

PSTAA ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE (PAS)

November 17, 2025 | 6:00 PM | Zoom

Members: Jackie Jainga Hyllseth (Co-chair), Asma Ahmed, Jack Edgerton, Kristina Mendieta, Rania Babiker, Sophia Dang, Zainab Ghalib, Eric Buley

Excused: James Lovell

Absent: Angela Phan, Dr. Dwane Chappelle (Co-chair), Tanush Bhatia

Staff: Hannelore Makhani (DCHS)

Guest(s): Valerie Stegemoeller (DCHS), Justine Viloria (DCHS)

GROUP NORMS:

1. Step up/ step back (basically share airtime to make sure that all can participate)
2. Do not take things personally—try to find an opportunity to grow from feedback.
3. This should be a brave space, not a safe space. (Safety is an illusion!)
4. Take risks; agree to disagree, recognize intent and own your impact.
5. Seek understanding, ask questions, bring curiosity, and ask for clarification.
6. Stay engaged, weigh in, and communicate.
7. Keep a sense of humor.

AGENDA:

| Lead | TIME | TASK | RESULT | NOTES |
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| Hanne | 6:00 PM (10 min) | Welcome | The group is joined and ready to work | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Welcome, Asma and Eric!○ Names, pronouns, and organization/ school• Icebreaker Related to challenging times for community members meeting basic needs— group members provided examples of light and kindness to help with this. |
| Jackie | 6:10 PM (5 min) | Review Agenda & Objectives | Group understands agenda and objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda Review• Meeting Objectives<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Group debriefs programmatic topics and identifies relevant next steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- September retreat- ELF Family Child Care Facilities RFP○ Group receives administrative updates and asks relevant questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- PSTAA finances |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member & Co-chair Recruitment o Group schedules a January program visit with REC organizations. |
| Hanne | 6:15 PM (30 min) | Program Discussion | Group debriefs programmatic topics and identifies relevant next steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Brief discussion about September PAS mini retreat--what happened, what the group learned, what is next. Overall, the meeting felt productive. Members enjoyed learning about King County Promise and similar programs around the region more in depth. They'd like this energy to continue in 2026. • ELF Family Child Care Facilities RFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Report by Justine Vioria, Early Learning Facilities Program Manager, DCHS o Jack, Kristina, Zainab, and Joy are participating as raters o Joy commented that the process has been very thoughtful and expressed gratitude o Q: Is there a limit to funding that can be received for the life of the program? Yes, Family Applicants can be awarded multiple times but cannot exceed \$75K max. o Q: More reviewers will be needed around February 2026 for the General Child Care Fund RFP. Long term planning has been challenging. Will need to keep monitoring and update implementation plan as needed. |
| Hanne | 6:45 PM (35 min) | Administrative Updates | Group receives administrative updates and asks relevant questions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Valerie Stegemoeller, Finance Manager, DCHS Children, Youth, and Young Adults Division o Q: When looking at original revenue forecast - revenues are delayed and it looks like the timeline will extend beyond 2036. What does that mean? Will the same investments continue? |

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| | | | | <p>DCHS doesn't quite yet have firm answers about this and are hoping to learn more about the financial outlook of PSTAA in the next couple of years. Some work to change the required PSTAA allocations will likely be necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member and Co-Chair Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hanne will send email. |
| Jackie | 7:20 PM (10 min) | Scheduling | Group schedules a January program visit with REC organizations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In March, PAS set meeting topics for 2025 and identified a desire to do a program visit with representatives from the Racial Equity Coalition (REC) who are implementing PSTAA's Love & Liberation investment. ○ The purpose of this visit is to build relationships and to hear program updates directly from the funded partners. • Meeting Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New date: Monday, January 26; Hanne to email absent members. |
| Dwane | 7:30 PM | Adjourn | Group closes meeting with understanding of next steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hanne to send notes and slides ○ Hanne to contact absent members about date change (and new venue) for January meeting ○ Hanne to send updated calendar invitation ○ Hanne to send information about Q1 2026 new member recruitment and co-chair nominations (recruitment in March)! ○ HAPPY THANKSGIVING & WARMEST HOLIDAY WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES! 😊 |

PSTAA PURPOSE:

The Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account aims to make equitable investments in programs and facilities designed to improve educational outcomes for students in the PSTAA prioritized populations throughout urban and rural King County.

PSTAA PRIORITIZED POPULATIONS:

- Children and youth of color
- Children and youth from families at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level
- Children and youth who are homeless
- Children and youth in the foster care system
- Children and youth in the child welfare system
- Children and youth at risk of being involved or involved in the juvenile justice system.
- Children and youth with disabilities
- Children and youth who identify as LGBTQ
- Otherwise vulnerable children and youth

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

Funded strategies will be evaluated based on reducing educational achievement gaps for the prioritized populations as measured by the following educational outcomes:

- Kindergarten readiness
- High school graduation rates
- Postsecondary program acceptance rates
- Postsecondary degree or certification completion

SUBCOMMITTEE Q&A GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines are meant to enhance engagement and maintain a respectful atmosphere when we have guest presentations:

1. **Be Respectful:** Practice active listening and respect differing opinions. No interrupting or talking over others.
2. **Stay On Topic:** Ask questions relevant to the session's theme or topic.
3. **Be Concise:** Ask questions clearly and succinctly to allow more people to participate.
4. **One Question at a Time:** Refrain from asking more than one question at a time to keep the session organized.
5. **No Personal Attacks:** Maintain a professional tone and avoid any personal or inflammatory remarks.
6. **Limit Follow-Up Questions:** Limit follow-ups to ensure many voices are heard unless time permits.