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Women's Advisory Board

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**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 9, 2019 MEETING**

Meeting Type: Regular: <u>X</u> Special: _____	Location: Chinook Building, Room 115 600 5 th Ave, Seattle, WA 98001	Called to Order: 4:03 p.m.	By: Sarah Reyneveld, Chair
Members Present:			
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Rebecca Chan	Karol Brown	Joey Ketah (excused)	
<i>Po.2 Vacant</i>	<i>Po.7 Vacant</i>	Hamdi Abdulle (excused)	
Jessica Giner (phone)	Krista Painter (excused)	<i>Po.13 Vacant</i>	
Sarah Reyneveld	Adrian Medved (phone)	Kathy Brasch	
Aimee Grant	<i>Po.10 Vacant</i>	Annette Messitt	
Excused/Absent:	Krista Painter (excused), Joey (excused), Hamdi (excused)		
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Speakers:	Traci Adair & Shannon Perez-Darby		
Staff:	Allison Jurkovich, Scott Ninneman, Shannon Perez-Darby & Traci Adair		
Guests:	Anquida Adams, Jayson Morris ick, Ihina Katria		
Approval of Minutes: Yes (both October & December)			
Motion to Approve: Yes		Vote: Unanimous	

AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda Item 1:	Introductions & New Member Orientation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karol Brown, District 6, Balducci, Attorney practicing immigration law • Kathy Brasch, At-Large, District 3, Volunteers for Red Cross • Ihina Katria, guest of Sarah Reyneveld, Financial consultant • Rebecca Chan, District 1, Providence Angels of Health CPA, works in finance department and labor productivity • Anquida Adams, invited by Jayson Morris from the DDD Board, owns consulting firm • Jason Morris, District 36, Jeanne Kohl-Wells, appointed to KC DDD board, 1st person advocate and community activist • Traci Adair, Healthy Aging & Older Adults lead for VSHSL • Scott Ninneman, Vulnerable Populations Program Manager for VSHSL and former WAB Liaison since 2008

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Perez-Darby, Vulnerable Populations Program Manager for VSHSL • Jessica Giner, District 3, judge pro-temp for King County District Court, Program Director for City University • Adrian Medved, District 9 <p>Background about the WAB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Started in 1978, makes recommendations to KC and executive to make sure the rights and issues of women are at the forefront - Recommendations from this year on childcare affordability. 2014 recommendations were on wage equity and promoting family friends work places. <i>(find other recommendations, load onto website)</i> - Bylaws: familiarize self with them and set up membership of board, terms of office, vacancies and officer elections (May 2019) – would like to look at critically to make sure they are up to date and reflect vision, mission moving forward. - Annette Messitt, resigning in accordance with new appointment by Gov. Inslee, attending since 2013, appointed in 2014 	
Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
Updated bylaws	Allison	TBD

Agenda Item 2:	Topic Discussion for 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topics floated already: Older adults and their vulnerabilities, commercial sexual exploitation, re-entry and transitioning into the workforce, continuing education, foster parents and lack of parents to care for youth in foster care system, substance-use disorder, homelessness, and domestic violence and sexual assault (DVSA) <p>Guest Speaker: Shannon Perez-Darby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal background: anti-violence advocate for 12 years, 10 in the King County and Seattle Region with LGBTQ survivors of DVSA - Regional background: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o There has historically been marginalization around gender and sexuality, different ways the supports have looked in our county, and why there are fewer sexual violence/assault agencies than domestic violence programs. o Many sexual assault (SA) programs ended up closing their doors because they were volunteer run and didn't have the infrastructure to follow new state mandates on certification for sexual assault providers. o Gender-based violence prevention: There are robust DV and SA Coalitions and we are leaning on their expertise and body of work. Economic development and security is DVSA prevention. If you have the resources to be in charge of your own life and take care of yourself is a great prevention. A barrier is not being able to leave when you leave. "All the things that help women be agents and help people be in charge of themselves." - Shannon

- The GBV investments in the VSHSL is funded by King County as a government entity. There are other programs that help folks in other counties, Snohomish County and lots of programs around here: endgv.org for resources for example

- **Gender-based violence community background:**

- The DVSA community grew out of 1970's grassroots organizations because survivors of DVSA didn't feel like they had the resources and supports they needed. In the late 1980's and early 1990's government funding started to come into the region.
- Conversely, domestic violence organizations don't have the same certification process so they are much larger and prevalent in our area today. Although, there has been an increased attention to sexual violence in the media over the past years, especially with the Me Too movement.

