



MINUTES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
Children’s Commission



December 4, 2019  
4:30 – 6:30PM

**CALL TO ORDER:** The 2019 Snohomish County Children’s Commission Meeting was held at The Snohomish County Government Building, 3000 Rockefeller Ave Everett, Washington on Wednesday December 4, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:35PM, Charlotte Zissel and Vice Chair Karen O’Meara Pullen presiding.

Commissioners		County Staff		Guests	
Charlotte Zissel	✓	Karen Matson	✓	Kaitlyn Johnson	✓
Karen O’Meara Pullen	✓	Ana Carratala	✓	Nate Marti	✓
Nancy Mickels	AB	Bambie Fontana	✓	Kelsey Bang-Olsen	✓
Shannon Smith	✓			Tyler Verda	✓
Mary Fischer	EX				
Anita Shad	EX				
Jerry Strieck	✓				
Desmond Pullen	✓				
Courtney Wooten	AB				
Argelia Grassfield	AB				
Karen McKeen	AB				
Lindee Tollefsen	✓				
Keith Smith	✓				

Welcome, and Introductions were made around the room.

**Public Comment**

No public comments at this time.

**Land Acknowledgement**

Desmond Pullen read the Land Acknowledgement to all.

**Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2019**

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** *Karen O’Meara Pullen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2019 Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting as written. Desmond Pullen seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**Venn Diagram**

- ✚ Charlotte Zissel talked about reviewing the Venn diagram and questions about poverty in order to better understand the poverty indicator.

**Speakers: Nate Marti and Kelsey Bang-Olsen**

**Questions and Answers**

- ✚ Charlotte Zissel introduced Nate Marti and Kelsey Bang-Olsen which will be presenting additional requested data. Kelsey Bang-Olsen gave out “Mapping

*Potential by Neighborhoods” and the “Kids Count Data Book” for all to review and discuss.*

- + Kelsey Bang-Olsen gave a brief overview on “Snohomish County Mapping Potential by Neighborhoods” and questions to follow.
- + Nate Marti mentioned all new data is updated as it is received. Most information comes from other past projects and geo disparities.
- + Karen Matson handed out “2019 ECEAP Income Eligibility Limits – Federal Poverty Level (FPL)” and gave a brief overview.
- + Tyler Verda gave more detailed information on specific data related to children in poverty.

### **Guest – Tyler Verda**

- + Tyler Verda gave a brief overview on the Sea Sac Board which he is member of. The Sea Sac Boards role is to provide recommendations to the County Executive and the County Council on the causes and condition of poverty in Snohomish County. Tyler Verda handed out “*Snohomish County Low Income Community Needs Assessment*” for all to review. Childcare was the #1 response from the survey.
- + Karen Matson suggested possibly partnering with the Sea Sac Board for more powerful impact and public education.

### **2019-2020 Timeline**

- + Charlotte Zissel handed out “2019-2020 Proposed Timeline” and “Community Resource Checklist” for review and discussion.
- + Karen Matson and Bambie Fontana will reserve a room for guest speakers at next meeting. Ben Young and David Ortiz were suggested. Karen Matson asked commission to stay focused on the topic of Children and Poverty.
- + Karen Matson mentioned we have a new Public Information Officer, that will work 20% of the time with Human Services Department. This will help with Public Service Announcement (PSA) and public outreach. Snohomish County Children’s Commission now has access to the website and the County Executive Facebook page, which will allow for more advertising.
- + Ana Carratala will send a copy of the Sea Sac agenda for January to all.

### **Strategy Procedures**


- + Charlotte Zissel spoke on Strategy Procedures for 2020.

### **Announcements**

- + Karen Matson spoke about the code revisions, that were sent back with mark ups. Karen Matson will review and edit then forward to County Council.
- + Karen Matson mentioned some Commissioners still have not completed the Snohomish County training for board members. Karen Matson will send out notification to those who have not attended.

### **Adjourn**

- + Charlotte Zissel thanked everyone for attending.

 ***ACTION ITEM. Jerry Strieck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Desmond Pullen seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

**The next Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting will be at 4:30PM. Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at the Snohomish County Government Building 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Conference Room 6A04 – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Everett, WA 98201.**