

**Members Present:** Janet Cady, Debbie Carlsen, Rochelle Clayton Strunk, Ben Danielson, Abigail Echo-Hawk, Enrica Hampton, Karen Hart, Catherine Lester, Janet Levinger, Mackenzie Chase, Ed Marcuse, Trise Moore, Hikma Sherka, Terry Pottmeyer, Sarah Roseberry Lytle, Brian Saelens, Helena Stephens\*, Jesse Salomon\*, Nancy Woodland, Sophie Theriault, Bill Boyce<sup>N</sup>, Debbie Peterson<sup>N</sup>, Jessica Werner<sup>N</sup>, Joe Tradii<sup>N</sup>, Lois Martin<sup>N</sup>, Nathan Buck<sup>N</sup>, Peggy Dolane<sup>N</sup>, Suzette Espinoza-Cruz<sup>N</sup>, Zamzam Abdulgani<sup>N</sup>, Khushboo Mehta<sup>N</sup>, Bridget O'Connor<sup>N</sup>. *Via Skype:* Hye-Kyung Kang, Laurie Lippold, Mark Pursley, Jonathan Nguyen, Leslie Dozono.

**Members Not Present:** Katie Hong, Zam Zam Mohamed, Shay Coston\*, Casey Osborn-Hinman, Barbara Langdon\*, Janet Avery<sup>L</sup>, Gavyn Brayman<sup>N\*</sup>.

**Staff Present:** Sheila Capestany, Julia Bobadilla-Melby, Kerry Wade, Sarah Wilhelm, Megan McJennett, Marcus Stubblefield, Kelli Carroll, Celia Jackson, and Sherry Hamilton.

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**6:00 PM, TUESDAY, January 9, 2018 – King County Elections Building, Renton**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Co-Chair Brian Saelens

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS** – CYAB nominees introduced themselves and stated why they want to serve on the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER CYAB MEETING MINUTES:** M/S/P Ed Marcuse/Janet Cady

**CYAB EQUITY MOMENT(S):** Equity moments were shared by Nancy Woodland, Trise Moore, Abigail Echo-Hawk, and Sophie Theriault.

**BOARD-INITIATED ACTION: Zero Youth Detention Planning & Juvenile Justice Update**

King County Executive Dow Constantine addressed the CYAB on the state of Zero Youth Detention efforts and Juvenile Justice planning in King County. King County is taking a multi-pronged approach to advance the goal of Zero Youth Detention, eliminate racial disparities in the Juvenile Justice System, and reduce traumatization of youth in detention in King County. Executive Constantine presented a short summary of key actions his office has undertaken to date:

- Appointment of Deputy King County Executive Rhonda Berry to lead the collective work to further reduce the number of youth in detention.
- Accepted Dr. Eric Trupin's report on the County's planned Children and Family Justice Center.
- Executive Order to relocate all youth housed in adult facilities into youth detention facility.
- Executive Order calling for a proposal to restructure juvenile detention using a public health approach.
- Convened King County Juvenile Justice Leadership Circle comprised of decision makers accountable for King County's juvenile justice system (Sheriff, Presiding Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Public Defender, Strategic Advisor for Children and Youth, Deputy King County Executive, etc.)

**The Executive has asked that the Zero Youth Detention Roadmap includes how the County can:**

- Eliminate racial disparities in the rates of arrests, referrals, filing, and detention.
- Provide services that address the high rates of mental health issues and of trauma with justice-involved youth.

- Improve workforce skills and training for both youth who are detained and youth who are on probation.
- Expand opportunities for community members to help young people make the journey to a healthy and successful adulthood.
- Establish an ongoing collaboration between community and the County’s system to continuously improve and fine tune.
- Recognize this is difficult and at times uncomfortable work, and it is not optional or discretionary but imperative.
- It must be done thoughtfully and with intention to break down systemic barriers and institutional inequities.

**The Executive asked the CYAB to:**

- Join the County in this work, in addition to the other work which the CYAB has been purposed.
- Advise the JJ leadership circle on strategies and recommendations to reform all aspects of the JJ system and achieve the best outcomes for children and youth. “Be formal advisors to this group of elected officials.”
- Represent the community voice and interest and bring a deep understanding of youth development as well as a passion for equity.

Deputy King County Executive Rhonda Berry spoke on the Roadmap to Zero Youth Detention, provided a brief summary on King County youth detention rates and the efforts to eliminate related disparities, and the desire to build on the work that has been done through BSK with the guidance of the Children and Youth Advisory Board.

