



## Department of Community and Human Services

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### King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

**June 5, 2025- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Meeting Attendees:** *Amanda Flatley, Ann Gorman, Archie Levine, Brendan Kennedy, Dan Floyd, David Sullivan, Denille Bezemer, Erin Reinhart, Heather Venegas, Idabelle Fosse, Jasmeet Singh, Kari Bull, Kathleen Murphy, Kelly Tongg, Kevin Host, Kristina Sawyckj, Lyscha Marcynyszyn, Minh Phan, Monica De Leon C., Mustafa Mohammed, Nancy Dow, Natalie Neumiller, Rebecca Mendelsohn, Rey Cassidy, Stacey Devenney, and Susan McLaughlin.*

### **BHAB Board Meeting**

The King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting, including board members, staff, and the public, was called to order at 11:35 am.

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Nancy Dow welcomed everyone.

- Community members and guest introduced themselves.
- Public Comment Sign-up: via Teams chat

### **Board Business**

#### **Approval of the Minutes for May 1, 2025.**

The board approved the May 1, 2025, meeting minutes. The May 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes were approved



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## **Governance**

### **Administrative Items & agenda review**

Nancy Dow welcomes everyone and reviews the meeting agenda.

### **Annual Report for the CCC Project**

Nancy Dow explains the importance of the upcoming votes for the board, including the federal block grant and the CCC annual report. Rebecca and Kelly present the timeline for the CCC annual report, including a draft report for review on June 18 and a special meeting on June 26 or 27 for feedback. Rebecca explains the process of incorporating feedback from the board and additional reviews by the government relations team and the department director. Board members discuss the importance of providing feedback and the potential for substantial changes after the special meeting. Board members vote to schedule the special meeting on June 27 from 8 to 9 AM.

Time for Q & A was given.

### **Federal Block Grant Spending Plan Proposal**

Amanda Flatley presents the federal block grant spending plan proposal for the next fiscal year. Amanda explains the use of block grant funds for individuals not enrolled in Medicaid and for ancillary services not covered by Medicaid. Amanda reviews the current block grant plan amounts and the proposed 2026 funding amounts. Board members discuss the importance of spending all block grant funds and the potential for additional funding from other sources. Board members ask questions about the performance metrics and outcomes for programs supported by block grant funds.

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### **Public Comments and Retreat Follow-Up**

Heather Venegas provides an update on the community engagement around the potential purchase of the Broadway and Union building for a CCC site.

Idabelle Fosse shares mixed feedback from the community regarding the CCC site, with some support and concerns about public safety. Board members discuss the importance of community engagement and education about the CCC centers. Board members reflect on the value of the recent retreat and the need for ongoing communication and collaboration. Board members express interest in tracking their recruitment efforts and maintaining cohesion as a group. Please see highlights below.

### **Community concerns and security measures:**

- Discussion of the community's perception of the facility as a shelter, leading to concerns about public safety and the need for security measures like chain link fences and guards.
- It's noted the county's efforts to counter these fears by providing a more realistic view of the facility's impact on the community.
- It's mentioned the challenges in using Kirkland as an example due to differences in neighborhood and zoning.
- Optimism is expressed about the poly clinic site, despite the fear and pushback from the community.

### **Discussion of historical context and community support**

- Group discussed on the similarities between the current meeting and past meetings regarding the crisis solution center.
- It was highlighted the vocal opposition but also mentions the support from residents.
- Susan McLaughlin encourages community members to be vocal about their support for the facility.



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### **Discussion regarding neighborhood concerns and safety issues**

- A neighbor, expresses concerns about the safety of both clients and neighbors, mentioning the proximity to drug activity and other facilities.
- A community member invites King County Council representatives to walk the neighborhood and see the environment firsthand.
- Community member shares personal experiences with a nearby methadone clinic and the associated issues on weekends.
- Community member emphasizes the need for a successful crisis care center but highlights concerns about the external experience for clients leaving the facility.

### **Public Comment and**

- No public comments are made during the meeting.

### **Upcoming Agenda Topics**

No agenda items are discussed. Nancy Dow thanks everyone for attending and their feedback. Wishes everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm