



King County

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Women's Advisory Board

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WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM THE August 13, 2020 MEETING

Meeting Type: Regular: <u> X </u> Special: <u> </u>	Location: https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/93149795919 Meeting ID: 931 4979 5919 Password: 935255	Called to Order: 4:08	By: Zeeba Khalili
Members Present:			
Rebecca Chan	Karol Brown (absent)	Joey Ketah	
Michaela Ayers	Kathryn Hancock	Hamdi Abdulle	
Jessica Giner	Roxanne Thayer (absent)	Heena Khatri	
Sarah Reyneveld (excused)	<i>Po. 9 Vacant</i>	Kathy Brasch	
Aimee Grant	Zeeba Khalili	Dionne Foster	
Excused/Absent:			
Speakers:	N/A		
Staff:	Allison Jurkovich		
Guests:	N/A		
Approval of Agenda: Heena Katri & Jessica Giner			
Motion to Approve:	Joey Ketah & Kathy Brasch	Vote: Y	

AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda Item 1:	Welcome & Introductions		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Names, introductions and something that would be of interest to the group - Resources and conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Disability Justice: https://www.popsugar.com/fitness/interview-disability-rights-vilissa-thompson-ableism-47639340 o Difference between racism and xenophobia o Colorism o Anti-blackness in immigrant and South-East Asian communities o <i>Caste: the Origins of Our Discontent</i> by Isabel Wilkerson (also author of Warmth of Other Suns) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Security Act of 1935 and exclusion of African-Americans, Agricultural, and Domestic workers o <i>How to be an Anti-Racist</i> by Ibram X Kendi o Moving work and meetings from in-person to virtual meetings and problem solving 		
Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date	
N/A			

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

Agenda Item 3:	Announcements		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Letter to King County Sherriff's Office (KCSO) Updates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CM Upthegrove and Dembowski both responded and shared their frustration about the minimal movement from KCSO o CM Dembowski promised to follow-up with KCSO and will keep WAB in the loop about response o Both CM were happy to hear from the WAB and to know where the WAB stood in response to racial equity - Racial Equity Subcommittee updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Racial Equity Survey ready to go live – voluntary and anonymous o Link to survey will be sent out to WAB members 		
Action Items:		Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
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Agenda Item 4:	Updates from Children & Families Strategy Task Force		
	<p>Current status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 recommendations in total with a strong racial equity through-line - CARES funding to King County for child care relief – both for providers and families - Patty Murray introduced federal child care legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>“Senator Murray Introduces \$50 Billion Child Care Stabilization Fund Legislation”</u> o <u>“Sen. Patty Murray’s child care plan could rescue weary parents”</u> 		
Action Items:		Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
- Provide WAB with final Children and Families Strategy Task Force report and recommendations		Staff	TBD

Agenda Item 5:	July 2020 Audit of King County Sex Offenses		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - King County Auditor’s Office Report: <u>“Sex Offense Cases: Some Victims and Their Cases May Be Harmed by Gaps”</u> - Collective Justice article: <u>“Defund the police’ movement could offer sexual assault survivors a different path for justice, experts say”</u> by NBC News about how reclaimed funds could be distributed to shelters, rape crisis centers, mental health services and programs to combat sexual violence. - Questions and conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Frustration with systems and individuals with decision-making authority o Concerns about impact of sexual violence on men o Conversation about false accusations of sexual and domestic violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research and resources on the low prevalence of false reporting and shifting the narrative back to survivors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>False Allegations of Sexual Assault: An Analysis of Ten</u> 		

