



## King County

# Interagency Coordinating Council M I N U T E S

**Day/Date:** Monday, September 12, 2011  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
**Location:** 2100 Building  
2100 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Community Room B  
Seattle, WA 98144

**KCICC Members Present:** Sandy Duncan, Sea Mar Community Health Center  
Donna Borgford-Parnell, Public Health–Seattle King  
County  
Laura Brosas, CCR  
Lisa Greenwald, Kinderling  
Cathy Murahashi, The Arc of King County, Parent to  
Parent  
Margi Siegl, DSHS/DDD  
Kari Tanta, UW-Valley Medical Center

**Guest Present:** Julie Caplan, Parent to Parent  
Kim Hamren, Listen and Talk  
Sandy Dempsey, CKPC  
Lindsey Bailey, DLEC  
Ginger Kwan, Open Doors for Multicultural Families  
Sandy Carlson, SKIP  
Victor Place, Navos  
Kellie Nketiah, PSESD – EHS  
Rachel Nemhauser, The Arc of King County  
Julie Ashmun, Haring Center  
Kim Kanzler, Encompass  
Harla Tumbleson, SOAR  
\*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster.

**King County Developmental Disabilities Division Staff:** Magan Cromar  
Michaelle Monday  
Holly Woo  
Jan Wrathall

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## WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Sandy Duncan, Chair called the regular meeting of the King County Interagency Coordinating Council to order at 9:39 a.m. with welcoming comments and self introductions.

## UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ginger Kwan, Open Doors for Multicultural Families** announced her organization was awarded the Neighbor to Neighbor Grant to enhance the Multicultural Family Empowerment Project. The grant will assist in creating four cultural and linguistically diverse (CLD) parent support groups across South Seattle, Kent, and White Center neighborhoods for Hispanic, Asian, and African American parents of children with developmental disabilities.

The focus groups will assist in determining critical needs and appropriate means to create diverse parent support groups in the disabilities community. Eight bilingual parent leaders within the ethnic communities will be identified and trained to facilitate parent support groups with CLD parents.

One of the outcomes to this project is to increase parent knowledge and advocacy skills to access services, information, community resources, and share their experiences and increased connectivity within their ethnic communities.

**Cathy Murahashi, Parent to Parent** made the following announcements:

- Individualized Education Program and Special Education Advocacy training is scheduled for September 13, 2011, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at The Arc of King County located at 233 Sixth Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98109. Please RSVP to Cathy Murahashi by phone at 206-829-7039 or by email at [Cmurahashi@arcofkingcounty.org](mailto:Cmurahashi@arcofkingcounty.org).
- Helping the Behaviorally Challenging Child training on September 21, 2011, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at The Arc of King County.
- Helping the Behaviorally Challenging Child six-week series beginning Wednesday, September 29, 2011, at The Arc of King County from 7-9 p.m. This six-week program will focus on Contact Sara Gardner by email at [Sesgardner@gmail.com](mailto:Sesgardner@gmail.com) or by phone at 425-298-4409 to register by Wednesday, September 24, 2011.
- Cathy introduced her new assistant, Julie Caplan, who will be assisting the Parent to Parent program to mentor and match trained and experienced “Helping Parents” with parents who have children with similar diagnoses and family circumstances to provide personal support.

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**Kari Tanta, Valley Medical Center** announced the strategic alliance formed between Valley Medical Center and the University of Washington Medicine to integrate services. The alliance will bring new clinical programs to Valley Medical Center or enhance existing ones.

**Lisa Greenwald, Kindering** announced they are recruiting for the following two positions: CHERISH Program Social Worker and Home Visitors For Parent-Child Home Program.

**Donna Borgford-Parnell, Public Health–Seattle King County** announced the Community Health Access Program has moved to Public Health - Seattle and the single point of entry phone numbers will remain the same.

**Jan Wrathall, King County Developmental Disabilities Division** introduced and congratulated Holly Woo on her new position as Assistant Division Director.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**0912201101** Sandy Duncan called for a motion to approve the May 9, 2011, Minutes. It was so moved, seconded, and the May Minutes were approved.

### **AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) PROJECT REPORT-OUT/PRESENTATION MEMBERS**

**Wendy Harris and Alicia Martinez**, provided an overview of Project ACCT. The project's key elements included the following four phases:

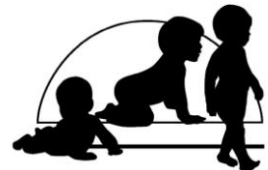
- Establish a structure to guide the work to involve voices reflective of the diverse communities;
- Create a shared vision and shared ownership to envision a culturally and linguistically competent organization;
- Collect, analyze, and disseminate data to strengthen and create opportunities for growth; and
- Develop and implement an action plan to identify priorities.

**Cathy Murahashi** provided an update on the “Getting Ready for Fall” parent event held on August 28, 2011. Families learned how to create and use a book titled “All About Me” to share with individuals who work with their child. Materials were available to prepare

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the books and families were asked to bring pictures of their child. A resource table was available with information about transition, school, and other services. Families also brought used children's clothes, toys, and books to exchange for items their child needed.

**Harla Tumbleson, SOAR** provided an overview of their Family Resource Coordinator (FRC) Training Project and the results from the Family Resource Coordinator Internship Survey.

The goal of the project was to improve the identification and access to early intervention (EI) services for children and families from bilingual and bicultural communities and the capacity of the EI system to effectively serve them. While the objective was to assure that bilingual and bicultural children and families are identified and referred to the EI system and effectively connect with and receive ongoing services.

**Julie Ashmun**, Haring Center provided an overview of their web-based developing modules.

**Ginger Kwan** reported on her organizations efforts to ensure families who have family members with developmental disabilities and special health care needs have equal access to culturally and linguistically appropriate information, resources, and services.

**Dona Borgford-Parnell** reported on their collaboration with Swedish Medical Center to as part of the major expansion in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to provide care for more high-risk newborns and their families.

**Kim Hamren, Listen and Talk** provided an update on how they are reaching families by capturing the possibilities of technological innovation and progress to pioneer a new future in EI.

Listen and Talk is testing the use of video conferencing equipment and online technologies, such as Skype, to deliver services from their facility to families in their homes. Such technology, or tele-intervention, complements their existing home visitations.

This modern approach allows staff to reach families living in communities far away with an Internet connection and laptop. They can set up tele-intervention appointments after

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hours for family members whose work schedules make it difficult to engage in coaching sessions during the day.

**Rachell Nemhauser, The Arc of King County** produced three videos to enhance the knowledge of families receiving EI services for their children with disabilities. The videos address writing Individualized Family Service Plans, siblings of individuals with disabilities, and sharing thoughts on learning that your child has a disability. King County and The Arc of King County are in the process of posting the videos on their website.

## **LEAD AGENCY REPORT**

### **UPDATE ON ESIT SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

No report given.

### **STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

No report given.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

### **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

No report

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2011, at 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Region II, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room.

The Next King County Interagency Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2011, at the 2100 Building located at 2100 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Community Room B.

### **RECRUITMENT**

If you are interested in membership on the King County Interagency Coordinating Council or have questions, please contact Jan Wrathall by phone at 206-263-9052, by email at [Jan.wrathall@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Jan.wrathall@kingcounty.gov), or visit our website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/DDD/>.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.

Prepared by:  
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Attested by:  
Jan Wrathall

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