



# King County

Community Services Division

Women's Advisory Board

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## WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2019 MEETING

Meeting Type: Regular: <u>  X  </u> Special: <u>      </u>	Location: Chinook Building 401 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, WA 98108	Called to Order: 4:03	By: Sarah Reyneveld
<b>Members Present:</b>			
Rebecca Chan	Karol Brown (phone)	Joey Ketah (phone)	
<i>Po.2 Vacant</i>	Kathryn Hancock (excused)	Hamdi Abdulle	
Jessica Giner	<i>Po. 8 Vacant</i>	Heena Khatri	
Sarah Reyneveld	Adrian Medved (excused)	Kathy Brasch	
Aimee Grant	Zeeba Khalili	<i>Po. 15 Vacant</i>	
<b>Excused/Absent:</b>	Adrian Medved (excused), Kathryn Hancock (excused)		
<b>Speakers:</b>	Mary Ellen Stone: King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) Riddhi Mukhopadhyay: YWCA Sexual Violence Legal Services		
<b>Staff:</b>	Allison Jurkovich		
<b>Guests:</b>	N/A		
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b>			
<b>Motion to Approve:</b>	Ms. Khalili & Khatri	Vote: Yes	

### AGENDA ITEMS:

<b>Agenda Item 1:</b>	<b>Introductions &amp; Announcements</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter to KC Council about Bakaro Mall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Hamdi, Heena and Zeeba drafted a letter to send to each CM to raise awareness about the issue and to ask for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An update on the short term relocation assistance</li> <li>▪ Long term planning about displacement of businesses in KC</li> <li>▪ Particularly in relation to immigrants, refugees and women</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Motion to send letter to CMs (approved)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Heena has been in conversation with KC Refugee &amp; Immigrant Commission (<a href="https://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/Immigrant-and-Refugee/Immigrant-Refugee-Commission.aspx">https://kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/Immigrant-and-Refugee/Immigrant-Refugee-Commission.aspx</a>)</li> <li>- Kathy Brasch sat on a VSHSL review panel – great to learn about all of the senior centers and work for older adults in King County. Encourages other WAB members to participate if they are interested.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items:</b>	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date	
- Allison to check in about WAB letterhead for formal correspondence	Staff	September 2019	

