King County

Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division

Department of Community and Human Services

MEETING MINUTES

Day/Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021
Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Streaming via Zoom

Board Member Role Call:
Anquida Adams
Steve Andrews
Theresa-Ann Clark
Joe Cunningham
Jayson Todd Morris

WELCOME AND BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

The Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting convened at 9:42 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, via Zoom. The Board Chair, Theresa-Ann Clark, called the meeting to order with welcoming remarks and a self-description for a more equitable experience for all meeting attendees. The Board Chair conducted a roll call and opened the floor for board member updates.

Theresa-Ann acknowledged the longstanding history that has brought us to reside on the land and to seek understanding of our place within this history with a land acknowledgement.

Theresa-Ann also discussed holding a future presentation covering self-description of visual characteristics to create a more inclusive meeting for attendees who may be blind or visually impaired.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Theresa-Ann shared a PowerPoint presentation on:

- Topical Panels
- New Board Committees – housing
- Board Liaisons – behavioral health and youth
- Housing Roundtable
    - Board Housing Committee to form after roundtable
    - Virtual Housing Conference in 2022

- Self-Advocacy Panels
  - Advocacy Education
  - Board Development
  - Board Recruitment
  - Self-advocacy and neurodiversity recruitment

- Liaisons
  - Behavioral Health Board
  - King County Interagency Coordinating Committee
  - Young Adult Advisory Board

- Association of University Centers of Disabilities Special Recognition Award
  - Nominated Leo Finnegan
  - Annual nominations to the Association of University Center on Disabilities

- Reminder for presenters to use self-descriptions of themselves
  - Self-descriptions benefit blind or visually impaired attendees and creates a supportive, inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone.
  - Use acronym AGREE after stating your name:
    - Age
    - Gender
    - Racial identity
    - Eye color
    - Environment (describe the space/setting around you)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Theresa-Ann Clark, Board Chair, called for a motion to approve the August 4, 2021, Minutes. The Minutes were so moved, seconded, and approved as written.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER

In recognition of Jayson Todd Morris, the board presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the developmental disabilities community.

SHARING OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- Hodan Mohamed, Washington Multicultural Services Link shared information announcing the Somali Parent Support Group whose mission is to empower and ensure quality of support services to African Diaspora and African American families with individuals with disabilities and health care needs. More information

can be found at https://www.wmslink.org/upcoming-events.

- Cathy Murahashi, Community Homes, Inc., shared upcoming housing workshops promoting community-based housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities: More information can be found at https://www.eventbrite.com/o/community-homes-inc-6892086239.

SHARED DECISION-MAKING TOOL TO ELIMINATE HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES IN THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Dr. Thomas Brasted, Psy.D., Clinical Child Psychologist, HopeCentral outlined the systemic issues that create obstacles for many families trying to get a diagnosis for the treatment and care for their children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Dr. Brasted also discussed the benefit of the Decision-Making Tool as a collaborative process in supporting families. For more information, contact Dr. Brasted at tbrasted@hopecentralhealth.org

ROSEN FAMILY PRESCHOOL'S AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Pamela Grossman and her Team, Hearing Speech & Deaf Center provided an overview of the Rosen Family Preschool. The program is for children ages 3 to 5 that emphasizes American Sign Language (ASL) and English, giving children a bilingual language foundation. For more information, contact Pamela Grossman, Rosen Family Preschool Director and Pedagogista, at pgrossman@hsdc.org

STAFF REPORTS

KING COUNTY INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Shanelle Dodson Dance, Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division (DDECSD) provided background information and introduced a few members of the Family Engagement Experts and Leaders (FEEL) group. The group is in the beginning phases of developing a Family Engagement Plan and they looking for diverse families who have received Early Support for Infants and Toddler services in the last five years to join their group.

For more information about FEEL, visit https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/developmental-disabilities/Family_Engage.aspx.

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR / FIELD SERVICES REPORT

Due to the lack of time, Merri Snow, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) report was tabled. Report and slides will be sent out

to our board members and community.

KING COUNTY DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Due to the lack of time, King County Division Director's Report was tabled. Report and slides will be sent out to board members and community.

BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is seeking residents of King County interested in serving on the board. The board is a 9 – 15-member citizen's advisory board, which provides oversight of community services for residents of the County who have intellectual/developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or other neurological impairments, and their families.