- **WAB influence:**

- Conversation about the fact that violence exists and perpetuates itself best in silence, and shining a light on it has value in and of itself. By talking about personal experiences in the home and neighborhood and district, board members are the experts on gender-based violence in our community.
- Conversation about what recommendations could be made to Council about the limited sexual assault programs available. Potential recommendation to promote flexibility with sexual assault program funding in order for it to be available to more grassroots and culturally specific communities, like immigrants and refugees and communities working "by and for" who might not be traditionally competitive for funding.
- Conversation about the GBV investments in the VSHSL. There are four: mobile advocacy funding, GBV prevention funding, a countywide domestic violence hotline, and a CSE collaborative.
 - Mobile advocacy an evidence-based intervention for survivors of GBV that is flexible. It allows for wraparound services regardless of where survivors and their families are, especially when we think about the high intersection of homelessness and domestic violence.
- Conversation about what other funding considerations could be influenced outside of VSHSL or what other gaps there are. There is a consistent amount of overlap in vulnerabilities for individuals who have experienced GBV, including:
 - Homelessness, criminal and civil justice involvement, immigration and refugee status, economic insecurity among others. Refocusing the conversation more broadly as GBV rather than breaking it out as domestic violence, sexual assault and sexual exploitation gives a broader picture of these intersections.
- Conversation about prevention education in schools. Teaching the signs of DVSA to youth. There are existing programs that do that, particularly public health programs that go into schools to do gender and sexuality education in a more traditional way and also a skill-based education about boundaries, conflict, etc.

- Best Starts for Kids (BSK) is also looking at CYF and youth prevention programs that are doing school based work at a number of different intersections including GBV.
- **Goal of WAB:** Make substantive policy recommendations and potential funding support or services. Ideas:
 - Focus on anything that is limiting people's agency/self-determination are things that are policy changes, for ex – mandatory reporting issues for GBV survivors for child welfare that have impacts on ability to parent/help abusive partner in their case for custody.
 - Immigrants and refugees and data collection – check on data collection: how is it serving women and survivors and are there potential harms?
 - Homelessness and GBV – are we appropriately thinking about and capturing DV as a cause for homelessness. Vulnerabilities for being homeless and sexual abuse – and childhood sexual abuse.

Traci Adair, Older Adults & Healthy Aging Lead (VSHSL):

- **VSHSL:**

- VSHSL definition is a little broader, 55 and older with a specific lens to reaching gaps in service where state and federal funds may have some parameters
 - Ex. Older Americans act is 60 and older
- Unpaid caregiver in Medicaid services – can receive funding for family members – still defined as unpaid
- Gender-specific programming:
 - kinship care feature in Seattle times – “out of sequence” caregiving, so can become a foster parent or a kinship caregiver which has a lot less funding
 - Kinship care: concept is to expand services
- Caregiver respite program: disproportionate burden for caregiving on women (daughter or daughter in law or spouse), supports to give them space and time away from caregiving
- Financial housing stability:
 - financial literacy, housing counseling, foreclosure, loss of tenancy – disproportionate impact on women who outlive

- **WAB influence:**

- Influence is at state and federal level but with the VSHSL dollars it's funding that might be looking at programs that already exist where we can supplement and support more outreach. Any combined RFP and other funding considerations.
- Looking at a topic we can dive into –the aging population clearly impacts women. Two areas:
 - Caregiver respite and kinship care and the focus on ESJ for women. API/Filipino/South Asian community caregivers, don't speak language, don't know how to navigate resources, affects MH – populations might not have same resources or aren't qualified for Medicaid – for folks to know that there are options/education and outreach

	<p>Follow Up for next meeting: Identify universe of potential topics so we can come prepared to next meeting to choose one, with two top topics: need to be able to know that we can make recommendations that the county can have an impact on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process: pick a topic and do research on what is happening and then scheduling meetings/speakers etc. to inform recommendations - Former potential topics: gender equity (SADV, trafficking); women in transition; protections of reproductive rights etc. 	
Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send out investments in VSHSL - Two top choices for next meeting - Kinship caregivers as alternatives to foster care in Seattle Times article 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allison on behalf of Shannon - WAB members - Allison on behalf of Traci 	

Agenda Item 3:	Dissemination Plan:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we currently? • Press Release can get written by WAB – Karol Brown will write press release – <i>What can DCHS staff role be?</i> Press release would happen before meetings with CM, “we are going to be presenting these to CM” and encourage folks to come and give their views Want to include CM in the initial role • <i>Present to HHS committee</i> and then prior or subsequent to it we’ve written to CM and asked for meetings. • Reach out to respective CM and put together a letter similar to Exec letter to disseminate them and then at HHS meeting can do an event prior to presentation where we formally present the recommendations • Outreach to key stakeholders in dissemination process • HHS committee meeting in February – as many of WAB members as can be are there. • Can launch press release to website • Slides for HHS meeting • Move to send letter to executive’s office – ASAP, will connect Sarah to Exec office person • McDermott now to Karol Brown, Rebecca Chan for District 1 – information send to WAB about scheduling meetings with signed letter from Sarah • Review and approve meeting – motion to form a committee to draft letter – ally will look into holding an emergency meeting • Press release to be posted on website with recommendations • Talking points will be taken from press release (Kathy & Sarah) 	
Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press release written 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karol Brown 	

Agenda Item 4:	Announcements & Updates:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will discuss scheduling at next meeting. Think about how regularly you want to meet before next meeting. • Phone meeting on February 6, 2019 • Scheduling for 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current schedule is bi-monthly from 4-6pm on the second Wednesday of the month. 		
Action Items:		Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date

AJOURNMENT

Time: 6:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Date: January 9, 2019 Time: 4 – 6 p.m. Location: Chinook Building