



King County

Department of Community and Human Services
Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division

BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 2, 2023
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Northgate Executive Center II,
Conference Room 106

BOARD MEMBER ROLE CALL:

Joe Cunningham
Laura Muso Escude
Tiffany Lee
Hameed Quraishi

ATTENDEES

Carol Allen, Public Health – Seattle & King County
Zayla Archuleta, Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood
Supports Division (DDECSD)
Teesha Bailey, King County Department of Community and Human
Services
Beth Bardeen, Board Candidate
Pam Blanton, Partners4Housing
Magan Cromar, DDECSD
Brandon Graham, Board Candidate
Janel Hamnar, ODMF
Aaron Johnson – ASL Interpreter
Norma Lobo, DDECSD
Hodan Mohamed, Washington Multicultural Services Link (WMSL)
Michaëlle Monday, DDECSD
Jim Ott, DDECSD
Moses Perez, Open Door for Multicultural Families (ODMF)
Laurie Reinhardt – ASL Interpreter
Matthew Rickmon, Washington State Fathers Network
Merri Snow, Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental
Disabilities Administration (DSHS/DDA)
CeCe N. Stoval, Board Candidate
Susy Stremel, DDECSD
Paul Tan, ODMF
Susie Galvan – Captioner
Jasmine Wilson, WMSL
Jenna Wolfstone, DDECSD
Holly Woo, DDECSD

WELCOME AND BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

The hybrid Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. The Board Chair, Joe Cunningham, called the meeting to order with welcoming remarks and asked for self-introductions. Tiffany Lee, Vice-Chair asked the Board Candidates to introduce themselves.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair made the following remarks:

- Reminded community members of the upcoming Board sponsored event titled, Adulting with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) scheduled for Saturday, August 5 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., in-person at Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila.
- The Board is also sponsoring a virtual Housing Conference on Saturday, September 23 from 8:30am – 2:45 p.m. More information is coming soon.
- The next hybrid Board meeting is scheduled for November 1 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the WorkSource Tukwila office, Conference Room 130 located at 645 Andover Park W., Tukwila.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair called for a motion to approve the May Minutes. The Minutes were so moved, seconded, and approved as written.

STAFF REPORTS

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR/FIELD SERVICES REPORT

Merri Snow, DSHS/DDA provided the following updates:

- Enhanced Case Management Program;
- Individual and Family Services Waiver;
- Basic Waiver (B+) Waiver;
- Core Waiver;
- Children's Intensive In-Home Behavior Support;
- Community Protection Waiver;
- No Paid Services (also known as Service Request and Referral);
- Transition Care Management Team; and
- Resources (Free iPhones, [CWA website](#), and [CDE Website](#))

For more information, contact Merri Snow by email at Merri.Snow@dshs.wa.gov.

KING COUNTY DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Magan Cromar, Division Director announced the following open positions and asked team members to also provide updates:

- The Adults Services Team is recruiting for a Capacity Building Program Manager III.

- The Early Childhood Team is recruiting for an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist.

For more information, visit King County's job listing at

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty>.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEAM

Norma Renteria Lobo, DDECSD provided the following Early Childhood Team updates:

- On Tuesday, July 11, a Three to Five Community Workgroup was launched to identify family needs, available resources, and develop community-guided priorities to improve access and eliminate barriers.
- Best Starts for Kids Workforce Development Strategy workshop updates:
 - Subscribe to the Best Starts Workshops [Newsletter](#);
 - The Ages States Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3) and the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional (ASQ: SE) is available in Spanish;
 - Brain Development and Attachment in The Early Years;
 - Displacement: First-Generation Guide; and
 - Let's Talk About Babies: An Introduction to Infant Mental Health and Relationship-Based Work.

ADULT SERVICES TEAM

Susy Stremel, DDECSD provided an update on Employment and Community Inclusion Provider rates.

- DCHS/DDA has increase the hourly rate that King County can reimburse providers for Employment and Community Inclusion services due to increased funding from the Legislature.
- The Adult Services Team will be hosting a Legislative Priority Input Session in August for Employment and Community Inclusion providers.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION OUTREACH AND REFERRAL (CIOR) TEAM

Holly Woo, DDECSD provided the following Community Information Outreach and Referral Team updates:

- Reminder of the Adulting with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder event on August 5, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- 2023 Virtual Housing Conference will be held on September 23 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- Legislative Priority Input Sessions updates:
 - Mini legislative priority input sessions will be held throughout the summer to help inform the County's legislative priorities;
 - Traditional legislative committee meetings will not be held;

- A legislative priority input session with past legislative committee members will be held on August 15; and
- Other feedback option: Multilingual online survey will go live in August.

PRESENTATIONS

Pam Blanton, Founder and CEO of Partners4Housing presented on the following topics:

- Shared a video that described the following services:
 - Assists with gaining and accessing resources for housing throughout adulthood;
 - Projects funded by the Dan Thompson Trust Account;
 - Served over 600 families; and
 - Created 57 shared living homes serving 132 people with disabilities.

Matthew Rickmon, new Director of the Washington State Fathers Network provided the following overview of their services.

- Last year served 10,000 children through therapy;
- Grown from one campus to four on Seattle's eastside;
- Outreach to support families that are homeless or housing insecure; and
- New workshops, training, and storytelling.



BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is seeking residents of King County interested in serving on the board. The board is a 15-member citizen's advisory board, which provides oversight of community services for residents of the County who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or other neurological impairments and their families. The board values diverse perspectives and life experiences and people of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including people with disabilities, people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQIA+ and veterans.

If you are interested in learning more about the board, please contact Jim Ott, Information and Outreach Manager at 206-263-9060 or by email at Jim.Ott@kingcounty.gov. More information on the board can be found by visiting the board's webpage at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/developmental-disabilities/board-developmental-disabilities.aspx>.

MEETING REMINDER

The next Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2023, from 3:30 –

5:30 p.m. at the WorkSource Tukwila office, Conference Room 130 located at 645 Andover Park W., Tukwila.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Prepared by:

Zayla Archuleta

Attested by:

Jim Ott