If you are interested in learning more about the Board, please contact Jim Ott, Information and Outreach Manager, at 206-263-9060 or Jim.Ott@kingcounty.gov. More information on the Board can be found by visiting the Board's webpage at https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/developmental-disabilities/board-developmental-disabilities.aspx.

MEETING REMINDER

- The next King County Interagency Coordinating Council meeting will be on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- The next Board for Developmental Disabilities is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Prepared by:
Hope Lopez

Attested by:
James Ott
Michaelle Monday

King County

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Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division

BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MEETING

Day/Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Join the Meeting:

https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/94920852587

Enter Passcode: 245352

Meeting ID: 949 2085 2587

Need accomodations? Please request accomodations for the meeting by Friday, August 27, 2021, 3:00 p.m., by emailing Hope Lopez at chalopez@kingcounty.gov

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Sharing of Community Information: Presenters are asked to limit their sharing of information to three minutes each. We ask that all presenters share information with courtesy and respect to the audience.

AGENDA

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Board Introductions	Chair	Information
9:35	Chair's Remarks	Chair	Information
9:40	Approval of August Minutes	Chair and Board	Approval
9:45	Recognition of Board Member	Chair	Information
9:50	Sharing of Community Information	Board and Community	Information
9:55	Presentation: Using a Shared Decision-Making Tool to Eliminate Healthcare Disparities in the Treatment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder	Dr. Thomas Brasted, HopeCentral	Information and Discussion
10:25	Break		
10:35	Presentation: Rosen Family Preschool's American Sign Language Immersion Program	Pamela Grossman, Hearing Speech and Deafness Center	Information and Discussion

11:05	Staff Reports: • King County Interagency Coordinating Council • Regional Administrator/Field Services • King County Division Director's Report	Staff DSHS/DDA Division Director and Staff	Information and Discussion
11:30	Adjourn Board Meeting	Chair	None

How to stream the Board for Developmental Disabilities Meeting

Please note that for the September Board Meeting, we are using the Zoom meetings format.

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Transforming Lives

King County Board Updates

from the Developmental Disabilities Administration

Region 2, King County

Washington State Department of Social & Health Services

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Topics

- Waiver Enrollment
- Waiver Capacity Updates
- Proposed 10/1/21 Waiver Updates

Waiver Enrollment in Region 2

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- Individual and Family Services (IFS) Waiver
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- Basic Plus Waiver
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- Core Waiver
  - *Enrolled: 1758*
- Children's Intensive In-Home Behavioral Support
  - *Enrolled: 46*
- Community Protection Waiver
  - *Enrolled: 130*

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Waiver Capacity Updates

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Additional Funded Waiver Capacity Statewide

- IFS (923 additional slots)
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Proposed 10/1/2021 Waiver Updates

Transforming Lives

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If approved by CMS, increases will be automatic on 10/1/2021

Notifications will be sent to clients and families to alert them of this increase

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Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division
Developmental Disabilities Board Report
September 2021

What's Going On?

Vaccine Update

VACCINE Q&A WITH DOH |The Department of Health hosted a Q&A for its staff on the science of COVID vaccines with Dr. Scott Lindquist, Acting State Health Officer and State Infectious Disease Epidemiologist and Kathy Bay, RN Clinical Vaccine Expert. Staff had a chance to ask a wide variety of questions specifically about the vaccine, infections, reactions to vaccine, etc. DOH has given permission to share this video widely as a resource. Here is a link to the video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nrLMsvGea8

From the Early Childhood Team:

Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) launched our Family Engagement Experts and Leaders (FEEL) group in July! Shanelle Dodson-Dance recruited 10 families, and has held the first two meetings, with both Cantonese and Spanish interpreters supporting the group! Some FEEL members will be joining DD Board Meetings, including today. We are still seeking more parents/caregivers to join the year-long commitment to FEEL and strengthen family support within the ESIT system.

Workforce Development + Developmental Promotion have held exciting trainings recently, including "Understanding and Uplifting Immigrant Families" and "Positionality & Cultural Humility when Working with Families."

Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health strategy activities have included:

- Ongoing support for the 80+ community members involved in the Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) Community of Leaders for Reflective Capacity;
- Providing "Developing a Father Friendly System of Services with Cross Cultural Perspectives" training; and,
- King County's Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Landscape Analysis and Strategic Plan is in the "design" phase—and will be available soon!

