CALL TO ORDER: The 2021 Snohomish County Children’s Commission Meeting was held via ZOOM on Wednesday May 26, 2021. The meeting convened at 4:36 PM, Charlotte Zissel and Vice Chair Karen O’Meara Pullen presiding. Quorum met.

Commissioners

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Charlotte Zissel noted that the quorum had been met. She welcomed all and read the Mission Statement. Desmond Pullen read the Land Acknowledgement.

Introductions
Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

Public Comment
No public comments

Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2021

**ACTION ITEM.** Nancy Mickels made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting as written. Argelia Grassfield seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention (Jerry Strieck).

Commissioner Update
Desmond Pullen submitted his application to be reappointed to the Children’s Commission. If appointed, this will be his third term on the commission.
The Commission recommended that he be recommended to the County Council for reappointment.

Charlotte announced that Shannon Smith submitted her resignation from the Children’s Commission. Shannon will be assuming a new position that does not allow her to attend evening meetings.

Karen Matson will bring updates to the June meeting regarding the appointment process for the Commission.

**Draft Snohomish County Children’s Commission Annual Report**

Kelsey Bang-Olson, Planning and Evaluation Division for the Human Services Department presented the draft report created for the Children’s Commission.

Commissions provided feedback.

Staff will email the DRAFT report and a summary of the agency presentations that occurred at the March meeting; Commissioners will send specific feedback for edits and additions.

Kelsey will make recommended changes, as possible, to the report, and staff will submit a final version to the Commission at the June meeting.

The report will be reviewed at the June meeting with goal of sending the report to the Executive and Council in July.

**Recommendation Letter to Executive’s Office and County Council**

Charlotte Zissel and Karen O’Meara-Pullen shared that the letter created and discussed at the last meeting was submitted to Executive Somers and the County Council.

An email from Mary Jane Brell Vujovic, Human Services Department Director, relating appreciation for the letter from the Executive was also forwarded to Commissioners.

**County Updates by Karen Matson**

Snohomish County is preparing to receive and manage funds that will be distributed through the American Rescue Plan. The County and all cities will receive this funding.

It was asked that if commissioners will not be attending an email, please contact Nicole: Nicole.McMurray@snoco.org

Overview of Puget Sound Taxpayers Accountability Account (PSTAA)

- The PSTAA was created as an amendment to the 2015 State Transportation Revenue Package by the Washington State Legislature and is funded by a percentage of sales and use taxes collected from Sound Transit construction projects.
- PSTAA funds are to be distributed to King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties proportionally based on the population of each county that lives within Sound Transit’s jurisdictional boundaries. Counties may use distributions from the PSTAA account only to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education including, but not limited to, for facilities and programs for children and youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations; and
to start endowments to provide support for improving educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education.

- It is projected that between now and 2034, Snohomish County will be allocated close to $79 million in funds from the PSTAA.
- Snohomish County Council outlined additional guidance for use of PSTAA funds:
  - 67% of funds are to go to school districts within Sound Transit's jurisdictional boundaries, to be allocated proportional to population in the school district residing within the jurisdiction. 33% of funds are to be shared evenly between Edmonds College, Everett Community College, and Washington State University – Everett campus.
  - At least fifty percent (50%) of funds allocated to school districts must be expended through sub-contracts with community-based early learning programs. At least ten percent (10%) of funds allocated to institutions of higher education must be expended through sub-contracts with community-based early learning programs. Early learning programs are defined as those programs serving children from birth through the third grade.
  - PSTAA fund recipients are encouraged to expend a portion of their PSTAA funds on new programs that will foster collaboration and innovation, and that leverage partnerships with community based early learning organizations and agencies in order to increase the likelihood of improving early learning outcomes.

We Value Kids Awards

The Executive Committee recommended that this topic be tabled until the fall planning retreat to allow a deeper discussion about how the Commission wants to move forward on this activity.

Opportunity to publicly recognize families, children, youth and those supporting

Karen Matson offered some suggestions including an article in the Herald and/or an executive proclamation or joint resolution with the County Council (usually promoted through a public media announcement).
Karen O'Meara Pullen offered to draft an op-ed for review at the June meeting. The group accepted.

Community Resource Sharing

Coalition for Communities of Color is working to assist with transportation to vaccination sites. Contact Desmond Pullen for more information.
Children’s Wellness Coalition’s last presentation was on compassion fatigue.

Adjourn

Charlotte Zissel thanked everyone for attending.
ACTION ITEM. Desmond Pullen made a motion to adjourn the Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting. Whitney Stohr seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

**The next Snohomish County Children’s Commission meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.**