



**April 24, 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 April 24, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:35 p.m. with Desmond Pullen presiding.

| <b>Commissioners</b> |    | <b>County Staff</b> |   | <b>Guests</b>     |   |
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| Desmond Pullen       | ✓  | Karen Matson        | ✓ | Lindee Tollefsen  | ✓ |
| Karen O’Meara Pullen | ✓  | Ana Carratala       | ✓ | Karen McKeen      | ✓ |
| Nancy Mickels        | ✓  |                     |   | Kelsey Bang-Olsen | ✓ |
| Shannon Smith        | EX |                     |   | Nate Marti        | ✓ |
| Kristen Anderson     | EX |                     |   |                   |   |
| Mary Fischer         | ✓  |                     |   |                   |   |
| Anita Shad           | ✓  |                     |   |                   |   |
| Jerry Strieck        | ✓  |                     |   |                   |   |
| Charlotte Zissel     | ✓  |                     |   |                   |   |
| Courtney Wooten      | ✓  |                     |   |                   |   |
| Argelia Grassfield   | ✓  |                     |   |                   |   |
| Keith Smith          | ✓  |                     |   |                   |   |

**Welcome to All**

Introductions were made around the room.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2019**

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Karen O’Meara Pullen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2019 Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting as written. Courtney Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**Old Business**

- ✚ Karen O’Meara Pullen gave a brief overview on “We Value Kids” awards. As of today there are five children who have received nominations. This year the Lake Stevens school district had the most recommendations. All families have been notified and certificates will be given before end of June.

**New Business**

**Data Share – Nate Marti and Kelsey Bang-Olsen**

- ✚ Nate Marti gave a brief overview on data share for today’s presentation. Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center, Kids Count Data Book and Index, review of 4 domains and 16 indicators and discussion to follow.
- ✚ Nate Marti began with a short background on The Annie E. Casey Foundation and how it was established in 1948. In 2018 they distributed over \$1.8 million. Kids Count Data Center assembles over 100 indicators of national, state and local child and family well-being data including the following:

- *Healthy Youth Survey*
  - *O.S.P.I.*
  - *American Community Survey*
  - *Dept. of Health*
- ✚ Nate Marti explained Washington State is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the Nation.
- **4 Domains**
    - Economic Well-Being - 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Health - 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Education - 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Family and Community - 16<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ Kelsey Bang-Olsen spoke about health, and low birth-weight babies. These are babies that are less than 5 lbs. Most of these babies are at a high risk of short and long term disabilities and a high risk of death.

### **County Updates – Karen Matson**

- ✚ Karen Matson explained Keith Smith’s recommendation is on a consent agenda, set for May 1, 2019 pending County Council approval.
- ✚ Karen Matson asked all members if they viewed the video, regarding installing the IT app on their cellphones. Ana Carratala distributed cards containing IT Help desk information.
- ✚ Karen Matson suggested bringing a copy of the new Snohomish County Low-Income Needs Assessment Report for all to review.

### **Potential Commissioners – Desmond Pullen**

- ✚ Desmond Pullen gave a brief overview on the potential new commissioners, *Handout #1 Summary of Application for Snohomish County Children’s Commission April, 2019* with a short biography on new candidates.
- ✚ Charlotte Zissel mentioned the following members are up for reappointment:
  - Karen O’Meara Pullen
  - Charlotte Zissel
  - Anita Shad

✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Jerry Strieck made a motion to reappoint Karen O’Meara Pullen on her second term to the Snohomish County Children’s Commission. Nancy Mickels seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Karen O’Meara Pullen made a motion to reappoint Charlotte Zissel on her second term to the Snohomish County Children’s Commission. Jerry Strieck seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Jerry Strieck made a motion to reappoint Anita Shad on her second term to the Snohomish County Children’s Commission and reassign her from District 5 to District 2. Courtney Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

- ✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Jerry Strieck made a motion to reassign Nancy Mickels from District 5 to District 4. Desmond Pullen seconded the motion. Motion passed.***
- ✚ Desmond Pullen expressed he had previously met with Karen McKeen and Lindee Tollefsen about joining the Snohomish County Children's Commission.
- ✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Charlotte Zissel made a motion to nominate Karen McKeen as a new commissioner to the Snohomish County Children's Commission. Argelia Grassfield seconded the motion. Motion passed.***
- ✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Charlotte Zissel made a motion to nominate Lindee Tollefsen as a new commissioner to the Snohomish County Children's Commission. Anita Shad seconded the motion. Motion passed.***
- ✚ Karen Matson explained the next step is to prepare an ECAF (Executive Council Action Form) which is sent to the County Executive's Office and the Health and Human Services committee. Timeframe could be around June or July 2019. Once approved all commissioner documents and county email will be assigned.

**Committees – Charlotte Zissel**  
**Committee break out – (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 to debrief and better understand the indicators. Charlotte Zissel suggested possibly having guest speakers.
- ✚ Desmond Pullen would like to invite Jim Dean from Interfaith Family Shelter and Ashley Lommers-Johnson from Everett Housing Authority to get insight and feedback.
- ✚ General outcome for groups:
  - ***Family and Community:*** Teen birth
  - ***Economic Well-Being:*** Children in poverty
  - ***Health:*** Gap vs. Health care
  - ***Education:*** Young children not in school

**Wrap-up and Announcements**

- ✚ Desmond Pullen reminded all that the Chair/Vice Chair meeting is on Monday, May 6, 2019 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Executive Committee meeting is on Monday, May 20, 2019 from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

- ✚ Mary Fischer mentioned you can get a free copy of the 2018 Casey Trend Book online.
- ✚ Karen O'Meara Pullen mentioned there is an event on "Resist Hate" on May 15, 2019 at PUD auditorium in Everett. The topic is on rise of white nationalism.
- ✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Charlotte Zissel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen O'Meara Pullen seconded the motion and motion passed.***

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

***The next Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., at the Everett Public Schools Resource Center.***