From the Adult Services Team:

School-to-Work Update | S2W continues to support students who graduated in June 2021 move to long term employment support through DDA. Currently 85 students (2021 graduates) have moved onto long term support through DDA, with more in progress. 46 students (2021 graduates) obtained jobs and 42 of those are still working. There are 113 students currently participating in the S2W Program who will exit school in June 2022.

From the Community Information Outreach and Referral Team:

Board Member Update | CIOR staff are refining the internal process to appoint community members to serve on the Board. The goal is to speed up the time it takes to appoint community members to the Board.

A community member has applied to serve on the Board and their application has been moved forward in the appointment process. Currently there are three community members in the process of being appointed to serve on the Board.

Legislative Committee Meetings | The King County Developmental Disabilities Legislative Committee meetings will help the King County Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division develop our 2022 Legislative Agenda to be presented at our annual legislative forum.

The first Legislative Committee meeting was on August 26th. The Committee discussed the needs most frequently mentioned at our listening sessions with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color and People with Disabilities communities. The committee proposed different ways we can meet these needs. For our second committee meeting on September 9th, we will review the list of proposed action items and decide which ones could be legislative requests.

What's Coming Up?

From the Early Childhood Team:

Stories from the Intersection of Race & Raising Children with Disabilities| What do members of the workforce working with BIPOC children and families need to know about the intersection of race and disability? Please join us Tuesday, September 7th 2021 at 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM for a training with four panelists & a moderator, who are community members. They will use a story telling/sharing delivery, based on their lived experiences as well as their professional observations, emphasizing what is important for all of us to know.

- Presenters: Jae Kim; Patricia Gonzalez; Shayla Collins; Richard Mullen; Christine Tang
- Registration link: https://dbregistration.wufoo.com/forms/race-disability-panel/

Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division

3-Day ASQ Virtual Train the Trainer Seminar| Apply now for a spot in the 3-Day ASQ Virtual Train the Trainer Seminar October 26, 27, 28. Best Starts for Kids is hosting this seminar to increase and diversify the number of community members who offer trainings on developmental screenings including the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) and the ASQ: Social-Emotional (ASQ: SE).

Participants gain:

- A training certificate from Brookes Publishing, which allows participants to train their organization & others in their professional circle
- ASQ Starter Kits and Learning Activities Books
- A rich set of ASQ-related tools, activities, and resources to leverage when delivering their own trainings
- Strategies for adapting training content for a particular professional or cultural group
- Costs of seminar & materials are covered

Registration is capped at 25 by Brookes Publishing. To apply, complete this survey by end of day **Monday September 27.** *This application process aims to select a range of languages, disciplines, and geographic service areas within King County.*

Questions about this opportunity? Bring them to the information session for applicants: Thursday September 16 2:30-3:30

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting URL: https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/83519699309?pwd=U3dlSFQ5Nm9YTVlpazVTOE50Rmp6UT09

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From the Adult Services Team:

Provider ESJ Training and Technical Assistance| King County is focusing on training and technical assistance for individual provider agencies. Efforts will support organizational growth and planning, specifically in the areas of Equity and Social Justice (ESJ). Monthly provider ESJ trainings will be available starting in October and individual provider equity assessments and technical assistance will be offered to support implementation at the agency level. Equitable change work groups will also be implemented to support the identification of performance needs and indicators.

From the Community Information Outreach and Referral Team:

Developmental Disabilities Legislative Forum | The forum will be held on Tuesday November 9th and the tentative time is 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Please save the date!

We're Hiring!!!!

Early Childhood Team WILL BE POSTING—**Program Manager III Position with ESIT (Career Service)**

- Language Access
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Programs and Supports
- Vision Impaired Programs and Supports
- Community Engagement

Adult Services Team WILL BE POSTING— **School to Work Program Manager III (Career Service)**

- Co-plan county wide coordination of King County's School to Work program efforts

- Co-develop new and innovative best practices and funding strategies, working to ensure culturally relevant and equitable services
- Support the continuous improvement of outcomes related to youth's employment goals

Adult Services Team WILL BE POSTING— **Employment and Community Inclusion Project/Program Manager II (TLT)**

- Responsible for supporting the management of the Division's Employment and Community Inclusion programs through a network of service providers.

