



# King County Board for Developmental Disabilities

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**Day/Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** **Tukwila Community Center**  
12424 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South  
Tukwila, WA 98168

**Board Members Present:** Deborah Anderson, Theresa-Ann Clark,  
Leo Finnegan, Marianna Klon, Joseph Phillips,  
Hameed Quraishi, Marla Veliz, Nancy Yee

**Guest Present:** Chris Brandt, AtWork!  
Joe Cunningham, The Arc of King County, King  
County Parent Coalition  
Brian Dahl, Washington State Developmental  
Disabilities Council  
Cheryl Felak, Parent  
Alice Fong, United Way of King County  
Stacy Gillet, The Arc of King County  
Katie Harris, Parent  
Ginger Kwan, Open Doors for Multicultural Families  
Jennifer Lengyel, Total Living Concept  
Eric Matthes, The Arc of King County  
Hodan McHamed, Open Doors for Multicultural  
Families  
Debbie Meyers, SKCAC  
Cathy Murahashi, The Arc of King County, King  
County Parent Coalition  
Candice Styer, Consultant  
Robin Tatsuda, The Arc of King County  
Kelli Welter, Direct Interactions  
Chris Weber, The Arc of King County, King County  
Parent Coalition

\*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

**Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)**  
**Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA):**

**King County Developmental Disabilities Division (KCDDD):**

Lauren Bertagna  
Sung Cho  
Jim Ott  
Michaelle Monday  
Susan Stremel  
Richard Wilson  
Holly Woo



## **CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

The Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting convened at 9:34 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at the Tukwila Community Center, Community Room B. The Board Chair, Leo Finnegan, called the meeting to order with welcoming remarks and self-introductions.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**0504201601** Leo Finnegan, Chair called for a motion to approve the March 2, 2016, Minutes. The Minutes were so moved, seconded, and approved as written.

## **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

No remarks

## **PRESENTATION ON FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING**

Jim Ott, KCDDD presented the Board's process in developing funding recommendations for discretionary funding strategies. King County is allocating \$500,000 to enhance the delivery of core services, piloting and implementing new service strategies, and addressing emerging needs, issues, and opportunities. Next steps include:

- Obtain final approval by the Department of Community and Human Services, Director;
- Create a work plan for each funding recommendation; and
- Provide regular progress reports at Board meetings.

Please contact Jim Ott by phone at 206-263-9060 or by email at [James.Ott@kingcounty.gov](mailto:James.Ott@kingcounty.gov) with questions or comments regarding his presentation.

**0504201602** Leo Finnegan, Chair called for a motion to approve the 2016 discretionary funding recommendations. Theresa-Ann Clark requested that Strategy #1A be revised to read as follows: Enhance crisis response capacity to serve people with developmental disabilities. The motion was so moved, seconded, and approved as amended.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT**

Stacey Gillett, The Arc of King County announced Joe Cunningham has accepted a position with King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci's office as a Human Services Policy Analyst. Stacey publicly thanked Joe for his work on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Susy Stremel, KCDDD introduced a new team member Sung Cho, Employment Program Manager. Sung brings a background in employment services for youth who



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may experience disabilities, homelessness, juvenile justice issues, or have been determined to be at risk.

## **POSITIVE HAPPENINGS**

Deborah Anderson, Board member made the following announcements:

- The Bellevue Aquatic Center's warm water pool is a resource for therapy and rehabilitation.
- Vashon Island families will begin meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month to discuss various disability related topics. On May 22, 2016, families will be discussing Individualized Educational Programs, Title IV, and residential housing.

Marla Veliz, Board member made the following announcements:

- Parent Education Night focuses on preparing students and families for transitioning strategies as they start their life beyond the classroom. The workshop will be held on May 12, 2016, starting at 6 p.m. at the New Horizon School located at 1111 South Carr Road, Renton;
- Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG was extended through May 4, 2016, so donate to your favorite charity.

Kelli Welter, Direct Interactions announced the annual Autism fundraiser at the Museum of Flight on May 22, 2016, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. located at 9404 E Marginal Way S, Seattle.

Stacy Gillett, The Arc of King County announced their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Gala on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 6 - 10 p.m. at The Westin Bellevue located at 600 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue.

Leo Finnegan, Chair announced the fourth annual Mother's Brunch on Sunday, May 8, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Swedish Hospital located at 751 N.E. Blakely Drive, Issaquah to celebrate moms who have kids with developmental disabilities. Please download a registration form at <http://lifeenrichmentoptions.org/events/> and email it to Abbey Rodriguez at [info@lifeenrichmentoptions.org](mailto:info@lifeenrichmentoptions.org).

Leo Finnegan also distributed copies of a new resource handout developed by the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) to assist individuals to identify sources of support to reach specific goals and help with planning. He shared information about the Informing Families website, which provides news and information for individuals and families. You can sign up for the newsletter at [www.informingfamilies.org/news](http://www.informingfamilies.org/news).



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## **REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR / FIELD SERVICES REPORT**

Lauren Bertagna, DSHS/DDA reported on the following topics:

- Individual and Family Services Waiver;
- School-to-Work Assessments;
- State Only Employment;
- State DSHS/DDA Budget;
- Community First Choice program; and
- Creation of Deputy Regional Administrator positions - Lauren Bertagna was appointed to be the Deputy Regional Administrator for Region 2.

## **KING COUNTY DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Holly Woo, KCDDD reported on the following topics:

- The division is currently working on updating its website to make it more user friendly;
- The division is anticipating that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Employment services and an RFQ for Community Access services will be released in May;
- Publicly thanked Jim Ott for his work with the Board members to develop the funding recommendations;
- The Early Intervention Program's Birth-to-Three Equity Initiative project was featured in the March issue of the Zero to Three Journal. This was a major accomplishment for the program. The project launched in April 2015 as a multiyear systems change process to strengthen equitable access, services, and child and family outcomes in King County's Early Intervention system. The article describes the training of agency leaders and "equity facilitators" that is underway to provide universal access to a foundational level of training for all staff which addresses racism at individual, organizational, and systemic levels.
- The King County Executive recently submitted his proposal for the Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative to the King County Council. This proposal is the first strategy funded by the Best Starts for Kids levy and focuses on preventing youth and family homelessness.

## **BOARD RECRUITMENT**

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is seeking residents of King County interested in serving on the board. The board is a 15-member citizen's advisory board, which provides oversight of community services for residents of the County who have intellectual/developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or other neurological impairments, and their families. The Board develops plans, makes



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recommendations on the use of available funds, and advocates for increases in state funding and improvements in services.

### **MEETING REMINDER**

The next Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2016, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Tukwila Community Center, Community Room B located at 12424 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S., Tukwila.

The next King County Interagency Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Well Spring Family Services, Boeing Community Room located at 1900 Rainier Avenue S., Seattle.

### **MEETING MATERIALS**

All meeting materials presented at the Board meetings will be posted on the KCDDD's website with board meeting minutes at  
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/DDD/board.aspx>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Attested by:  
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