



King County

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Women's Advisory Board

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WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM THE January 12, 2022 MEETING

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| Meeting Type: Regular: <u> X </u> Special: <u> </u> | Location: | Called to Order: 4:04 | By: Kathy Hancock |
| Members Present: | | | |
| Rebecca Chan | Karol Brown | Joey Ketah | |
| Tanya Matthews | Kathryn Hancock | <i>Po. Vacant</i> | |
| <i>Po. 3 Vacant</i> | Roxanne Thayer | <i>Po. 13 Vacant</i> | |
| Sarah Reyneveld | <i>Po. 9 Vacant</i> | Kathy Brasch | |
| Regina Elmi | Zeeba Khalili | Dionne Foster | |
| Excused/Absent: | Dionne Foster (excused), Regina Elmi (absent) | | |
| Speakers: | Amber Barcel, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV) | | |
| Staff: | Allison Jurkovich | | |
| Guests: | Deb | | |
| Approval of Agenda: Sarah & Karol | Vote: Yes | | |
| Approval of Minutes: Karol & Rebecca | Vote: Yes | | |

AGENDA ITEMS:

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| Agenda Item 1: | Welcome & Introductions | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-introductions of WAB members for new staff - What is your favorite TV show? | | |
| Action Items: | Person(s) Responsible: | Deadline/Due Date | |
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| Agenda Item 2: | Public Comment | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to Mapping Prevention 2020 document cited in the minutes and used to inform recommendations around gender-based violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern about missing information in report: responding to people who are abusive, best practices review, etc. ○ Will follow-up with written materials | | |
| Action Items: | Person Responsible | Deadline/Due Date | |
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| Agenda Item 3: | GBV Advocacy and Legislative Priorities at the State Level, WSCADV |
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- Amber Barcel, Policy Director for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV), www.wscadv.org, amber@wscadv.org
- Legislative Bill Tracker: <https://wscadv.org/projects/public-policy/state-legislative-advocacy/>
- How can we serve families so that they have what they need to
 - Guaranteed Basic Income
 - Affordable Housing in communities – and not just focused on shelters because it is a small pool of people who will access them
 - Medicaid Access
 - TANF
 - Home visiting work and doulas, etc. and training communities who you might not think have a direct role in DV to notice the signs and have a role
 - Skill up the community and people/services/providers who might be engaging with DV survivors
 - Language access!
- How do we decide what policies to support or oppose?
 - Theory of Change: <https://wscadv.org/mission-vision/>
 - Purpose: all people to live and love without fear.
 - Criminal-legal responses to domestic violence: <https://wscadv.org/news/position-statement-on-criminal-responses-to-domestic-violence/>
 - Moment of Truth Statement to Support Black Lives Matter: <https://wscadv.org/news/moment-of-truth-statement-of-commitment-to-black-lives/>
 - Fatality Review: <https://wscadv.org/projects/fatality-review/>
 - DV Housing First (funded by Gates Foundation): currently wrapping up the 10-year pilot project - <https://wscadv.org/projects/domestic-violence-housing-first/>
 - Analysis that WSCADV uses: almost every piece of legislation: broadband access, policing, basic needs, housing, funding – and have to find where the unique voice is and how to prioritize
 - Refuse to Abuse 5K: prevention work (sponsored by KC PAO)
- Questions:
 - A lot of policies are developed with the “perfect victim” in mind (list here)
 - Is this policy meant to serve one type of survivor with a certain level of access? Or does it meaningfully include all survivors, particularly people at the margins?
 - Does this risk harming survivors or the steps they might take to protect themselves? For ex. criminalization, losing custody, threats to their immigration status, etc.
 - How will this impact everyone across all of Washington State?
- If you could wave a magic wand:
 - Flexible funding for DVSA services
 - Cash in hand
 - More affordable housing – not more shelters just more housing for everyone
- Prevention: skill up the community; funding
- Mental and behavioral health supports and access for survivors: some bills at the State level such as expediting licensure for professionals because of shortages, difficult to get behavioral health access right now,
- What we don’t invest in are solutions WITHIN the criminal-legal system – whatever leads to more arrests or incarceration but do invest in alternatives