Operations and Contracts Team WILL BE POSTING— **Special Initiatives PPM III (TLT)**

- Manage contracting, procurement, and monitoring of designated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) funds and other emergent funds, especially those requiring close coordination across the DCHS divisions, between County departments, and with the King County council.

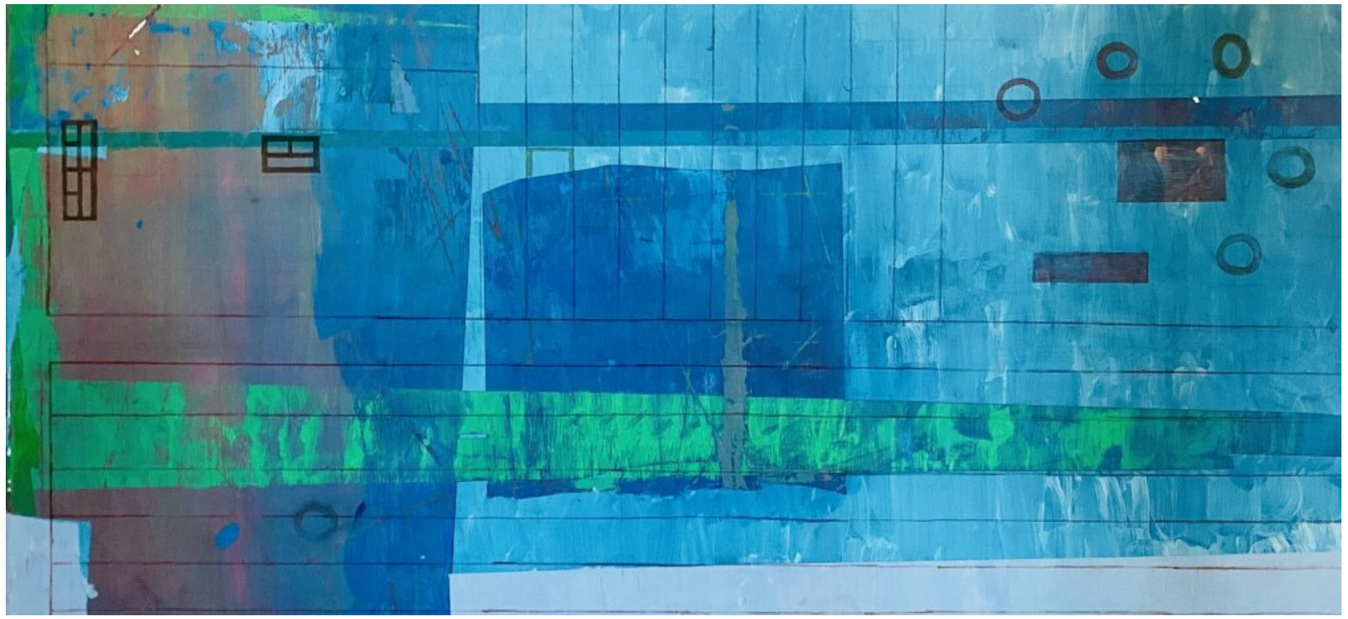
CHAIR'S REMARKS

- **Topical Panels**
- **New Board Committees**
- **Board Liasons**

- **Housing Roundtable**

- **Board Housing Committee**

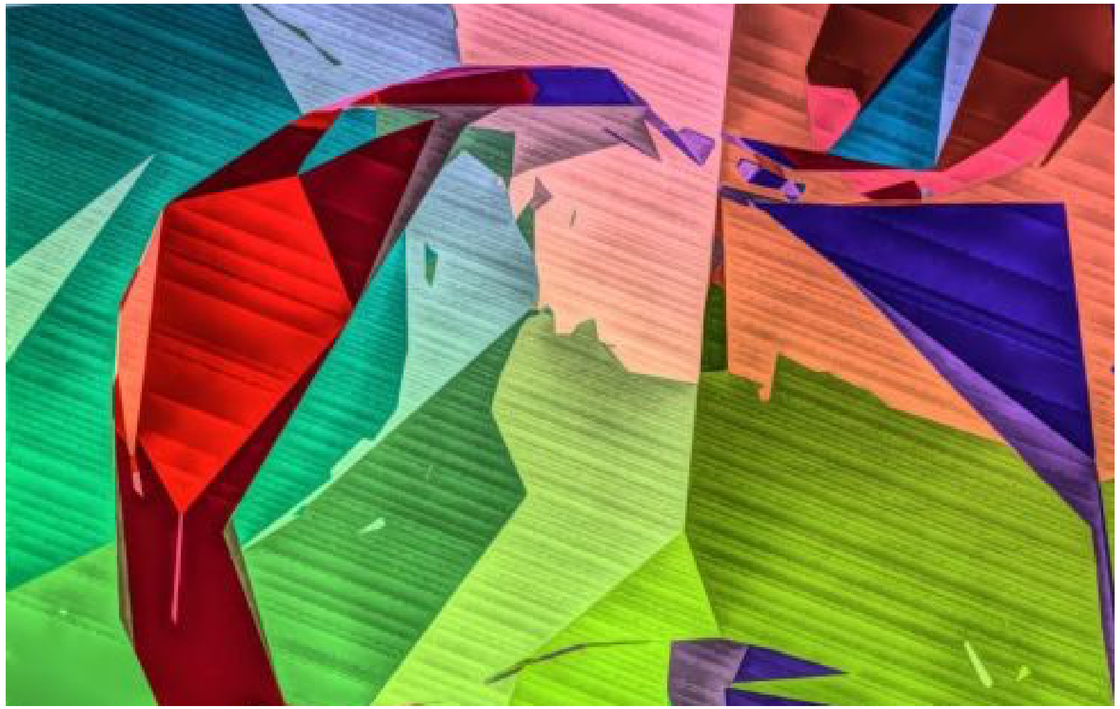
- **Virtual Housing Conference**



Self-Advocacy

Panels

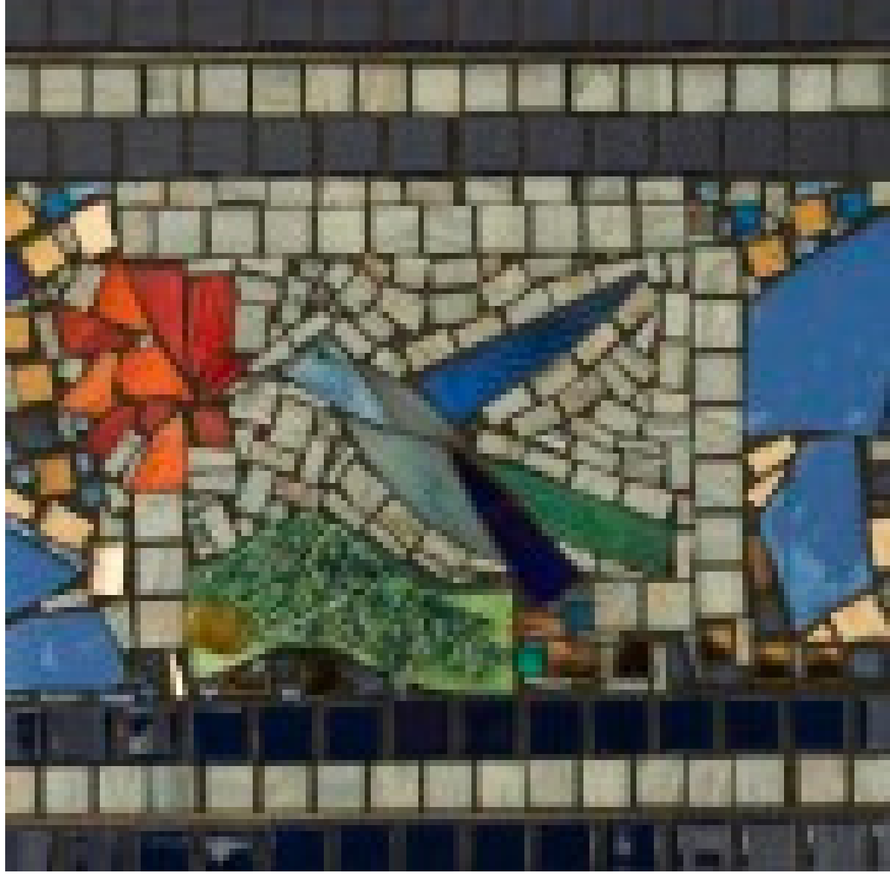
Advocacy Education



Board Development

Potential new members interviewed

Recruiting for self-advocates and neurodiversity



Liasons

- **Behavioral Health Board**

- **King County Children, Youth & Young Adult Advisory Board**

Association of University Centers for Disabilities Special Recognition Award

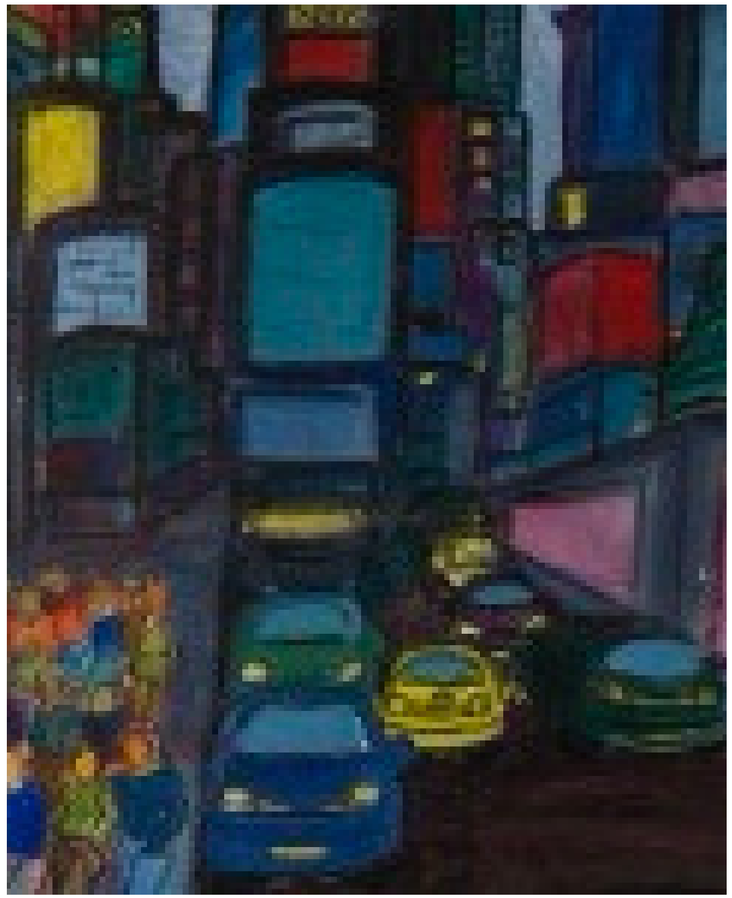
This AUCD award recognizes outstanding contributions toward creating more inclusive communities for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Award Nominee

