



# King County Board for Developmental Disabilities

## M I N U T E S

**Day/Date:** Wednesday, August 10, 2016  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Mercer Island Community Center  
Luther Burbank Room  
Mercer Island, WA

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

**Board Members Absent:** Joseph Phillips

**Guest Present:** Shaun Bickley, The Alliance of People with Disabilities  
Chris Brandt, AtWork!  
Darya Farivar, Open Doors for Multicultural Families  
Patty Fitzpatrick, Parent  
Alice Fong, United Way of King County  
Stacey Gillett, The Arc of King County  
Ramona Hattendorf, The Arc of King County  
Erin Hocking, The Arc of King County  
Valerie Koo, Open Doors for Multicultural Families  
Eric Matthes, The Arc of King County  
Debbie Meyers, SKCAC  
Hodan Muhamad, Open Doors for Multicultural  
Families  
Cathy Murahashi, The Arc of King County, King  
County Parent Family Coalition  
Robin Tatsuda, The Arc of King County  
Fred Nystrom, Life Enrichment Options  
Alison McCormick, Seattle Central College- Mainstay  
Lorin Thompson, Parent  
Margaret-Lee Thompson, Arc of the United States  
Board

\*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

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

**King County Developmental Disabilities Division (KCDDD):** Katherine Festa  
Scott Leonard  
Jim Ott  
Michaelle Monday  
Holly Woo

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## **CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

The Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting convened at 9:38 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at the Mercer Island Community Center, Luther Burbank Room. The Board Chair, Leo Finnegan, called the meeting to order with welcoming remarks and self-introductions.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**0810201601** Leo Finnegan, Chair called for a motion to approve the June 1, 2016, Minutes. The Minutes were so moved, seconded, and approved as written.

## **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Leo Finnegan, Chair shared a July 29, 2106, Seattle Times article entitled, "I Have A Son With Autism, And I Feared Calling The Police" where the columnist, Kate Riley, shared how Washington state is a national leader in equipping officers to more effectively deal with people in crisis with a disability. Kate's article outlines how her family benefitted from this support.

Stacey Gillet, The Arc of King County extended an invitation to join the conversations at the Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers located at 7500 Midvale Avenue N., Shoreline on August 23, 2016, from 5 - 7 p.m. to discuss the topic of Shoreline's management of police interaction with people with disabilities and the development of a program entitled, "Response Awareness, De-escalation and Referral (RADAR)." For more information about RADAR and to watch a video about the program, visit: [www.shorelinewa.gov/radar](http://www.shorelinewa.gov/radar).

## **CRISIS DIVERSION HOUSING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) AND OTHER PENDING RFQs**

Scott Leonard, KCDDD provided background information and updates for the following four RFQs:

- Crisis Diversion Housing, which sought a qualified Provider to purchase, renovate, and act as the property manager to a housing duplex in south King County for the purpose of offering short-term, residential housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities in crisis, and preventing their admission into high-cost institutional settings, such as jails and hospitals. The RFQ process is now complete and Vadis was selected as the Agency to contract with King County to develop and manage the crisis diversion housing;
- Employment, seeking qualified agencies to provide employment services to eligible adults with developmental disabilities;
- Community Access, seeking qualified agencies to provide Community Access services to eligible adults with developmental disabilities; and



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- Technical Assistance, seeking a qualified agency to provide Technical Assistance services for the developmental disabilities service system.

Scott invited Board members to participate on the Employment, Community Access, and the Technical Assistance RFQ rating panels.

## **COMMUNITY CHANGE CHAMPIONS PROGRAM**

Eric Matthes, The Arc of King County presented on the Community Change Champions Program, which focuses on developing leaders for the disability movement. This program is led by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that promote disability awareness and organize advocacy activities. Below are the program highlights:

- Presentations on disability awareness and importance of employment;
- Advocacy skills training;
- Organizing people with disabilities to participate in legislative advocacy; and
- Promoting respectful language, meaningful, contributions, and inclusion.

For more information, contact Eric by phone at 206-829-7044 or by email at [Ematthes@arcofkingcounty.org](mailto:Ematthes@arcofkingcounty.org).

## **HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES SETTINGS PRESENTATION**

Holly Woo, KCDDD presented on final regulations issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid on Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) settings. The intent of these rules are to ensure individuals who receive long-term services and support have full access to the benefits of community living, and ensure they have the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate. The CMS has developed a website dedicated to providing information about the final rule:

<http://www.medicaid.gov/HCBS>. Holly distributed the following documents:

- A letter from CMS to Washington state regarding CMS' review of Washington's Statewide Transition Plan to bring state standards and settings into compliance with the new federal HCBS settings requirements;
- Guidance on Settings that Have the Effect of Isolating Individuals Receiving HCBS from the Broader Community; and
- Exploratory Questions to Assist States in Assessment of Non-Residential Home and Community-Based Settings.