<p><b>Agenda Item 2:</b></p>	<p><b>King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC):</b> <a href="http://www.kcsarc.org">www.kcsarc.org</a>  <i>(Note: items in italics are questions from WAB members)</i></p> <p><b>Mary Ellen Stone, Executive Director:</b> <a href="mailto:mstone@kcsarc.org">mstone@kcsarc.org</a>, 425-282-0354</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formerly King County Rape Relief: founded/seed money from the King County DCHS Women’s Programs with the support of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC)</li> <li>- King County CSAPS (Community Sexual Assault Programs): KCSARC, HCSATS (Harborview Medical Center), ADWAS (Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services)</li> <li>- Many other organizations provide some services to sexual assault victims and are valuable partners including: ReWA, ACRS, API Chaya, Seattle Counseling and Mother Nation</li> <li>- Primary clients (number of people helped, including: child victims, teen survivors, adult survivors): 5,351 (2018) 4,055 (2017) 3971 (2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Includes centralized data from King County providers</li> <li>o Full range of cases, some including court cases and many not</li> <li>o Spike in mid-2017 seen potentially in response to #MeToo movement with an increase after the supreme court hearings</li> <li>o The data continues to trend upward</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Secondary clients at KCSARC: non-abusive family member(s)</li> <li>- Other data points from KCSARC services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 82% identify as female, 17% identify as male, Transgender/other 1%</li> <li>o Equally split between children/teens (18 and under) and adults</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Perpetrators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o majority male, over 90%</li> <li>o Perpetrator and victim relationship: 12% were assaulted by a stranger, 39% acquaintances. This means that there are different dynamics, needs, and challenges about reporting sexual assault than with domestic violence.</li> <li>o With over half of clients it is a one-time incident, except in the case of child sexual abuse which is regularly ongoing</li> <li>o If you are sexually assaulted by a partner it is generally classified as domestic violence, especially when thinking about civil law, although it depends.</li> <li>o There’s a lot of sexual assault in domestic violence relationships</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <i>Does sexual assault include sexual harassment?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Yes, it can. It is a range of behaviors, including attempted sexual assault, etc. In the advocacy world we consider all forms of sexual violence, including sexual harassment, revenge porn (which is a ballooning issue), stalking etc.</li> <li>o A lot of things don’t always fit into the legal/criminal definition of sexual assault but they are still impactful and in the advocacy world we come at it from a survivor-driven perspective.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Ongoing advocacy responses to the laws in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Rape kit testing</li> <li>o Statute of limitations</li> </ul> </li> <li>- KCSARC Locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 29% Seattle</li> <li>o 21% East/North</li> <li>o 50% South King County (50% of cases at KCSARC as a whole)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <u>Latinx programming:</u> largest providers of trauma-focused therapy for the Latinx</li> </ul>
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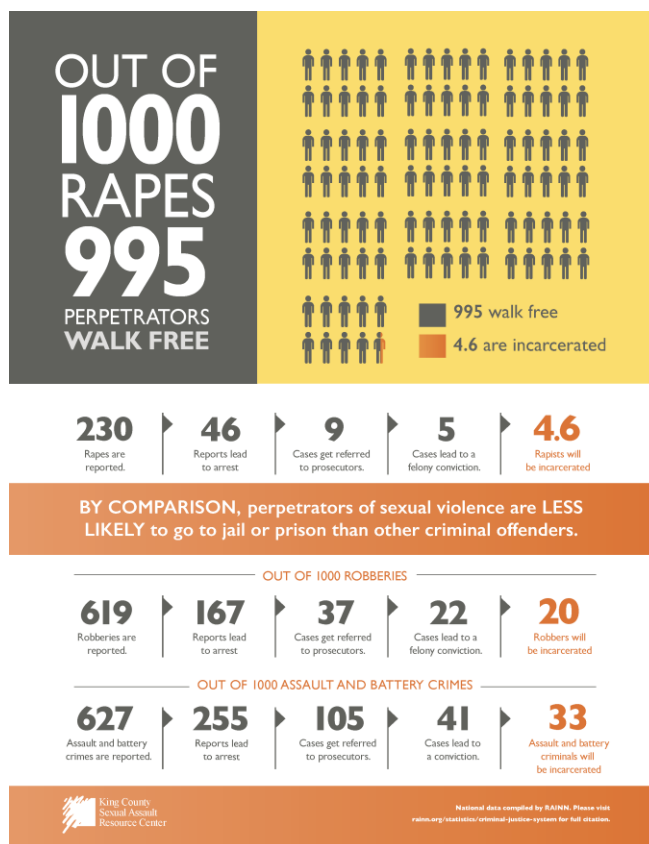
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- **Needs:**

- Programs are at capacity
- *What are you doing for outreach? I live in Renton and didn't know about your services.*
  - Capacity issues across programs
  - Legal advocates have caseloads of 60-80 with long waiting lists
  - People recognize the criminal-legal system as the first stop to go when experiencing sexual assault and they don't always provide community information about services
- Funding
- Prevention resources when direct service demand is high
- Metro King County is the only law enforcement that says "we want to hear from you" and the WAB can have a role in encouraging law enforcement – you have a platform, and I want to urge you to use it:
  - Encourage people to come forward
  - Systems need to be responsive
  - If the rate is as high as it is, we should encourage law enforcement to want to know more

- **Reporting:**

- 40% of victims report to law enforcement
- When you go from reporting to trial, the numbers become smaller:



- **Additional questions from WAB members:**

- *Question about POC being misclassified, particularly Native & Indigenous women. How do coordinated services address this with authorities?*
  - Will look into and follow-up with WAB

