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

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| Excused/Absent: | Dionne Foster & Roxanne Thayer (excused), Regina Elmi & Joey Ketah (absent) |

| Speakers: | Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence: Merril Cousin & Amarinthia Torres |
| Staff:    | Allison Jurkovich & Shannon Perez-Darby |
| Guests:   | N/A |

| Approval of Agenda: | Zeeba & Kathy <br>Vote: Yes |
| Approval of Minutes: | Rebecca & Karol <br>Vote: Yes |

## AGENDA ITEMS:

### Agenda Item 1: Welcome & Introductions
- Hamdi Abdulle, Council At-large is resigning as her term has come to an end and she will not be seeking reappointment.

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### Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

No public comment

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### Agenda Item 3: Announcements
- WAB Vacancies: D3, D9 (Po. 3 & 9) & two Council At-Large (Po. 12 & 13)
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness/Action Month
### Agenda Item 4: Racial Equity Check-In & Toolkit

- **Racial Equity Subcommittee**: Zeeba Khalili – recruiting other members
- **Poems on intersectionality:**
  - “Who Said it was Simple” by Audre Lorde
  - “Tonight, in Oakland” by Danez Smith
- **Reflection prompts:**
  - 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?
  - 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?

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<th>Recruit more members for Racial Equity Subcommittee</th>
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### Agenda Item 5: Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence: Community Priorities

**Merril Cousin, Executive Director, merril@endgv.org**  
**Amarinthia Torres, amarinthia@endgv.org**

**Member Organizations:** [https://endgv.org/local-services/](https://endgv.org/local-services/)

**GBV, COVID-19 & Funding in King County:**

- Increased demand for services: 56% increase in number of survivors seeking help with severity and complexity of survivors’ needs increased.
- Disproportionate impact on survivors experiencing marginalization for various reasons including but not limited to race, gender, immigration status, etc.
- Long-term gaps in capacity have been exacerbated by the pandemic
- 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.

**Survivor-Driven (Mobile Flexible) Advocacy:**

- Not about political advocacy
- Partnership between survivors and advocates
- Survivors choose their own goals and define what is safest for themselves and their families
- Advocates meet survivors where they’re at – both literally and figuratively – to provide support navigating complex systems
- Effective advocacy is flexible, adaptable and individualized
- **Flexible Financial Assistance**: flexible dollars to address key financial barriers faced by survivors and is relational vs. transactional
- **Domestic Violence Housing First** found that the program was successful in helping 86% of clients gain or maintain stable housing.
  - Combination of advocacy and flexible financial supports & housing supports
  - Local organizations currently wrapping up the local pilot project: LifeWire, the Northwest Network for LBTG Survivors of Abuse
- Veterans, Seniors & Human Services Levy investment in Mobile Advocacy

**Recommendations:**
- King County 2022 Budget:
  - Requested **$4 million in annual, ongoing, sustained funding for Survivor Driven Advocacy** to King County Executive. Not included in 2022 proposed budget.
  - Immediate and ongoing advocacy with King County Councilmembers
- Longer-term considerations:
  - COVID 9 Budget
  - VSHSL Renewal and focus on Mobile Advocacy
- Action Needed:
  - Letter/recommendation
  - 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
  - General letter to council & Executive co-signing
  - Motion to draft letter: Rebecca & Karol, Vote – Yes
  - 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

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<td>Speak with respective Councilmembers who have expressed interest in GBV to promote CEGV funding requests</td>
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**Agenda Item 4:** **Gender-Based Violence Recommendations**
- Breakouts:
  - Alternatives to criminal-legal system
    - **Interest:** Zeeba Khalili, Rebecca Chan, Roxanne Thayer
    - Protection orders
  - Education, awareness and prevention work
    - **Interest:** Sarah Reyneveld, Tanya Matthews, Kathy Brasch
- Housing intersection with GBV
  - **Interest:** Sarah Reyneveld, Tanya Matthews, Roxanne Thayer
- Impacts of trauma and mental health needs for survivors of GBV
  - **Interest:** Kathryn Hancock (and overlap with alternatives to criminal-legal), Rebecca Chan, Roxanne Thayer (primary focus on education/prevention)

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**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**