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Nancy Yee, Co-Chair announced the Board for Developmental Disabilities Legislative Committee has scheduled their second meeting on August 11, 2016, at the Mercer Island Community Center at 9:30 a.m. to develop the Board's 2017 Legislative Agenda.



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**“SAVE THE DATE”** for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Legislative Forum schedule for November 21, 2016, at the DoubleTree Guest Suites, Tukwila.

## **DISABILITY RIGHTS OF WASHINGTON SUPPORTED LIVING LAWSUIT**

Holly Woo, KCDDD provided a copy of the Disability Rights of Washington’s Supported Living Lawsuit.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT**

Alice Fong, United Way of King County announced The Day of Caring on September 23, 2016. There are numerous great projects to give your time and energy to our area’s nonprofits. For more information or to register, visit their website at <https://www.uwkc.org/>.

Stacey Gillett, The Arc of King County announced the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate Forum scheduled for September 28, 2016, at Town Hall located at 1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle at 7 p.m. The forum will focus its conversations on improving outcomes for students with disabilities and social, emotional, or behavioral differences. You can register and purchase your ticket by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ospi-state-superintendent-candidates-forum-tickets-26614362274?aff=aff0eventful>.

Stacy Gillett also announced that Ramona Hattendorf joined their team as the new Director of Advocacy in July. Ramona is working with the King County Parent and Family Coalition to advance human rights issues, to ensure their public services systems are working for people with intellectual developmental disabilities, and to help grow their programs.

## **POSITIVE HAPPENINGS**

Nancy Yee, Co-Chair reported on the delightful annual summer potluck picnic sponsored by The Arc of King County’s Parent and Family Coalition on July 13, 2016, at the Renton Community Center.

Leo Finnegan, Chair announced the Rotary Club of Sammamish will be hosting the Challenge Series Race on Saturday, August 20, 2016, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the intersection of SE 24<sup>th</sup> and 228<sup>th</sup> Street next to Discovery Elementary School in Sammamish. This is a soapbox derby race for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities allowing participants to experience the fun and thrills of a soapbox derby race. Contact Rebecca Jay at [Rebecca.Jay@Sammamishrotary.org](mailto:Rebecca.Jay@Sammamishrotary.org) to volunteer!

Deborah Anderson, Board member reported that the Washington State Ferry system does not provide accessible parking at their terminals and she has begun to advocate for this public accommodation at the ferry terminals.



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Theresa-Ann Clark, Board member announced she was selected as a delegate for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Valerie Koo, Open Doors for Multicultural Families reported on the success of their July kayaking, adaptive cycling, and picnic at Lake Sammamish State Park.

## **REPORTS**

### **DISCRETIONARY FUNDING UPDATE**

Jim Ott, KCDDD provided an update on the implementation of the Board's discretionary funding recommendations. Planning and preparation for several of the recommendations are moving forward.

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

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

- Updates on recruitment efforts to hire additional Case Resource Managers (CRM) to bring over 4,000 individuals onto the Individual and Family Services waiver;
- Hiring of a mental health CRM for children in crisis – this individual will act as a liaison with the Children's Administration;
- Hiring of five new CRMs to implement Laura's Law/Senator O'Ban's legislation;
- Request for Qualifications to bring on new supported living providers; and
- Update on a Roads to Community Living grant for transitional services to assist people to move from institutions into the community.

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

Holly Woo, KCDDD reported on a Community Access training scheduled on August 17 that is being sponsored by King and Snohomish counties. Board members and community members are invited to participate. Holly also reviewed and distributed handouts on Community Access Services Frequently Asked Questions and Employment Services Frequently Asked Questions.

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



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## MEETING REMINDER

The next King County Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2016, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the 2100 Building, Community Room A located at 2100 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., Seattle.

The next King County Interagency Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Mercer Island Community Center, Calkins Meeting Room 103 located at 8236 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Mercer Island.

## MEETING MATERIALS

All meeting materials presented at the Board for Developmental Disabilities meetings will be posted on the KCDDD's website with board meeting minutes at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/developmental-disabilities/volunteer-boards/board.aspx>.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Prepared by:  
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Attested by:  
Holly Woo



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