**Action Items:**

Person Responsible

Deadline/Due Date

<b>Agenda Item 2:</b>	<b>Sexual Violence Legal Services:</b> <a href="https://www.ywcaworks.org/programs/sexual-violence-legal-services">https://www.ywcaworks.org/programs/sexual-violence-legal-services</a>
	<p><i>(Note: Items in italics are questions from WAB members)</i></p> <p><b>Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, Legal Director:</b> <a href="mailto:riddhi@ywcaworks.org">riddhi@ywcaworks.org</a>, 206-832-3632</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide services to King &amp; Snohomish County</li> <li>- Provide legal support – refer out to advocacy services like KCSARC</li> <li>- Provide direct representation</li> <li>- Hotline: 844-999-SVLS(7857) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Average hotline call is about 45 minutes but there is not a time limit</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Goal is to make sure no survivor is turned away <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Focus on most vulnerable related to representation: communities of color (60%), people with criminal record, homeless, disabilities</li> <li>o “We believe sexual violence is never the fault of victims, regardless of who they are and what choices they make. No one deserves to be sexually assaulted, and all victims of sexual violence deserve access to justice.”</li> <li>o Consultation brief services: identifying needs and see if someone needs a private attorney</li> <li>o Prepare survivors for testimony or court hearings</li> <li>o Holistic response: not just addressing the SA but other legal needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In 2015 WA did a Civil Legal Needs Study (<a href="https://www.srln.org/system/files/attachments/CivilLegalNeedsStudy_October2015_V21_Final10_14_15.pdf">https://www.srln.org/system/files/attachments/CivilLegalNeedsStudy_October2015_V21_Final10_14_15.pdf</a>)</li> <li>▪ 30% of indigent persons are dealing with 7-9 legal issues, and when you experience DVSA it turns into 18-19 civil-legal issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Each attorney works with roughly 100 survivors per year (hotline, brief services model and direct representation)</li> <li>- A survivor’s dignity must be maintained – lawyers with SVLS often become victim’s rights attorneys to push back against Prosecutors and defense attorneys to maintain victim’s dignity</li> <li>- Research says that false reports are less than 2-5%; and when people to recant due to community pressure it is because of legal-criminal system and social pressure</li> <li>- <i>How can we focus on prevention in order to decrease these numbers?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o It’s not just prevention, it’s about education. There are roughly 3 prevention advocates throughout King County.</li> <li>o The Veterans, Seniors &amp; Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Implementation Plan set aside \$2.975 million in prevention funding for gender-based violence. One opportunity would be to thank Councilmembers for putting this new money out there. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ VSHSL Strategy HL 3.A: Countywide Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence &amp; Commercial Sexual Exploitation Prevention Pilot</li> <li>▪ <a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/levy/funding.aspx">https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/levy/funding.aspx</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Community needs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o This is an extraordinary time for awareness. Would like to see KC have an ongoing campaign rather than just Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). Community providers have the information to share but we don’t have the platform or scope. King County could designate a year for a</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

messaging campaign that could be relatively inexpensive for the amount of people it could reach.