Leo Finnegan

How to reach them

Look for contact information for our presenters during their presentation or in the chat box.



More Information

Board and Division Website

Blog

Slide shows

Happenings

Chair's Remarks

Resources

Audio Descriptions

Help Blind or low vision folks know who is speaking.

Use "AGREE" to introduce yourself

- **Name**
- **A** — **Age**
- **G** — **Gender**
- **R** — **Race/Ethnicity, Skin Color**
- **E** — **Eye and Hair Color**
- **E** — **Environment/Setting**

THANK YOU!

Graphics in this slide show are from the www.The-Art-of-Autism.com Galleries

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August 2021

Vaccine Update

WASHINGTON STATE COVID-19 VACCINE DISABILITY SURVEY

中文	Soomali	Español	Русский	Tiếng Việt

Several disability organizations in Washington are partnering to collect information about people's experiences with finding and getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Please consider spending a few minutes taking this survey.
All responses are optional and anonymous. The information will be used to create outreach and partnership programs to increase vaccine awareness and access for people with disabilities and their families. Thank you very much for your input.

The survey is available in multiple languages. Please click the link below to proceed to the survey.

WASHINGTON STATE COVID-19 VACCINE DISABILITY SURVEY

What's going on?

Early Childhood Team

Best Starts for Kids Health Survey: Announcing the Open Phase for the BSK Health Survey!

- The BSK health survey is now open to all King County parents and caregivers of children elementary school age or younger! Please share your voice through this 20-30 minute survey.

What's going on?

Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Team

- ESIT has launched the Family Engagement Experts & Leaders (FEEL) group, made up of parents of young children who received ESIT services in the last five years. Six parents, speaking three different languages, met with the ESIT team this month for an initial listening session. There will be ongoing monthly meetings, and parents will be encouraged to attend Developmental Disabilities Board Meetings.

What's going on?

Community Information Outreach and Referral Team

We're listening!

