

Best Starts for Kids
Children and Youth Advisory Board Meeting
December 13, 2016 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Bellevue City Hall

Board Members Present: Janis Avery, Janet Cady, Debbie Carlsen, Rochelle Clayton Strunk, Ben Danielson, Enrica Hampton, Katie Hong, Barbara Langdon, Janet Levinger, Laurie Lippold, Zam Zam Mohammed, Terry Pottmeyer, Sarah Roseberry Lytle, Brian Saelens, Jesse Salomon, Margaret Spearmon, Nancy Woodland, Helena Stephens for Terry Smith.

Board Members Absent: Nancy Backus, Leslie Dozono, Abigail Echo-Hawk, Karen Hart, Hye-Kyung Kang, Catherine Lester, Diane Lowry Oakes, Ed Marcuse, Brenda McGhee, Trise Moore, Roxana Norouzi, Casey Osborn-Hinman, Mark Pursley, Mary Jean Ryan, Terry Smith, Calvin Watts.

Department of Community and Human Services: Sheila Capestany, Marcy Miller, June Lee, Elaine Goddard

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

The regular Board for the Children’s and Youth Advisory Committee convened at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at the Bellevue City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Barbara Langdon. A quorum of the Board was present and the meeting proceeded with business.

The meeting began with a brief team building exercise where members discussed how they came into work with children and youth.

BUSINESS:

Minutes from the November 15, 2016 CYAB meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and the minutes were approved as presented.

Barbara Langdon asked members for any updates or information to share with the larger group.

- Terry Pottmeyer reported that Governor Inslee is recommending creation of a Department of Children Youth and Families. Much of the work planned echoes the work being done in King County BSK. The group is encouraged to read the executive summary.
- Sheila Capestany recently attended a national Brookings Institute convention for people who had passed children’s levies to discuss how to continue to invest in children when the federal

Administration is making cuts. There is gaining interest in local investment and how local governments can lead the way in investing in children. Sheila will share some reading material for the board.

- Mary Jean Ryan shared that Roadmap is working on a Cradle through College coalition to approach education funding as a continuum from early learning through K-12 and higher education. The coalition will work to link education, human services interests and racial equity in order to put resources where they are most needed. Dow Constantine and the President of the UW have already signed on. Mary Jean will send a link for board members to sign on as well.

KING COUNTY BSK STAFF UPDATE:

Members received a written update from County BSK staff.

- Hiring for BSK has begun. Several job announcements will be posted. Board members will be updated when a new job opening is posted in order to help spread the word to the community.
- Marcy Miller is working to organize several sub-groups. These work groups are being formed to help expedite getting investment into the community. Members are welcome to join any group.
- Council has asked CYAB members to be invited to join RFP teams. A sign-up sheet was available for members to show interest in working on RFP committees. Members are precluded from applying for any RFP they have involvement in. Community members can be recommended as well. This would be an unpaid commitment. The members felt that this is a huge time commitment and in the spirit of equity and inclusion some compensation should be available. Sheila will follow up on this.

Council Staff may also be involved on RFP teams. This will help to keep Council updated on decisions. There is no official Council approval for BSK RFP's, but they have mandated that they receive an email notification of awards at least 24 hours before they are announced. This is to help them field any questions that may come from the community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND BY-LAWS:

The Board was reminded of the Conflict of Interest policy. Board members should contact Abigail, Barbara, Marcy or Sheila if they have any questions or concerns. Guiding Principles are drafted and were shared. Barbara asked for feedback. The By-laws are being drafted and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

YOUTH SURVEY UPDATE:

June Lee, Chief of Evaluation in the Department of Community and Human Services, gave a brief update on progress of the Youth Survey. This is a County wide survey of parents of kids 5th grade and younger. The purpose is to get a baseline on protective and risk factors facing families in the community. The first phase was a mailing that went out in October. Phase 2, which is a phone survey, is going on now and will continue until January 16. Phase 3 which is an online survey, will be rolled out January 2 and continue through January 23. Members are asked to help spread the information to help reach additional families in diverse communities. A link to the survey will be sent out to the board via email. A question was raised whether there is any data on LGBTQ parents? June will look into this.

WORK GROUPS:

Time was given for work groups to convene and report out.

- The 16-24 Work Group discussed how to identify and prioritize top issues. They are working to set up a process/tool to interrogate issues to get to the root cause. They are looking to align with the youth action plan, and make sure they stay on a path to equity. Next steps, develop tool, pick top issues and see how the tool works.
- Prenatal – 8 Work Group (PNEG) focused on the innovation fund and a common understanding of what makes something innovative. They also discussed how to help organizations who are not currently at the table be able to access funding.
- The 9-15 Work Group began looking at policies and system issues related to the needs of elementary-age kids. They also discussed how to impact policy on educational transition points (i.e. from K-1, 5-6, and 8-9 grades).

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.