- Need more funding & coordinated funding; for example – it would be helpful to be able to use the same data and reporting mechanisms for all KC grants
  - KCSARC: Seattle, King County (all suburban cities), WA state, some federal, 25% is private donations, MIDD, bill out insurance for therapy
  - SVLS: Seattle, federal funding (OVW), state (office of civil legal aid)
- Would prefer to be spending more time in court supporting survivors rather than writing grant reports
- Data does matter – it can be misconstrued and is not always accurate – hold systems that are already gathering data accountable to being transparent. Would like to know what cases get referred to the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (PAO).
  - There was an RFP for “Sexual Assault Investigation and Case Outcomes” through the King County Auditor’s Office that closed on June 21, 2019 (<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/auditor.aspx>)
- Community based approaches that are not funding-specific:
  - In direct-service there is also a prevention component – research shows that it is a small number of people perpetrating who have multiple victims in their lifetime. There is something preventative to holding perpetrators accountable that creates a record and more people are aware of their status.
  - Very direct prevention side to being able to provide representation by recognizing that survivors have rights. Right now the message is “believe survivors” and we’d like to see “we stand with survivors” and want to get involved. This would help prioritize survivor’s needs.
  - Community oversight: in many jurisdictions there are community task forces and groups that review these cases. That allows for the system to improve and creates more confidence in the system. Really hard to hold the system accountable on behalf of survivors so community oversight can make a big difference.
  - A lot of other counties have courts that will meet with legal aid or community members (especially in criminal cases), but when it comes to civil legal order & Sexual Assault Protection Orders (SAPO) people can’t afford attorneys so they are going through the process themselves. Would be great to have an expectation that the court is communicating.
  - *When you talk about being abused by the courts, what do you mean?*
    - Lack of sensitivity
    - Protection and Sexual Assault Protection Orders are denied
    - Cases keep getting continued so survivors have to come back over and over again
    - Protection orders are sometimes the only protection people can get
    - Tendency to disbelieve survivors in court: they’re mentally ill, their credibility is often questioned, etc.
    - Seeing more emphasis on making sure that respondents (perpetrators) have representation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is nothing that requires the courts to be involved in the community and be informed</li> <li>▪ <i>Clarification regarding whether survivors have interagency support regardless of where they go, for example is there information sharing between jurisdictions and agencies?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aspect of County to County cross-collaboration balanced with survivor privacy and rights</li> <li>• For advocacy programs/CBO's there is collaboration across counties with survivor permission</li> <li>• For advocacy programs they use Releases of Information (ROI) where survivors give their consent for advocates to speak with other entities</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <i>Are you needing to turn people away for services?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For legal advocacy, no</li> <li>• For therapy, yes, and we don't keep a wait list because we refer folks out to partners in order to get them the support they need as quickly as they can.</li> <li>• HCSATS and KCSARC are the only ones providing these specific SA driven supports</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Action Items:</b>	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
- Invite WAB members to sit in on hearings with SVLS	Riddhi and Staff	September 2019
- Follow up examples of community oversight	Riddhi and Staff	September 2019

<b>Agenda Item 3:</b>	<b>Next Steps for 2019 Topic</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goal to stay broad for overview and then delve into the more specific topics as we move forward with more context.</li> <li>- Goal to focus on one topic at each meeting – July meeting focus on sexual violence/assault.</li> <li>- 2-3 people for each meeting: 20 minutes with questions &amp; potentially with a panel discussion as appropriate to accommodate more guests.</li> <li>- Idea to go to one of the sites for the meeting if there is space and it is appropriate for the agency.</li> <li>- Bring in community-based organizations first before criminal-legal system and law enforcement entities. Prioritize by/for communities and communities of color and then go to prevention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>September Meeting:</b> Refugee and immigrant survivors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) (<a href="https://www.rewa.org/">https://www.rewa.org/</a>)</li> <li>▪ Somali Family Safety Task Force (<a href="http://www.somalifamilysafetymtaskforce.org/">http://www.somalifamilysafetymtaskforce.org/</a>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>November (TBD):</b> Transgender community violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Northwest Network of Bi, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse (<a href="https://www.nwnetwork.org/">https://www.nwnetwork.org/</a>)</li> <li>▪ Gender Justice League (<a href="https://www.genderjusticeleague.org/">https://www.genderjusticeleague.org/</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Upcoming Topics/Invites:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invite members of the Native and Indigenous community to speak about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women &amp; Girls (MMIWG) and the impacts of gender-based violence on Native and Indigenous women in King County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Native American and Alaskan Native programs – such as</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Mother Nation (<a href="https://www.mothernation.org/">https://www.mothernation.org/</a>) and Cowlitz Pathways to Healing (<a href="https://www.cowlitz.org/index.php/resources/health-and-human-services/29-pathways-to-healing-program">https://www.cowlitz.org/index.php/resources/health-and-human-services/29-pathways-to-healing-program</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prevention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prevention Connection (PrevCo): all of the preventionists from the County that come together and meet regularly.</li> <li>▪ DeAnn Alcantara at CEGV works on restorative justice &amp; prevention issues and could give a broad picture of King County (<a href="http://www.endgv.org">www.endgv.org</a>)</li> <li>▪ Seattle Against Slavery – school based trafficking prevention (<a href="https://www.seattleagainstsavery.org/trafficking-prevention-for-schools/">https://www.seattleagainstsavery.org/trafficking-prevention-for-schools/</a>) and men’s accountability work (<a href="https://www.seattleagainstsavery.org/mens-accountability/">https://www.seattleagainstsavery.org/mens-accountability/</a>)</li> <li>▪ Coaching Boys Into Men <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ward Urion, Social Change Manager at LifeWire, runs a CBIM program (<a href="http://www.lifewire.org">www.lifewire.org</a>)</li> <li>● King 5: <a href="https://www.king5.com/article/sports/high-school/garfield-odea-coach-boys-into-men-who-respect-women/484972650">https://www.king5.com/article/sports/high-school/garfield-odea-coach-boys-into-men-who-respect-women/484972650</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Prosecuting Attorney’s Office DVSA unit member who does policy work</li> <li>○ King County staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Someone who can speak to funding around housing options from King County – potentially Housing, Homelessness, and Community Development Division of DCHS</li> <li>▪ Invite someone to come in and delve into the King County budget</li> <li>▪ Housing Solutions for gender-based violence survivors</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Acres of Diamonds – transitional housing for women and children, Duvall, WA (<a href="https://www.acresofdiamonds.org/">https://www.acresofdiamonds.org/</a>)</li> <li>○ Aurora Commons (<a href="https://www.auroracommons.org/">https://www.auroracommons.org/</a>)</li> </ul>
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Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
- Invite ReWA and Somali Family Safety Task Force to September 2019 WAB meeting	Staff	August 2019

