



Wednesday, July 27, 2022

ZOOM Meeting

4:30 – 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: The Snohomish County Children’s Commission Meeting was held via ZOOM on Wednesday July 27, 2022. The meeting convened at 4:35 PM, Whitney Stohr presiding. Quorum met.

Commissioners		County Staff		Guests
Charlotte Zissel	✓	Karen Matson	✓	
Karen O’Meara Pullen	✓	Cathy Butler	✓	
Nancy Mickels	EX	Mellissa Hiatt	✓	
Whitney Stohr	✓	Ashley Nichols	✓	
Lindee Tollefsen	EX	Kelsey Bang-Olsen	✓	
Anita Canter	AB			
Argelia Grassfield	✓			
Courtney Wooten	EX			
Becky Megard	✓			
Charles Adkins	AB			
ShaKima Tozay	✓			
Lark Kesterke	✓			
Monica Wilson	EX			
Ashvi Shah	✓			
Anthony Fletcher	AB			

Mission Statement

Whitney Stohr welcomed all and read the Mission Statement.

Introductions

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

Public Comment

- ✚ Tuesday, August 2, is National Night Out. Most communities are hosting events, and all are encouraged to attend an event.
- ✚ Washington State Perinatal and Parenting with Substance Use Summit on August 11. Scholarships available.
- ✚ ARC events: Parents to Parents in the Park, Speaker Night: Intro to Homeschooling your child with disabilities, Speaker Night: Back to School Success supporting young children with IEP.

Approval of Minutes of May 25 and June 22, 2022 meeting

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** Karen O’Meara Pullen made a motion to accept the minutes for the May 25, 2022, meeting. Argelia Grassfield seconded the motion. Motion approved with 1 abstention.

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Argelia Grassfield made a motion to accept the minutes for the June 22, 2022, meeting. Charlotte Zissel seconded the motion. Motion approved with 4 abstentions.*

County Update

- ✚ Karen Matson reminded Commissioners of the invite to the Snohomish County Board and Commission appreciation event scheduled Monday, August 29, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds VIP Tent. Please let Cathy know if you need more information.

Kids Count Report

- ✚ Kelsey Bang-Olsen, Human Services Department: Planning and Evaluation Division presented the draft 2022 Kids Count report for the Children’s Commission.
- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Charlotte Zissel made a motion to accept the draft report, receive input from Commissions through August 10, and approve staff to draft the final report to be submitted the Executive and County Council. Argelia Grassfield seconded the motion. Motion approved.*
- ✚ Commissioners scheduled a work group on August 25 at 4:00 pm to finish the draft first page of the report. Cathy will send out a zoom meeting invite.

Group Discussion

- ✚ The Executive Committee made a recommendation for the Children’s Commission to clarify a process for decision making that is both collaborative/inclusive and allows the group to move forward in a timely fashion.
- ✚ Whitney reviewed the discussion from the June 22 meeting regarding the priority focus areas. Commissioners attending that meeting recommended to adopt and move forward on the suggested framework and priority issues and allow the exploration and learning guide the path forward over the next few years.
- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Argelia Grassfield made a motion to adopt and move forward on the suggested framework and priority issues. Karen O’Meara Pullen seconded the motion. Motion Approved.*
- ✚ County staff requested input for policy recommendations for the upcoming state and federal legislation. Cathy will send last year’s Children’s Commission policy recommendations to Commissioners. Commissioners can send input to staff to compile a policy recommendation policy document for this year to be sent to the Executive and County Council.

Member Share-Out

- ✚ There were no updates provided.

ADJOURNMENT:

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Charlotte Zissel made a motion to adjourn the Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting. Shakima Tozay seconded the motion.*

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

*****The next Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM.*****

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