



# King County

## Adult Services Division

Women's Advisory Board

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## WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM THE October 13, 2021 MEETING

Meeting Type: Regular: <u>  X  </u> Special: <u>  </u>	Location: <a href="https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/89367112815">https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/89367112815</a> Meeting ID: 893 6711 2815 Passcode: 832892	Called to Order: 4:06	By: Sarah Reyneveld
<b>Members Present:</b>			
Rebecca Chan	Karol Brown	Joey Ketah	
Tanya Matthews	Kathryn Hancock	Hamdi Abdulle	
<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	
<b>Excused/Absent:</b>	Dionne Foster & Roxanne Thayer (excused), Regina Elmi & Joey Ketah (absent)		
<b>Speakers:</b>	Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence: Merrill Cousin & Amarinthia Torres		
<b>Staff:</b>	Allison Jurkovich & Shannon Perez-Darby		
<b>Guests:</b>	N/A		
<b>Approval of Agenda:</b> Zeeba & Kathy	Vote: Yes		
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Rebecca & Karol	Vote: Yes		

### AGENDA ITEMS:

<b>Agenda Item 1:</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>		
	- Hamdi Abdulle, Council At-large is resigning as her term has come to an end and she will not be seeking reappointment.		
<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>• WAB Vacancies: D3, D9 (Po. 3 &amp; 9) &amp; two Council At-Large (Po. 12 &amp; 13)</li> <li>• October is Domestic Violence Awareness/Action Month</li> </ul>		

Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
N/A		

Agenda Item 4:	Racial Equity Check-In & Toolkit	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racial Equity Subcommittee: Zeeba Khalili – recruiting other members</li> <li>• Poems on intersectionality:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “<a href="#">Who Said it was Simple</a>” by Audre Lorde</li> <li>○ “<a href="#">Tonight, in Oakland</a>” by Danez Smith</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reflection prompts:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What do these poems and your experience of being a person with multiple identities teach you about how we might need to consider intersectionality in our work?</li> <li>○ Why might it be problematic to focus on one aspect of a person’s identity at the expense of the others? For example, why is it problematic to read Audre Lorde as either a lesbian or African American? Have there been times when people have viewed you through the lens of only one identity and how did this affect you?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
Recruiting more members for Racial Equity Subcommittee	WAB Members	November 2021

Agenda Item 5:	<a href="#">Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence: Community Priorities</a>	
	<p>Merril Cousin, Executive Director, <a href="mailto:merril@endgv.org">merril@endgv.org</a>  Amarinthia Torres, <a href="mailto:amarinthia@endgv.org">amarinthia@endgv.org</a></p> <p><b>Member Organizations:</b> <a href="https://endgv.org/local-services/">https://endgv.org/local-services/</a></p> <p><b>GBV, COVID-19 &amp; Funding in King County:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased demand for services: 56% increase in number of survivors seeking help with severity and complexity of survivors’ needs increased.</li> <li>- Disproportionate impact on survivors experiencing marginalization for various reasons including but not limited to race, gender, immigration status, etc.</li> <li>- Long-term gaps in capacity have been exacerbated by the pandemic</li> <li>- King County has experienced rapid population growth over the last 10 years, but general fund contracts have not included inflationary increases let alone increased levels of funding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Survivor-Driven (Mobile Flexible) Advocacy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not about political advocacy</li> <li>- Partnership between survivors and advocates</li> <li>- Survivors choose their own goals and define what is safest for themselves and their families</li> <li>- Advocates meet survivors where they’re at – both literally and figuratively – to provide support navigating complex systems</li> <li>- Effective advocacy is flexible, adaptable and individualized</li> <li>- <b>Flexible Financial Assistance:</b> flexible dollars to address key financial barriers faced by survivors and is relational vs. transactional</li> </ul>	

- **Domestic Violence Housing First** found that the program was successful in helping 86% of clients gain or maintain stable housing.
  - o Combination of advocacy and flexible financial supports & housing supports
  - o Local organizations currently wrapping up the local pilot project: LifeWire, the Northwest Network for LBTG Survivors of Abuse
  - o Link: <https://wscadv.org/projects/domestic-violence-housing-first/>
- Veterans, Seniors & Human Services Levy investment in [Mobile Advocacy](#)

**Recommendations:**

- King County 2022 Budget:
  - o Requested **\$4 million in annual, ongoing, sustained funding for Survivor Driven Advocacy** to King County Executive. Not included in 2022 proposed budget.
  - o Immediate and ongoing advacocay with King County Councilmembers
- Longer-term considerations:
  - o COVID 9 Budget
  - o VSHSL Renewal and focus on Mobile Advocacy
- Action Needed:
  - o Letter/recommendation
  - o Public comment opportunities

**Questions & Conversation:**

- How long was the Housing First Program in operation?
- Are there particular Councilmembers already on board vs others who might need more targeted advocacy?
- **Opportunity for equity in funding**

**Next Steps:**

- Letter or statement to Council & Executive supporting this ask in the 2022 budget
  - o General letter to council & Executive co-signing
  - o Motion to draft letter: Rebecca & Karol, Vote – Yes
  - o Zeeba & Karol will help draft the letter with review from other members as needed
- Request GBV considerations in COVID-19
- Request expansion of VSHSL investments in GBV mobile advocacy

Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
Send additional information on Housing First and Flexible Mobile Advocacy to WAB	Staff & CEGV	November 2021
Statement and letter in support of the CEGV requests	WAB Members	November 2021
Speak with respective Councilmembers who have expressed interest in GBV to promote CEGV funding requests	WAB Members	November 2021

<b>Agenda Item 4: Gender-Based Violence Recommendations</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakouts:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Alternatives to criminal-legal system                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Interest:</b> Zeeba Khalili, Rebecca Chan, Roxanne Thayer</li> <li>▪ Protection orders</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Education, awareness and prevention work                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Interest:</b> Sarah Reyneveld, Tanya Matthews, Kathy Brasch</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Housing intersection with GBV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Interest:</b> Sarah Reyneveld, Tanya Matthews, Roxanne Thayer</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Impacts of trauma and mental health needs for survivors of GBV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Interest:</b> Kathryn Hancock (and overlap with alternatives to criminal-legal), Rebecca Chan, Roxanne Thayer (primary focus on education/prevention)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○</li> </ul>	
<b>Action Items:</b>	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
NA		

**AJOURNMENT**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: November 11, 2021 Chair: Rebecca Chan Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Location: Zoom/Call-In