charlotte Zissel and Vice Chair Karen O’Meara Pullen presiding.

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

Welcome, and Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment

Gwen Schell introduced herself and gave a brief overview on Imagine Children’s Museum and their mission. The Children’s Museum would like to acknowledge the Snohomish County Children’s Museum past support during the initial planning and start-up of the Museum. The Children’s Museum is reaching out to potential partners for support as they launch a campaign to expand the museum.

Land Acknowledgement

Desmond Pullen read the Land Acknowledgement.

Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2019

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** Jerry Strieck made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2019 Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting as written. Karen O’Meara Pullen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Submittal for legislative items document

- ✚ Charlotte Zissel spoke about Legislative items that need review and possibly discussion before being given to the Executive Committee. Bambi Fontana created a draft form for all to review, *Handout #1 State Legislative agenda item*. She asked all to consider endorsing these items before the legislative deadlines.

- ✦ Argelia Grassfield commented she received information from the Children's Home Society, which she believes would be valuable to the Snohomish County Children's Commission. Ana Carratala will distribute to all commissioners.
- ✦ **ACTION ITEM. Jerry Strieck made a motion that we as Snohomish County Children's Commission adopt this process as presented, which will allow urgent Legislative issues to be given to our Executive Committee for review and make recommendations on behalf of the Snohomish County Children's Commission to the Snohomish County Executive Office as written. Lindee Tollefsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

County Updates

- ✦ Karen Matson gave a brief feedback on status from the legal department regarding the Children's Commission recommendations to the County Code. Staff will make final revisions and Karen Matson will bring a final draft to the February meeting.
- ✦ Karen Matson passed out *Handout #2 Enterprise – 2020 Home and Hope State Legislative Agenda* for all to review.
- ✦ Karen Matson passed out *Handout #3 News Clip from The Community Services Advisory Board* which *created an Abed*. Karen asked all to review and possibly come up with ideas to create their own.
- ✦ Karen Matson passed out *Handout #4 2019 Median Income – Seattle-Bellevue, WA HUD Metro Fair Market Rent Area* for all to review.

Display Case

- ✦ Karen Matson mentioned to all commissioners, Developmental Disabilities and Early Learning Division have an opportunity to provide information about their programs at the county display case which is located on the 1st floor of the West Building and is available in April. Karen Matson also invited the Early Learning Coalition, Early Head Start and Early Intervention to participate. If request is granted, she asked the commissions if they would be interested in participating.

Distribution of Annual Report

- ✦ Karen Matson spoke about how the commission would like to distribute their Annual Report and to whom. Charlotte Zissel mentioned trying to target areas such as Early Learning Coalition, ECEAP, YWCA, and add to county website. Desmond Pullen would also like to spread word to parents at the Everett School district.
- ✦ Argelia Grassfield asked if the publication is for service providers or the general public? Karen Matson left that decision up to the Commission to decide how they would like it distributed. All commissioners agreed that the report is a public document and a link to the document on the county website can be shared with others.
- ✦ Karen Matson will add the Kids Count to the website and send out the link for all to review or print. Karen Matson will make 100 copies and bring to February's meeting.
- ✦ Karen Matson gave a brief overview on the Snohomish County Children's Wellness Coalition and their role.

Review Snohomish County Data

- + Charlotte Zissel spoke about the additional review of requested data from Nate Marti and Kelsey Bang-Olsen. Charlotte Zissel asked all to review all indicators around Children in Poverty and what information is being gathered. The goal for this year is to be able to identify recommendation that will specifically impact children living in poverty.
- + Karen Matson mentioned she will have Ana Carratala download all documents to the SharePoint site for all to review.

Speakers and additional data resources

- + Charlotte Zissel mentioned they have a proposed guest speaker Jim Dean from Interfaith Family Shelter for February meeting. His topic will be about Children and Poverty.
- + Charlotte Zissel would like to set-up a panel of parents and kids for the month of March or April. Panels should be diverse and need to be aware of the impact of institutional racism and white privilege. She asked for volunteers on creating panel. Shannon Smith, Courtney Wooten and Argelia Grassfield stated they would be interested.

Announcements

- + Shannon Smith mentioned she would to send out information on a Webinar on Aces, Child Male treatment, Opioid, Sexual Abuse given by the Snohomish County Children's Wellness Coalition.
- + Jerry Strieck gave a brief overview on the Chemical Dependency Mental Health Board will begin meeting every month. First order of business will be primarily focusing on funds. Jerry Strieck mentioned there will be no new funds until all monies are approved.

Adjourn

- + Charlotte Zissel thanked everyone for attending.
- + ***ACTION ITEM. Shannon Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen O'Meara Pullen seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

The next Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting will be at 4:30PM. Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at the Snohomish County Government Building 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Conference Room 6A04 – 6th Floor Everett, WA 98201.