**Guiding Principles for Zero Youth Detention:**

- **Racially Just:** Address the root causes of racial inequity in the Juvenile Justice system.
- **Eliminate inequity** and the over representation of youth of color in the system.
- **Collaborative with communities:** Partner with youth- and family-serving agencies, systems and stakeholders.
- **Co-create** the Roadmap to Zero Youth Detention.

**Public Health Approach to Zero Youth Detention**

- Proactively reduce the number of youth in detention.
- Strengthen communities and schools to increase the conditions that improve the health and well-being of children and families, and reduce biases.
- Grounded in science and data—not just facts and figures and research, but community-practice data, recognizing there are lots of different sources of data and communities know what works best for them.
- Identify strategies and practices that respond to the impacts of trauma, including recognition about how our system plays a role in the experience of trauma.

Project plan for the Roadmap was delivered to Executive Constantine in December. The project plan lays out how the work will be done (e.g. highly collaborative, youth involved in planning, work with experts). The final plan is due to the Executive and the Leadership Circle in July 2018.

**Questions and Comments:**

- How will the Roadmap prevent kids caught in the system for getting a mark that will follow them into adulthood?

- Families sometimes use the juvenile justice system to ensure their kids receive mental health services.
- What are the national standards that are being used to help establish this as a public health, equity-based system?
- How can some of the other similar planning processes be moved forward and built into the Zero Detention Roadmap?
- Need clarity of vision as to how the CYAB will advise the Juvenile Justice Leadership Circle. What is it specifically that you are asking the CYAB to do? Answer: Our intention is to bring that equity lens because the idea of making this a public health issue on a community level is new. No, we haven't used national metrics.
- Question about the timeline for building the Children and Family Justice Center and the work around Zero Youth Detention.

**OVERSIGHT/ADVISORY: Next Steps and Response from CYAB:** CYAB members shared their initial response to the Executive's proposal. Much of the discussion was an effort to clarify the role of the Board and identify next steps and what actions the Board should take.

- CYAB's role is to see authenticity in community process, but not serve as a proxy for actually engaging youth and community that are involved.
- Can more be done to tie what we are hoping to see in terms of safe school performance and the links to what happens downstream and in the Juvenile Justice system?
- Juvenile Justice issues live in all the age groups the CYAB is addressing.
- Juvenile Justice is an assigned task for the CYAB that is going to need more attention in the next 6 to 9 months. CYAB role is to be an accountability check to the Zero Youth Detention work.
- The breaking down of silos between municipalities and within the county is something we are to be disruptive about.
- Would like to know the average age of students when they first are in contact with the court system?
- Introduction of legislation amending previous anti-bullying legislation to include transgender youth raises the issue that students of color have been disproportionately disciplined due to incidents of bullying.
- How do school districts perform in regards to restorative justice practices? Do schools do restorative justice based on anti-bullying? A. (Sarah Wilhelm): These practices are not implemented across the board. It varies based on school and government structures in terms of how policies are implemented. RFP will be released in February for schools and their partners to create a supportive and engaging environment.
- **Request for restorative language that deals with bullying that can be share with communities who are advocating.**
- The home environment needs to be part of the equation as we move on.
- Another group working on JJ issues is the Juvenile Justice and Equity Steering Committee.

**ACTION REQUEST:** In a response to a members concern, Co-Chair asked staff that **communication taking place in the Juvenile Justice Leadership Circle is shared at CYAB meetings.**

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Member recommended a committee rep from all three CYAB subcommittees be on the juvenile justice task force.

**JJ AD HOC COMMITTEE INTEREST:** Sophie Theriault, Ed Marcuse, Janet Cady, Hikma Sherka, Bill Boyce, Debbie Peterson, Peggy Dolane, Ben Danielson, Brian Saelens, and Abigail Echo-Hawk

**OVERSIGHT/ADVISORY: Adoption of Policy on Advisory Statements – Nancy Woodland**

- Adoption of Policy on Advisory Statements. M/S/P Terry Pottmeyer/Janet Levinger; passed unanimously.

**CYAB Board Business - Nancy Woodland & Brian Saelens**

STAFF UPDATE: BSK Community Partnerships Program Manager Kerry Wade stated Board Retreat Date set for Tuesday, February 13, 2018 (3 p.m. to 8 p.m.) Location for retreat is TAF Bethaday Community Learning Space (605 SW 108th St, Seattle, WA 98146)

Update on consultant selection and planning – Racial Equity Consultants put in a proposal.

**Meeting adjourned 8:07pm**