

## VSHSL ADVISORY BOARD

**Thursday, November 20, 2025, | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Summary of Attendance**

Attended meeting via Zoom:

- Board Members:
  - Heidi Shepherd
  - Brenda Farwell
  - Julia Colson
  - Gazel Tan
  - Alex O'Reily
  - Olga Perleman
  - Lori Guilfoyle
  - Jenn Ramirez Robson
  - Theresa Demeter
- Staff:
  - Traci Adair
  - Taylor Gaston
  - Eleanor Wood
  - Riishaar Baker
  - Michael Baliey
  - Marjan Didra
- Guests:
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Attended meeting on-site:

- Board Members:
  - Pete Lewis
  - Carroll Stripling
- Staff:
  - Shayna Pepin
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- Guests:
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#### **Welcome and Icebreaker**

- You have 15 minutes as a gift for next Friday, what will you do with those 15 minutes?

## **Meeting Summary**

- Motion to remove the approval of the October 2025 meeting minutes (Approved)

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Agenda and Minutes approved

## **Public Comment**

- No public comment

## **Subcommittee Report Outs**

- Veterans:
  - No quorum; general discussion around accountability, training requirements
- RC:
  - Guest: Shareese Braun from SCOPE, formerly known as Resource Access Team
- Seniors:
  - Met Tuesday, November 18, 2025; reviewed PHSKC Older Adults Chart Pack; Gazel will send that out to VSHSL Advisory Board.
  - Asked staff to help get understanding of the reports that contractors provide.
  - Impact of SNAP benefit issues on older adults and discussed.

## **November Presentation: 2025 VSHSL Summit Recap**

- Taylor Gaston, Riishaar Baker-Outreach Program Manager, and Eleanor Woods presented
- Presented Power Point
  - Overview: Summit on a Friday, October 24, 2025, paired with Resource Access Fair on Saturday, October 25, 2025.
    - Selected presenters from solicitation, open to all
    - 25 submissions; 10 selected to present one-hour break out sessions, and one to provide drum circle
    - Internal ASD coordinated presentations: PME, Fiscal Management, SCOPE
    - Keynote Speaker: Amazon Community Impact Program, and invited RVFB
  - Attendance: goals for attendance met
    - 269 attendees on Friday
    - 104 on Saturday
  - Community Recognition Awards, selected by VSHSL Advisory Board
    - Nine providers received awards

- DCHS Community Resource Fair
  - 66 provider organizations registered (King County funded and general King County located)
  - Evergreen Goodwill Digital Equity Bus
- Language Access: software used at events and fliers translated int
- Questions and Feedback from Board:
  - Who were members of advisory board that helped nominations?
    - Answer: Chairs were sent an email and were to coordinate with their committees
    - Three selected from each priority population
  - Feedback:
    - Would like to have opportunity in advance to better coordinate with committees for nominations
    - Applaud the staff and volunteers; great conversations; drum circle
    - Seniors committee did recommend three, and all three received awards
    - RC was also not able to coordinate with committee
    - Had no criteria ahead of time

## Staff Updates

- Michael Bailey provided VSHSL Annual report to King County Regional Planning Committee on November 19, 2025
- Michael Bailey presented an expanded version of the presentation to this VSHSL Advisory Board meeting
- See presentation in Board Packet
  - Slides are in updated board packet
  - Zip code review
  - Number of people served
    - Question: why lower numbers and need clarity on zip code
  - “Learn Together, Act Together” quarterly within ASD
  - ASD started comparing between years to review numbers served between years
  - Review by Result Areas (see presentation)

## Board Business

- Discussing whether or not if the 12/18 retreat needs to include onboarding or just future strategic planning
- The retreat to include focus on establishing board roles and 2026 priorities and relationship building
- Board having issues with accessing King County email accounts

- Board came to consciences that 12/18 will be a regular board meeting with a plan to move the retreat to January 2026.

Meeting adjourned at: 12:37 PM

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*Minutes taken by: Traci Adair and Taylor Gaston*