



MINUTES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Children's Commission



October 30, 2019
4:30 – 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: The 2019 Snohomish County Children's Commission Meeting was held at The Snohomish County Government Building, Everett, Washington on Wednesday October 30, 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	✓		
Nancy Mickels	EX	Bambie Fontana	✓		
Shannon Smith	EX				
Kristen Anderson	EX				
Mary Fischer	EX				
Anita Shad	EX				
Jerry Strieck	✓				
Desmond Pullen	✓				
Courtney Wooten	✓				
Argelia Grassfield	✓				
Karen McKeen	EX				
Keith Smith	EX				

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 September 25, 2019

- ✚ **ACTION ITEM.** Jerry Strieck made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting as written. Courtney Wooten seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Announcements

- ✚ Karen O'Meara Pullen introduced Kaitlyn Johnson as our guest, Kaitlyn Johnson was the recipient of the "We Value Kids Awards" in the spring.
- ✚ Kaitlyn Johnson is a resident in Lake Stevens and attends Lake Stevens High School, her interests are in making policies that govern society and is eager to be a part of the Snohomish County Children's Commission.
- ✚ Courtney Wooten mentioned she attended the Washington State Family Engagement Conference, "Breaking the Iron Cage" class. Courtney Wooten brought back info-packet for all to review. Courtney Wooten also mentioned the

Communication across Barriers is having a conference in December and asked if anyone would be interested in attending.

- + Desmond Pullen mentioned he will be attending a seminar at Everett Public Schools Resource Center regarding adopting with the Communities of Color in High Mat adoption process.
- + Karen O'Meara Pullen spoke about the Annual Retreat for the YMCA, which she is a board member. The Retreat was held at a Muslim mosque in Monroe. The Muslim community is hoping to be more welcome in Snohomish County.
- + Argelia Grassfield attend a training on equity and the most impressive was "Five Dimension of Equity at Everett Community College which talked about Race and Bias.
- + Karen Matson attended a breakfast at Everett Public Schools regarding Families with Disabled children. Karen Matson gave a brief overview on event.

- o ***Fun Fact: New Zealand has half the population of Washington State.***

- + Karen Matson attended an ECEAP meeting which worked with Equity and Strategies cards. Karen Matson believes these cards will be helpful for the Snohomish County Children's Commission and will bring a set to next month's meeting.
- + Karen Matson spoke about the Snohomish County Children's Commission Report which was sent up to the Executive's Office and was well received. The Chemical Dependency Mental Health Advisory Board asked to review the report as well. Karen Matson asked all to work on how you would like to create the distribution and talking points.
- + Jerry Strieck spoke about the 1% Sales Tax grant and how it is being funded and restructured. Funding is low and prioritizing monies is their top priority.
- + Jerry Strieck explained to Kaitlyn Johnson on how the Chemical Dependency Mental Health Board functions.
- + Karen Matson mentioned Nate Marti and Kelsey Bang-Olsen will come back in December for talking points.

Review Retreat Strategies

- + Charlotte Zissel gave a brief explanation on today's process. Define the processes and create new groups to work on this year's Strategic Plan all groups will meet for 45 minutes. The Executive Committee took notes and had ideas on process and created these groups:
 - o ***Speakers, Experts and Panels*** – Karen O'Meara Pullen and Charlotte Zissel
 - o ***Survey*** – Jerry Strieck
 - o ***Being out in Community*** – Desmond Pullen, Argelia Grassfield, Courtney Wooten and Kaitlyn Johnson

Create Process Guidelines

- ✚ Charlotte Zissel asked all to turn in their notes for review, Bambi Fontana will transcribe them and forward to the Executive Committee.

Poverty Web

- ✚ Karen Matson guided group through a web exercise and group interaction.
 - What is ultimate goal for County?
 - Return on Investment
 - *Handout #1 Kids Count Data Center*
 - *Handout #2 Recommended CD/MH Tax Advisory Investment Areas*
- ✚ Karen Matson explained to Commission, task will be to stay focused on indicator (*Children and Poverty*).
- ✚ Commission would like to ask Nate Marti for the following information:
 - *Map of Poverty Zone and Resources*
 - *Data on Children & Poverty*
- ✚ Karen Matson will invite Tyler Verda to attend our December 4, 2019 meeting.

Announcements

Karen Matson mentioned that Anita Shad and Mary Fischer have asked for a Leave of Absence for the next several months.

Kaitlyn Johnson thanked everyone for having her and is looking forward to attending more meetings.

Charlotte Zissel reminded all the Executive Committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:15 to 6:30 PM.

Adjourn

- ✚ Charlotte Zissel thanked everyone for attending.
- ✚ ***ACTION ITEM. Karen O'Meara Pullen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Desmond Pullen seconded the motion. Motion passed.***
- ✚ Communication Across Barriers information could be found at: www.combarriers.com

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

The Snohomish County Children's Commission will not meet in November. The next Snohomish County Children's Commission meeting will be at 4:30PM. Wednesday, December 4th, 2019, at the Everett Public Schools Resource Center.