



# King County

## Adult Services Division

Women's Advisory Board

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## WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM THE June 11, 2020 MEETING

Meeting Type: Regular: <u>  X  </u> Special: <u>  </u>	Location: <a href="https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/99270349593">https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/99270349593</a> Meeting ID: 992 7034 9593 Password: 849971	Called to Order: 4:35	By: Sarah Reyneveld
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<b>Members Present:</b>			
Rebecca Chan	Karol Brown	Joey Ketah	
Michaela Ayers	Kathryn Hancock	Hamdi Abdulle	
Jessica Giner	<i>Po. 8 Vacant</i>	Heena Khatri	
Sarah Reyneveld	<i>Po. 9 Vacant</i>	Kathy Brasch	
Aimee Grant	Zeeba Khalili	Dionne Foster	
<b>Excused/Absent:</b>	Karol Brown (absent), Kathryn Hancock (excused)		
Speakers:	N/A		
Staff:	Allison Jurkovich		
Guests:	N/A		
Approval of Minutes:			
Motion to Approve:	Joey and Kathy	Vote: Y	

### AGENDA ITEMS:

<b>Agenda Item 1:</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>		
	- Acknowledgement of recent murders of Black and African-American men at the hands of law enforcement.		
<b>Action Items:</b>	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date	
N/A			

<b>Agenda Item 2:</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>		
	No public comment.		
<b>Action Items:</b>	Person Responsible	Deadline/Due Date	
N/A			

<b>Agenda Item 3:</b>	<b>Announcements</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Status of appointments and confirmation</li> <li>- WAB Elections will be held at July meeting.</li> <li>- Do we want to reschedule July meeting so it doesn't overlap with the July 8</li> </ul>		

Children & Families Strategy Task Force?

- Vote: Move to July 1, 2020 (or 29<sup>th</sup> after checking with guest speaker)  
Motion: Joey and Heena, approved
- Status of appointments and reappointments:
  - Staff will support folks who are up for reappointment in July
- Jessica Giner spoke to CM Lambert’s office about supports for domestic violence survivors in King County during COVID-19 pandemic
  - Impacts in criminal-legal system
  - Increase in rates of domestic violence
  - Community ability to respond has been impacted
  - *Question: Could we invite someone from the PAO to speak to the increase in rates?*
    - Concerns about partnering with the criminal-legal system at this time and feeling that working within those systems feels antithetical to values
    - Interested in looking at what alternatives are out there around community justice programs and communities responding to domestic violence
  - *Follow-up: How can we respond to this request and what can the courts do to create a safer space for survivors?*
    - The best thing we can do at this time is to only take direction from the Black community and to support community priorities.
    - Concerns about engaging with the criminal-legal system and that anything that is supporting reforms and tweaks will be held in contrast to the community that is asking for radical reform and change.
  - *Could we hear directly from DV providers and community about what is happening and what the impact is? Yes.*
  - *What are examples of communities doing this work in a different way that doesn’t center the justice system but centers survivors?*
    - Collective Justice (formerly Community Justice Project): <https://www.facebook.com/collectivejusticenw/>
    - *Other prevention organizations?*
    - Defund the police centers ways that we can invest in the community as its own resource.

Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
- Invite Collective Justice to come and speak	Staff	

<b>Agenda Item 4:</b>	<b>Supporting Black and African-American Women in King County</b>
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- See notes above for additional conversation on impacts of criminal-legal system and survivors of GBV.
- Want to be mindful of not hosting spaces to process that are mixed race and how the events have disproportionately impacted the Black and African-American women on the WAB.
- *What actionable steps can the WAB engage in to support Black and African-American women in King County?*
  - o Want to honor the three Black women that started that Black Lives Matter movement: <https://blacklivesmatter.com/our-co-founders/>
  - o Would like to make a statement in support of the Black Lives Matter movement in support of survivors who are Black and Brown and disproportionately impacted by GBV.
    - Support for asks for radical reforms that dismantle systems that were intended to oppress communities of color, including Defund the Police.
    - Letter of support for the following:
      - Ask the SPD and City of Seattle to stop its use of chemical weapons and use of force against protestors
      - Reaching out to CM offices
    - Want to make sure that the letter directly addresses Black women in order to address own issues of anti-Blackness in all communities
  - o What is even more important is that we all look at ourselves, and asked ourselves:
    - *Has the WAB looked at anti-blackness in the way we've made decisions?*
    - *What structures does the WAB have in place that allow the WAB to have a strong racial equity analyses?*
    - *How is the WAB centering Black women in recommendations on gender-based violence?*
  - o Actionable steps that WAB is committing to:
    - Build in equity in all work and decision-making practices for the WAB
    - Creating two separate avenues for support:
      - Letter to respond to recent protests around Black Lives Matter, including requesting that SPD stop using lethal force and chemical weapons during a public health crisis
        - o Vote: Yes
        - o Zeeba and Heena to draft with Sarah for final review
      - Racial equity practices to be implemented internally
        - o Vote: Yes
        - o Dionne, Michaela, Heena, Zeeba & Sarah

<b>Action Items:</b>	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
- Draft letter to City of Seattle Mayor's Office and SPD	Zeeba and Heena	
- Racial Equity group to embed practices in WAB	Dionne, Michaela, Heena, Zeeba & Sarah	

- **Next Steps:**

- Follow-up with July presenter: Chelsea Hendrickson from Cowlitz Pathways to Healing Program for July meeting reschedule to July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Invite Collective Justice to attend future meeting

**AJOURNMENT**

Time: 5:41 pm

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: July 1, 2020

Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom/Call-In