

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
 - Carrol 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 into
- 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