

Seattle Community Advisory Group Meeting, May 19, 2026

Attendees:

In person: Asha Venkataraman, Lynda Petersen, Emily Johnson, Alex Altshuler, Heather Smith, Taylor Blatchford, Erin Reinhart, Andrew Haas, Scott McClellan,

Online: Angie Malpass, David Selander, Chris Lampkin, Katie Rogers, Matt Corsi, Christopher Anderson, Camille Walton.

Agenda items:

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of meeting minutes from April 9 meeting
3. Updates from King County & Seattle; responses to questions raised at the April 9 meeting.
4. Charter discussion
5. Close out and next steps

Public Comment:

A period for public comment was offered, but no individuals expressed interest in providing public comment at this meeting.

Approval of meeting minutes for the April 9 meeting:

- Asha offered the group an opportunity to review the minutes and additional comments provided by group members.
- A question was raised about Good Neighbor Agreements, as required by Mayor Harrell's letter of conditional support. Asha clarified the responsibilities of the Good Neighbor Agreement/Policy, and that it is held by the operator, but will also include all the requirements of the City and County.
- An additional question was raised about reviewing contract language regarding the Good Neighbor Agreement/Policy. Asha will confirm with contracting team what the contract requirements are, and when it can be reviewed.
- Some points of disagreement exist within the meeting minutes. DCHS will provide additional redlines and distribute the minutes to the group for future approval.

Updates from King County & Seattle; responses to questions raised at the April 9 meeting:

Asha provided updates related to items referenced in Mayor Harrell's letter of conditional support:

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) analysis: Contract executed in April. That analysis will be happening in August after conceptual design work occurs.

- A question was raised about involvement of the Seattle Police Department (SPD) and the East Precinct. Asha confirmed that they are involved in the process.
- Additional discussion occurred related to the timing of CPTED and design work, the exterior of the building, geographic scope of the analysis, considerations of existing neighborhood needs, and if members could work to conduct CPTED analyses earlier than the August date.
- Good Neighbor Policy/Agreement: Asha shared that Connections is drafting the document and that the City, County, and Connections will be working to flesh it out through 2026. Asha is working on creating a community engagement strategy to share and set expectations about what will happen when engagement is implemented in 2027
 - A question was raised about whose responsibilities the GNP/A will cover. Asha clarified that the document will cover responsibilities of the operator, the City and the County. A future residential treatment facility operator would need their own Good Neighbor Policy.
 - Additional discussion occurred about how accountability and evaluation of the success of the GNP/A will be handled. Asha clarified that this feedback would be part of discussions between the operator, City, and County.
 - More discussion on the topic of drafting and ownership of the GNA/P and roles and responsibilities as between the KC and City and the operator should continue

Asha provided responses to questions raised at the previous meeting:

- This group can concur on up to \$3 million of King County funds (not up to \$2 million)
- Information about entry and exit protocols, post crisis follow up care, and residential treatment facilities can be presented on at upcoming sessions and that community engagement will cover these topics as well.
- An update on the \$10 million expenditure restriction related to mobile crisis response was shared by Asha and Angie. Expansion of services proximate to the Central location has occurred. The providers receiving funding are YMCA for youth mobile crisis responders, Crisis Connections to dispatch youth mobile crisis responders, and DESC and Sound for adult mobile crisis responders. YMCA, Crisis Connections, and DESC are providing those services in Central Seattle.
 - A question was raised about the scope of the contracts and whether they are doing foot patrols in the area. Asha committed to finding out the scope of the contracts.
- Residential treatment facilities planned for the site are currently under consideration. The initial plan is to have 16 residential treatment facility beds in the Broadway facility for a voluntary 30-60 day high-intensity treatment program focused on people that are highly likely to exit into homelessness. More information will be provided as available.
 - There was discussion of how the adjacent triangle parcel of land that was discussed as potential outdoor space for clients will be handled. Asha committed to following up on how it is included in the architect and design work.

Charter discussion

- The group did not discuss this agenda item and planned to take it up at the next meeting.

Close out and next steps

- Asha will send a doodle poll for the next meeting
 - There was discussion of whether the next meeting could be 90 minutes, if the group could meet more frequently, and the possibility of meeting between monthly meetings. Asha committed to gaining clarity on OPMA related to work done outside of monthly meetings.
- Katie asked for the group to provide specifics on items of interest to fund with the \$3 million, a list of items previously discussed regarding potential safety and security measures at the site, and clarity about what the difference would be between a CPTED analysis conducted now and what is planned for August.