<b>Agenda Item 4:</b>	<b>2019 WAB Elections &amp; Committees</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Vice Chair:</b> Zeeba Khalili (unanimous vote)</li> <li>○ <b>Chair:</b> Sarah Reyneveld (unanimous vote)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Bylaws committee:</b> Heena Khatri, Joey Ketah, Jessica Giner (approved)</li> <li>○ <b>Communications:</b> Karol Brown, Kathy Brasch (approved)</li> <li>○ <b>Recruitment/membership committee:</b> Aimee Grant, Rebecca Chan, Zeeba Khalili (approved)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Action Items:	Person(s) Responsible:	Deadline/Due Date
- Follow up with committees to schedule meetings	Staff	September 2019
- Prioritize Bylaws committee and chair with DCHS staff	Staff	September 2019

<b>Agenda Item 4:</b>	<b>Feedback Loops &amp; Information Sharing</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback loops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 3 day notice to WAB members about upcoming opportunities for public advocacy</li> <li>o Would be helpful to have a more systematized way to coordinate with each other, for example a google doc etc. So we can put information we are learning somewhere directly so we know what is going on.</li> <li>o One option would be to use Microsoft Teams:</li> <li>o Staff would like to be kept in the loop about any WAB relevant engagement, meetings, public speaking etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline/Due Date</b>	
- Look into DCHS and King County Executive's Boards & Commissions policy on using Microsoft Teams for B&Cs	Staff	September 2019	

<b>Agenda Item 5:</b>	<b>Child Care Recommendations Implementation Plan</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infants at work pilot program implemented</li> <li>- Working with KC Council and Executive on second recommendation around investments of the PSTAA funds</li> <li>- Aimee Grant: meeting with Upthegrove – complemented Rebecca and Sarah on their testimony at Committee of the Whole (COW); like the idea but there are lots of interest groups vying for the same funds that are equally compelling; still determining how much will be allocated to each group; competing interested with K-12 and higher education</li> <li>- Potential investment of half the funding to childcare facilities/early learning investments. Vote will be on Monday at King County Council Committee of the Whole (COW).</li> <li>- Plan to move forward with the Childcare Task Force – will likely be an event that we will participate in.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Person(s) Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline/Due Date</b>	
- Follow up at COW meetings on PSTAA funding decisions	WAB and Staff	July 29, 2019	

- **Next Steps:**
  - o September Meeting: “What is your north star for the year?” Meeting goals.

**AJOURNMENT**

Time: 6:02 pm

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: September 11, 2019    Time: 4 – 6 p.m.    Location: Chinook Building