



King County

Adult Services Division

Women's Advisory Board

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WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM THE May 12, 2021 MEETING

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| Meeting Type: Regular: <u> X </u> Special: <u> </u> | Location: https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/91935223677 Meeting ID: 919 3522 3677 Passcode: 518434 | Called to Order: 4:08 | By: Zeeba Khalili |
| Members Present: | | | |
| Rebecca Chan | Karol Brown | Joey Ketah | |
| <i>Po. 2 Vacant</i> | Kathryn Hancock | Hamdi Abdulle | |
| <i>Po. 3 Vacant</i> | Roxanne Thayer | Heena Khatri | |
| Sarah Reyneveld | <i>Po. 9 Vacant</i> | Kathy Brasch | |
| Regina Elmi | Zeeba Khalili | Dionne Foster | |
| Excused/Absent: | Dionne Foster (excused), Karol Brown, Hamdi Abdulle, Regina Elmi (absent) | | |
| Speakers: | Leah Griffin, Sexual Assault Forensic Examination | | |
| Staff: | Allison Jurkovich | | |
| Guests: | | | |
| Approval of Agenda: Sarah Reyneveld & Rebecca Chan | Vote: Yes | | |
| Approval of Minutes: Kathy Hancock & Roxanne Thayer | Vote: Yes | | |

AGENDA ITEMS:

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| Agenda Item 1: | Welcome & Introductions | | |
| | - Name, district and what you are looking forward to | | |
| Action Items: | Person(s) Responsible: | Deadline/Due Date | |
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| Agenda Item 2: | Public Comment | | |
| | No public comment | | |
| Action Items: | Person Responsible | Deadline/Due Date | |
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| Agenda Item 3: | Announcements | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WAB Vacancies: D2, D3 and D9 - COVID-7 Subcommittee Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Examining and making recommendations to King County Council on the disproportionate impacts of COVID on women and BIPOC communities | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided input on COVID-7 Budget Proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$6 million in child care subsidies ▪ \$1.5 million in GBV services ▪ Investments in emergency homelessness responses, rental assistance, behavioral health ▪ \$25.6 billion invested in BIPOC businesses and Economic Resiliency Fund ○ Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional investments in mental health services for women, centering BIPOC women and immigrant and refugee communities ▪ Additional investments in transitional and permanent supportive housing ▪ BIPOC Resiliency Fund to target women-owned businesses <p>- Motion to send a letter specifically to Senator Cantwell asking her to support Survivors Access to Supportive Care Act (SACA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roxanne Thayer & Joey Ketah motioned and confirmed by unanimous vote ○ Will cc King County councilmembers in email |
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| - Connect with other folks at King County who are working on housing and homelessness | Staff | June |

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| Agenda Item 4: | Racial Equity Check-In |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does racial or ethnic identity enter in your process of making important daily decisions? If so, how? • Have you ever felt “different” in a group setting because of your race/ethnicity? How did this affect you? • How often/deeply do you interact with people of a different racial/ethnic identify other than your own? What is the nature of these relationships? • Have you ever witnessed someone being treated unfairly because of their racial or ethnic identity? If so, how did you respond? How did it make you feel? |

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| Agenda Item 4: | Sexual Assault Forensic Examination |
| | <p>Leah Griffin, Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Best Practices Task Force, leahmorrow@gmail.com</p> <p>Current Landscape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Patty Murray: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survivors Access to Supportive Care Act (2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create national task force to identify regional solutions ▪ Grant funding program to train additional nurses ▪ Funding for continuing education for SANE in order to retain nurses in a field with high retention ▪ Tri-partisan legislation and sponsorship in both houses |

- Resubmitted every 2 years, just resubmitted in April 2021
 - [RAINN \(Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network\)](#)
 - Can't get a sexual assault kit/rape kit at any location
- Accountability report on 5 states in U.S. – multiple counties where there are no SANE services at all, Jurisdictions in places in AL they would have to take 2 airplane rides in order to have a SANE exam done
- Jurisdictional issues – crossing county lines, state lines
- Testing back log – required to test any new kits that showed up
- [Survivor's Bill of Rights Act](#) (2016)
 - Providers \$13 million in funding to test every rape kit in WA
 - Renovated a lab in Vancouver to a high throughput lab
 - One bill reduced the amount of time to test a kit from 14 months to 6 weeks
 - Summer 2021 will be at the point where
 - Mandated storage of unreported kits – retained and not thrown out before folk have made the decision to prosecute
 - 2019 required all investigators in WA state to take a training in trauma-informed interviewing techniques
 - Rape kit tracking system – has been logged in over 2,000 times by survivors
 - Redefined Rape in the 3rd degree that makes it more prosecutable
 - HB 1109 that adds more rights to the Survivor's Bill of Rights – advocate, right to translation services and making sure to hold police accountable for investigations
- King County Auditor's Report: [Sex Offense Cases: Some Victims and Their Cases May Be Harmed by Gaps](#)

Recommendations for King County:

- Officer training and trauma-informed care. 2019 bill to train officers only trains investigators (not “beat” cops).
 - 50% of survivors never report after initial interaction with PD (“abused out of the system” vs. uncooperative)
 - Criminal-justice training center created a short 2-hour long module for patrol officers on basics of trauma-informed interviewing and interactions
 - It has been developed and paid for already and is ready for use
 - Spoke with CM Upthegrove – enthusiastic – and because of changes made to charter, the council has more leeway on what they can require of officers in KC
 - Looking at package of PD training that council is working on
 - While we look to see what defunding the police looks like, would like to have this training so that survivors are not being traumatized
- Ombuds for survivors – where they could go to highlight issues in the system outside of paperwork handled and held by CJ
- Sexual Violence Law Center – provides invaluable support to SA survivors
 - All-women staffed, majority BIPOC staffed
 - Holistic legal services
 - Law where prosecutors can compel testimony from survivors against their will. SVLC has aided homeless survivors who had warrants put out that were arrested and jailed in order to show up to court.

Questions:

- *Thinking about abolition – what would it feel like and look like for you if you didn't involve the criminal-legal system?*
 - Victim-centered and have concerns about restorative justice

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need more options than the carceral system ○ Believe in accountability ○ Want to find a way to ensure that serial rapists ○ Vast majority of women in prison are sexual violence survivors • <i>Comments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prioritize mental health care ○ Empty women’s prisons ○ Limited resources – should that be where we put our resources, because where we put our limited resources is where we see value. For example, prioritizing mental health counseling and re-entry programs instead. ○ Housing folks reduces sexual violence • <i>Are there any mental health supports or systems that are working well?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WCSAP ○ KCSARC ○ Niles Edge – Katrian Stanford (LGBTQ commission Chair) – for Black Queer survivors ○ API Chaya ○ Harborview Center for Traumatic Stress • <i>What’s the roadblock to making work like this pass on a federal level?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Jayapal, Murray, Murkowski Reintroduce Bipartisan Bill to Help Survivors get Critical Sexual Assault Examinations” | |
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AJOURNMENT

Time: 5:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Date: June 9, 2021 Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Location: Zoom/Call-In