- Ex. Natural Helpers program at API Chaya
- Resource the community because the services the police might offer like supporting people to move safely etc.
- Rehabilitation and supports for people causing harm rather than punitive measures
- Investing in community solutions and community resources like men's circles etc. and not just financially investing but also socially investing and believing in the systems and alternatives
- DV survivors are often used as a tool/pawn to increase criminal-legal resources (one ex. is high speed chases being in the interest of DV survivors, new equipment and tech, etc.)
- The movement is rooted in the criminal-legal system – VAWA etc. – and trying to uncouple that from the advocacy work
- *Questions from WAB:*
 - Housing related resources
 - Trainings and public webinars
 - Would you be willing to read draft recommendations when they are prepared? Yes
 - Anything about protecting immigrant and refugee communities in the context of DV?
 - Right now immigrant survivors are having an even more difficult time accessing services
 - NWIRP VAWA waitlist in King County is at least 1,000 survivors
 - How can we expand services?
 - How do we increase language access? So they can get services from a different agency that might not be resourced to provide it.
 - What are the “hot topics” at the State level? Police accountability, some protective abortion rights bills, securing federal COVID-related funding, reduced sentences, prison/jail population reductions
 - Expanding Fair Chance Housing – any thoughts on the program and if there is any movement on this in the legislature?
 - Housing Justice Act is being sponsored by Rep. Davis
 - Survivors are criminalized in the course of responding to the violence they are experiencing
 - Will track
 - How are survivors supported or seen at the State level?
 - Bi-partisan issue
 - Only area where there is push back is when survivors are used as a wedge in criminal-legal related bills
 - Mental health alternatives and traditional healing practices that are not individual therapy or support groups but rather community healing spaces
 - Ex. Somali Family Safety Task Force sewing circles
 - Sweats
 - There are also few healthcare or MH providers that understand DV or the nuances of surviving DV
 - Important to train up existing MH services
 - What about the impacts of not having universal health care? Don't hear specific things about health care but leads to the larger issue of needing to financially rely on another person – how you get food, housing, health care, children's needs, etc.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can the WAB support legislative efforts at the state level? Action alerts: https://wscadv.org/projects/public-policy/action-alerts/ ○ DV Advocacy Day is February 1st – virtual: https://wscadv.org/projects/public-policy/advocacy-day/ | |
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| Reach out to LifeWire and other DV Housing First Providers to talk about housing-related recommendations | Staff | April 2022 |

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| Agenda Item 3: | Alternatives to the Criminal-Legal System Drafts |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recommendation 1: <p>Convene an advisory group to support the County Council and Executive in building effective responses to domestic and sexual violence. This group will be reflective of all individuals closest to the issue, including members of the BIPOC and LGBTQ communities and their organizations. This group will identify steps that need to occur which will lead to safe and effective responses, focusing on those responses outside of the criminal legal system.</p> ● Recommendation 2: <p>Convene an advisory group to support the County Council and Executive in building a comprehensive, community-based intervention/support program for “persons causing harm”, including emotional and psychological harm, based on principles of restorative and transformational justice, using a trauma informed approach. Survivors may also be included in these support programs.</p> <p>This ongoing intervention/support program is best facilitated by community organizations, outside of the Criminal Legal System (see models described in “Recommendation 2 Notes”). The advisory group will be reflective of all individuals closest to the issue, including members of the BIPOC and LGBTQ communities and their organizations.</p> ● Recommendation 3: <p>Increase capital and operating funds for organizations supporting survivors of gender-based violence, including emotional and psychological abuse. Fund emergency shelters for those escaping violence that allow survivors a multiple month, full time home for themselves and children.</p> ● Feedback from WAB Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Want to have inclusive language about gender-based violence and not silo into domestic violence, sexual violence, etc. ○ Concerns about advisory groups being redundant rather than bolstering existing community work – and is this the same group that is provided in the context of the prevention group’s recommendations? Need to be clear in document about who we are delegating to ○ Recommendation 3 is a great general recommendation but not specific to the criminal-legal alternatives ○ Need to focus on alternatives outside of the criminal-legal system ○ KCPAO question about how few people they have |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carceral creep ○ |
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| Agenda Item 4: | Announcements | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Reyneveld met with new King County Councilmember Sarah Perry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wants to meet with legislators in local area to talk about gender-based violence reforms etc. ○ Tinga ○ Current vacancy in D3 ○ Sarah will send follow-up email and let CM Perry know about vacancy in her district • WAB Vacancies: D3, D9 (Po. 3 & 9) & two Council At-Large (Po. 12 & 13) • Follow-up on Best Starts for Kids task force on child care – particular focus on child care wage enhancement for providers and subsidies that are coupled with State and local programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anyone interested in sitting on RFP panels or know folks who might be interested | |
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| Schedule follow-up meetings with Councilmember Perry | Sarah Reyneveld | February |
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| Agenda Item 6: | Recommendations Timeline | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on budget requests for Executive’s budget around general fund dollars for DVSA providers • Important to build relationships with councilmembers so are able to make requests • Homework for February meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus in on budget requests ○ Review recommendations and break out into groups • Organize workgroup to consolidate individual recommendations to come forward with a draft to discuss • Bring full draft of all recommendations including feedback to February meeting. | |
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| Joey Ketah will be February 2022 Chair | Joey Ketah | February 2022 |

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Time: 5:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Date: February 9, 2021 Chair: Joey Ketah Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Location: Zoom/Call-In