- Eight community listening sessions were held by Open Doors for Multicultural Families and The Arc of King County during June and July to gather feedback on division services. The Developmental Disabilities Board also hosted two listening sessions in June and July.
- This feedback will be used to shape the division's work and legislative priorities and will be shared with the Board and the community.

What's going on?

Community Information Outreach and Referral Team

Board Member Update

- Two community members have applied to serve on the Board and their applications have been moved forward in the appointment process.
- We continue to recruit for our board. For more information please visit, our board recruitment page!

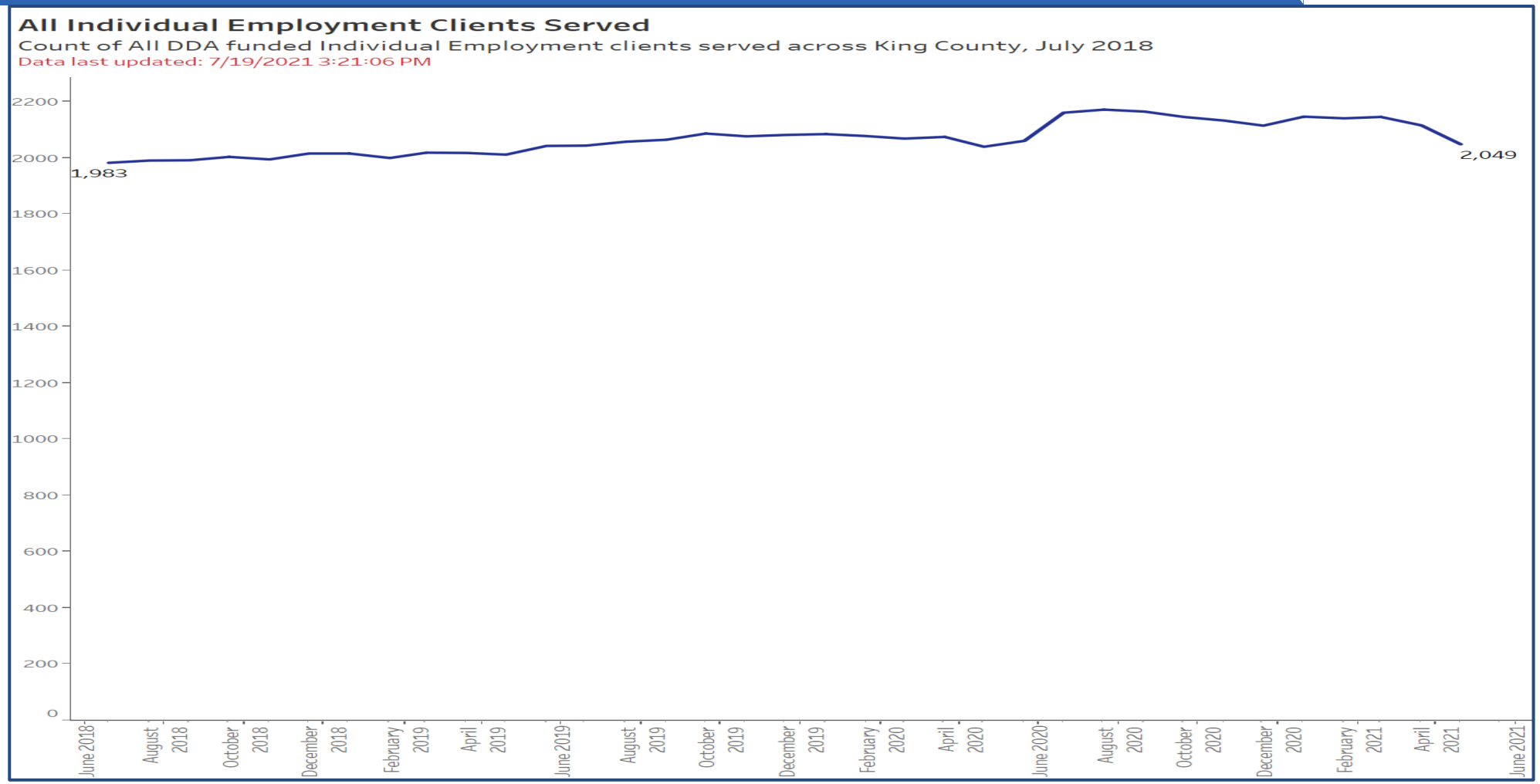
What's going on?