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Years of Reported Cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.evawintl.org/Library/Documents.aspx?StaticCategory=true&CategoryID=337 • https://www.evawintl.org/Library/DocumentLibraryHandler.aspx?id=22 • Netflix series “Unbelievable” - based on a 2015 ProPublica article by T. Christian Miller, ProPublica and Ken Armstrong, The Marshall Project, about an 18 year-old who was raped at knife-point and her experience of not being believed by police and as a result recanting her story <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Important for WAB to remember that all members have different experiences with both GBV, policing, incarceration and that we can hold both that and make sure that we don’t fall into a singular narrative trap ▪ Focus on issues of under-reporting and individuals who do come forward aren’t believed or supported ▪ Understanding the correlation of abuse and the prison system – and quote from NBC article linked above: “Prisons condition people into doing more violence and do not address the root causes of the issue,” Turner said. “How do we actually prevent people from enacting more violence and help them transform?” ▪ Prioritizing policies that address root causes ▪ Need for mental health services and policies to support MH services in lieu of police <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denver Post article about new policy to deploy mental health professionals 	
Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
- N/A		

Agenda Item 6:	Roundtable: Reflections on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Presentations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Speakers Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collective Justice, alternatives to the criminal-legal and carceral systems ○ Cowlitz Pathways to Healing, impacts of GBV on Native and Indigenous communities ○ Harborview Center for Traumatic Stress & LifeWire, GBV Prevention in King County ○ King County staff, Human Trafficking • 2019 Speakers summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence ○ King County Sexual Assault Resource Center ○ Sexual Violence Legal Services ○ Refugee Women’s Alliance ○ Somali Family Safety Task Force ○ Northwest Network ○ Ingersoll Gender Center • Prioritizing Topics & Conversation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental health and trauma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trauma: the act, police response and long-term impacts on mental health (including PTSD, substance-used disorder, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social response to survivor’s experience, including survivor

defendants

- Seeing a change led by movements for racial equity and
- Want to hear more about programs and responses that include healing from trauma, particularly for folks who have been incarcerated or impacted from the criminal-legal system
- Murder of Black transgender women nationally
 - Supports for LGBTQ+ survivors of GBV stood out to members
 - Federal Guidelines and mandate implications for trans survivors:
 - In June of this year [the Trump Administration announced a new rule that would remove non-discrimination protections from section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act](#) – removing protections that ensured access to healthcare for LGBTQ individuals
 - The Trump Administration’s latest proposal out of the Department of Housing and Urban Development attempts to gut protections for transgender people by removing critical equal access protections to regulations meant to ensure the safety of anyone in need of HUD-funded programs.
 - The Washington State DV ([WSCADV](#)) coalition also released a statement on this issue and has been working closely with [Housing Saves Lives opposing the rule change.](#)
- Prevention
 - Prevalence of individuals both perpetrating and surviving GBV having experienced their own trauma as children
- Community domestic violence and data that shows the impact of GBV on immigrant and refugee communities
- Victim defendants: <https://endgv.org/projects/victim-defendant-project/>
- Opportunities for intervention and where we end up focusing efforts
 - Population-focused response
 - What points in the system do we think about supporting community as a whole
 - i.e. youth and young adult work vs intervention-based supports when folks have already had criminal-legal involvement for example
- **Status of Recommendations and Next Steps:**
 - Still have individuals the WAB wants to bring – have heard from 11 presenters
 - There is no legislated timeline for recommendations from the WAB
 - Anticipate continuing conversations and starting thinking about recommendations in early 2021
 - Upcoming guests:
 - October – Civil Survival
 - November – API Chaya
 - Additional thoughts about future presentations including folks who do art therapy work for incarcerated women
 - Supports for WAB on advocacy and partnering with respective councilmembers
- **Closing Comments & Questions:**
 - Important to recognize that the WAB is made up of diverse perspectives, positionality and life experiences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WAB members do not have to agree but appreciate everyone’s willingness to engage in meaningful and respectful conversation with one another ○ Mutual appreciation shared for everyone 	
Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify individuals and programs doing healing work for folks who have experienced trauma due to impacts of the criminal-legal system - Send councilmember and staff contacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff and WAB members - Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TBD - Before October meeting

AJOURNMENT

Time: 5:46 pm

NEXT MEETING

Date: October 8, 2020

Time: 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom/Call-In