



MINUTES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Snohomish County Children's Commission



July 31, 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 Snohomish County Government Building, Everett, Washington on Wednesday July 31, 2019. The meeting convened at 4:38 p.m. with Desmond Pullen presiding.

| Commissioners | | County Staff | | Guests |
|----------------------|----|----------------|---|--------|
| Desmond Pullen | ✓ | Karen Matson | ✓ | |
| Karen O'Meara Pullen | ✓ | Ana Carratala | ✓ | |
| Nancy Mickels | AB | Bambie Fontana | ✓ | |
| Shannon Smith | ✓ | | | |
| Kristen Anderson | AB | | | |
| Mary Fischer | ✓ | | | |
| Anita Shad | AB | | | |
| Jerry Strieck | ✓ | | | |
| Charlotte Zissel | ✓ | | | |
| Courtney Wooten | ✓ | | | |
| Argelia Grassfield | ✓ | | | |
| Keith Smith | EX | | | |
| Lindee Tollefsen | EX | | | |
| Karen McKeen | ✓ | | | |

Welcome to All

Introductions were made around the room.

- Desmond Pullen welcomed all and introductions were made.
- Charlotte Zissel read the land acknowledgement before meeting. It was brought to the attention of the Commission that adding the land acknowledgement as a written statement to the agenda would have to be put on hold till further approval per Snohomish County Children's Commission request. Commissioner's requested that Karen Matson speak to Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic and the Executive's Office to request permission to add to the agenda and to make a recommendation to have all Boards and Commissions follow the same process.
- After discussion, it was agreed to put item on hold until more information is obtained and the correct protocol is followed, such as tribal approval has been obtained. Courtney will work with Bambie to have conversation with The Tulalip Tribes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

- ACTION ITEM.** Desmond Pullen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting as written. Courtney Wooten and Jerry Strieck abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

Website – Karen Matson

- ✚ Karen Matson mentioned Bambie Fontana is still pending her approval in order to make website updates.

County Updates – Karen Matson / Bambie Fontana

- ✚ Karen Matson encouraged all to attend the **Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Annual Appreciation Celebration** on Monday, August 26, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Evergreen State Fairgrounds, VIP Tent #403 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA.

New Business

New Officers, Nominate and Vote – Desmond Pullen

- ✚ Desmond Pullen mentioned Charlotte Zissel will be stepping into her new role of Snohomish County Children’s Commission Chair at the September Retreat. Charlotte Zissel asked if anyone is interested in the Vice-Chair position. Desmond Pullen mentioned only Karen O’Meara Pullen showed interest in the Vice-Chair position.
- ✚ There was a unanimous vote from all members to install Karen O’Meara Pullen as Snohomish County Children’s Commission Vice-Chair.
- ✚ **ACTION ITEM. Mary Fischer made a motion to nominate Karen O’Meara Pullen as Vice-Chair for the Snohomish County Children’s Commission. Jerry Strieck seconded the motion. Motion passed. There was a unanimous vote from all members to install Karen O’Meara Pullen.**
- ✚ Karen O’Meara Pullen will assume her duties of Vice-Chair at the September 2019 Retreat.
- ✚ Desmond Pullen thanked all for their dedication and support during his term with the Snohomish County Children’s Commission.
- ✚ Jerry Strieck also commented and thanked Desmond Pullen for all his hard work and dedication for the last 2 years.

Executive Committee – Charlotte Zissel

- ✚ Charlotte Zissel mentioned the Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at Everett Public Schools Resource Center at 5:15 PM.
- ✚ Charlotte Zissel asked all members to come forward and join the Executive Committee, more members are needed. All meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 5:15 PM.

Retreat – Charlotte Zissel

- ✚ Charlotte Zissel mentioned the Annual Retreat will be on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at the Domestic Violence Service Center 1110 Rainer Avenue Everett, WA 98201 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Dinner will be served and agenda will be sent prior to the Retreat. Possible Pot Luck.
- ✚ Charlotte Zissel explained this year's theme for the Retreat would be focusing on the 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan, report, review and discussion.

Revisit 2019-2023 Strategic Plan – Charlotte Zissel Report, review and discussion

- ✚ Bambie Fontana distributed the Snohomish County Children's Commission *Kids Count in Snohomish County* infographic for all to review. Bambie Fontana asked for their comments, changes or any other ideas.
- ✚ Several Committee members gave their feedback, ideas, and changes. Ana Carratala attached a breakdown of all of today's discussion.
- ✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Karen McKeen made a motion to make changes, finalize document and forward to Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic for approval before being sent to the County Council. Desmond Pullen second the motion. Motion passed.***
- ✚ Karen Matson gave a brief overview on the Legislative agenda for this year. Recommendations are needed to send up to the Executive's Office within the next several weeks. Karen Matson referred back to last year's version and gave ideas on what items seem to be emerging on child advocacy in the State.
- ✚ Karen Matson facilitated a session for all to brainstorm ideas and come to a general consensus about legislative advocacy items the Snohomish County Children's Commission would like to recommend to the Executive's office and County Council.
- ✚ Karen Matson, Bambie Fontana and Tyler Verda will work on creating a template with information on all topics covered today.

Wrap-up and Announcements

- ✚ Desmond Pullen reminded all that the Chair/Vice Chair meeting is on Monday, August 19, 2019 at Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center from 5:15 to 6:15 PM.
- ✚ Desmond Pullen reminded all there is ***no AUGUST meeting.***

Announcements

- ✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Desmond Pullen made a motion to adjourn the Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting. Karen McKeen seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.