



King County

Children + Youth  
Advisory Board

***Equity** is an ardent journey toward well-being as defined by the affected. **Equity** demands sacrifice and redistribution of power and resources in order to break systems of oppression, heal continuing wounds, and realize justice. To achieve **equity** and social justice, we must first root out deeply entrenched systems of racism. **Equity** proactively builds strong foundations of agency, is vigilant for unintended consequences, and boldly aspires to be restorative. **Equity** is disruptive and uncomfortable and not voluntary. **Equity** is fundamental to the community we want to build.*

**Children and Youth Advisory Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019 ~ 6:00pm – 8:30 p.m.**

**King County DCHS YouthSource & WorkSource, Room 105**

**645 Andover Park West, Tukwila, WA 98188**

Skype call-in information: 206-263-8114; conference ID 7556039

- 6:00pm - 6:10pm** **Welcome & Introductions** – Nancy Woodland and Brian Saelens
- Recognition of Guests
  - Public Comment Period
  - Approval of May 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 6:10pm – 6:25pm** **Advisory and Oversight: Youth & Family Homelessness Prevention** – Kimberly Dodds, Program Manager
- Brief history and overview on the Youth & Family Homelessness Prevention Program
  - Challenges and remedies
  - Q&A with CYAB members
- 6:25pm – 6:55pm** **Advisory and Oversight: Response to PCH Redesign and ZYD/JJ Asks** - Brian Saelens, Nancy Woodland and Executive Team
- Recap on the asks and (ZYD and PCH) discussion
  - Steps the board will take in response
  - Half-day retreat to discuss how to restructure the board so CYAB is able to respond to taking on this work
- 6:55pm – 7:10pm** **Board Business: Elections** – Kerry Wade
- Quick review of election procedures
  - Nominee(s) Statement
  - Co-Chair Election (vote will be taken by a show of hands)
- 7:10pm – 7:30pm** **Advisory and Oversight: Approval of PSTAA Advisory Statement** – Leslie Dozono, Jessica Werner and PSTAA Workgroup
- Brief discussion
  - Vote to approve advisory statement
  - Define next steps (who will send and when)

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**7:30pm – 8:30pm Board Business: YAP Age Group Subcommittee Meetings – 9-15, Prenatal to Eight, 16-24 Subcommittees**

- CYAB members and BSK support staff will breakout for 1 hour of committee work

### **CYAB Decision-Making Principles from 2016**

**Decision:** The board decided to create a list of principles to keep in mind and hold for the day while making decisions. The board agreed to have them as a starting point when the board begins the work of creating charters and governance structures. The following are principles the board created on 4/25/16:

1. Willingness to compromise
2. Respectful discourse is part of the process
3. Willingness to make hard decisions and move on
4. Try to move out of our own lane
5. That we have a spirit of inquiry-it is OK to ask questions
6. Honoring different learning styles
7. Focus on children and communities but not using a moral high ground AND encourage that the status quo is interrupted. We are reminded of the voice of others but one person does not or cannot represent an entire group
8. We need to model the change that we want-be reflective
9. Commitment to racial equity and being OK to recognize and support one another and or call out when language being used does not reflect language supportive of this or is offensive. Be open to discussion
10. Need to have a spirit of deep empathy
11. We are stewards of public money
12. When we are uncomfortable, this is an opportunity to learn and grow
13. Language used has to be strength based
14. We need to be present and must acknowledge our own privilege and challenge it
15. We need to recognize and understand that there is not equal power in the room
16. Need to assume best intentions
17. That there are individual differences within the room
18. If we want to see transformational change we need to see the system and think BIG
19. Commitment to Continuous learning-CQI (continuous quality improvement)

A list was placed on the wall near the principles to honor learning styles so that others who may need to process can add ideas throughout the day-the following were added by board members:

- Must be good listeners
- Must make decisions and recommendations that challenge the status quo of current process/systems/policies and push for or “err” on the side of equity.
- Help build a campaign
- Children are front and center verses systems

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