



MINUTES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Children’s Commission



Wednesday, January 26, 2022

ZOOM Meeting

4:30 – 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: The 2022 Snohomish County Children’s Commission Meeting was held via ZOOM on Wednesday January 26, 2022. The meeting convened at 4:35 PM with Chair Whitney Stohr presiding. Quorum not met.

| Commissioners | | County Staff | | Guests | |
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| Charlotte Zissel | AB | Karen Matson | ✓ | Becky Megard | ✓ |
| Karen O’Meara Pullen | ✓ | Cathy Butler | ✓ | Charles Adkins | ✓ |
| Nancy Mickels | LOA | Nate Marti | ✓ | Anthony Fletcher | ✓ |
| Whitney Stohr | ✓ | | | ShaKima Tozay | ✓ |
| Desmond Pullen | EX | | | Wyonne Perrault | ✓ |
| Anita Shad | AB | | | Lark Kesterke | ✓ |
| Courtney Wooten | EX | | | | |
| Argelia Grassfield | ✓ | | | | |
| Lindee Tollefsen | ✓ | | | | |

Welcome

Whitney Stohr, Chair, welcomed Commissioners and guests. She read the Mission Statement and the Land Acknowledgement.

Introductions

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

Public Comment

No public comments

Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2021

- ACTION ITEM.** Whitney Stohr noted there is not a quorum at this meeting. Approval of the December 2021 meeting minutes will be tabled for approval at the February meeting.

Presentation by Snohomish County Human Services Department – Planning and Evaluation Division

Nate Marti, Human Services Department Planning and Evaluation Division Manager, provided a presentation related to Snohomish County’s look at their current terminology and data/metrics related to individuals and groups and service utilization in our Snohomish County Children’s Commission – Minutes of May 26, 2021 Meeting

community. The presentation focused on a part of planning that is important, and that is understanding how terms and definitions can vary across collaborations. The presentation touched on various terms and definitions used to describe groups of people who don't have equal access to opportunity and those have included historically underserved, marginalized, disenfranchised, vulnerable populations and other terms. It also touched on the challenge for Human Services and others to standardize terms for key planning efforts, and finally, it looked at summarizing findings for groups who have historically experienced challenges and barriers accessing services/opportunities.

- ✚ Nate agreed to share the PowerPoint once updated; County staff will distribute via email.

County Updates

- ✚ Karen Matson provided information on the Snohomish County Office of Social Justice (OSJ). Staff from the OSJ will present at the February Children's Commission to provide additional information about their work and also to provide a framework to be utilized by County programs related to equity and social justice.

Karen Matson and Cathy Butler shared a document, **Challenges and Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families – 2022**, that provides a brief summary of current and emerging issues impacting children, youth and families in our community.

- The document will be emailed to Commissioners and guests after today's meeting.
- Karen Matson suggested that Commissioners, and guests, spend time reviewing some of the links in the document. And, that Commissioners and guests identify 1-3 additional links in their interest area(s) and submit to Cathy Butler with a brief (2-3 sentence) summary.
- Cathy will compile submissions into the document. The group can review at the February or March meeting and use this information to set priorities for future work.
- Commissioners concurred with this plan.

Recap of Children's Alliance advocacy opportunity

- ✚ Whitney Stohr attended the recent Children's Alliance advocacy opportunity, Have a Heart For Kids Day 2022. Whitney provided an overview of activities and events.
- ✚ Charles Adkins, Children's Alliance Health Policy Director, provided additional information about several of the policy issues supported by the Alliance.

Commissioner Updates

- ✚ Whitney Stohr shared a flyer for the Family Interagency Coordinating Council public event covering Caregiver Stress, takes place February 7, 2022.
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrdOihrjsiH9bwg5egKjilKPUxyy_kt_oDI
- ✚ Lark Kesterke shared Food Access is Community Care
<https://event.gotowebinar.com/event/e35872ae-b562-49c8-bc80-72f145a59a22>

- + Karen O'Meara Pullen shared <http://www.snohomishforequity.org/Home/RacialEquityChallenge?Length=4>
- + Argelia Grassfield shared SB 5793 (Concerning stipends for low-income or underrepresented community members of state boards, commissions, councils, committees, and other similar groups)

Adjourn

- + Whitney Stohr thanked everyone for attending.
- + ***ACTION ITEM. Karen O'Meara Pullen made a motion to adjourn the Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting. Lindee Tollefsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

MEETING ADJOURNED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

*****The next Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.*****