Adult Services Team

School-to-Work Update:S2W continues to work with students who graduated in June 2021 move to long term employment support through DDA. (I will see if we can add some numbers to share as well).

Adult Services Program Data | Staff continue to work collaboratively with Performance Measurement and Evaluation team members to review program data related to employment and community inclusion services. Community based employment and community inclusion services continue to increase as opportunities open across the county.

What's going on?



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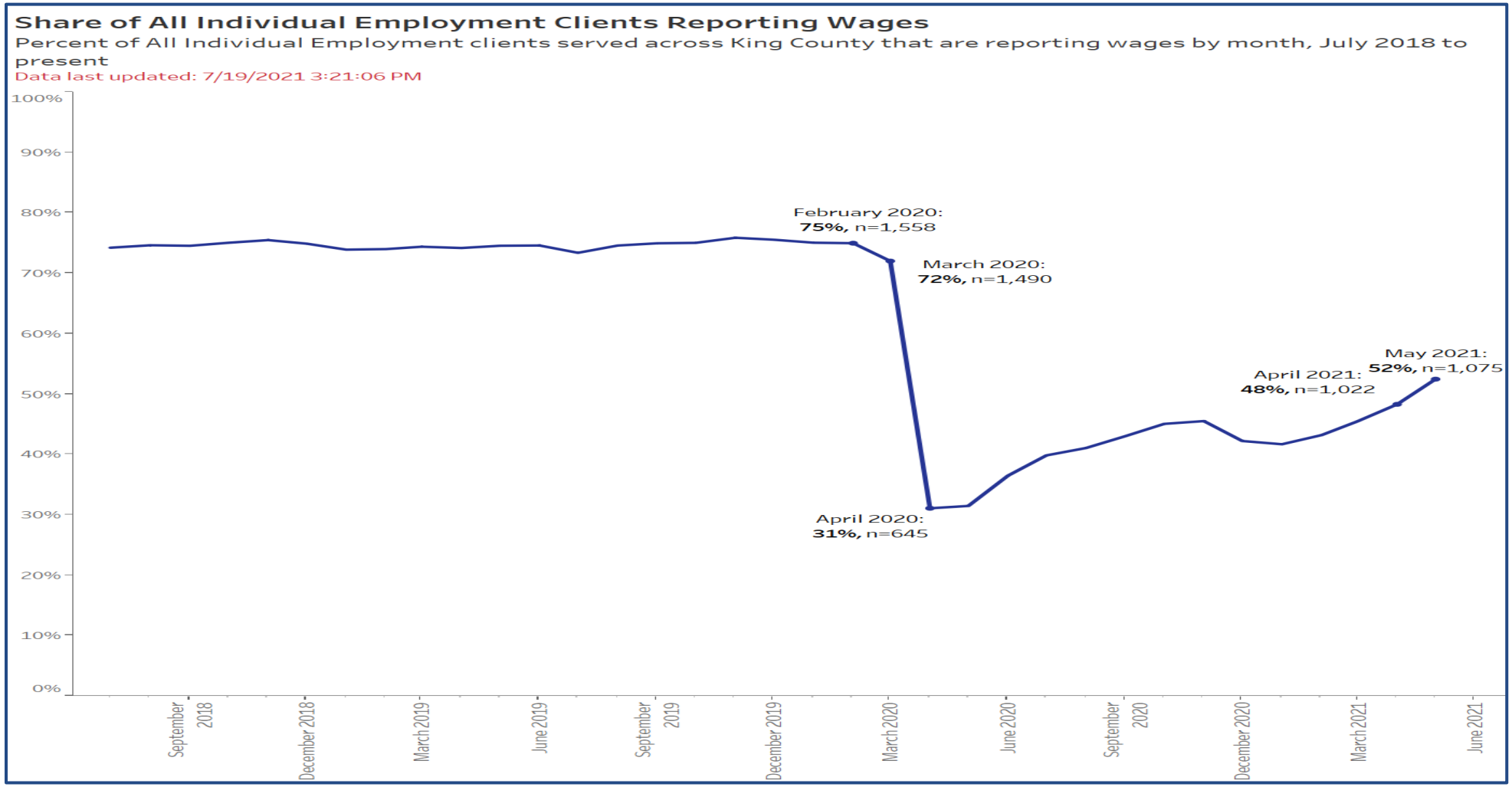

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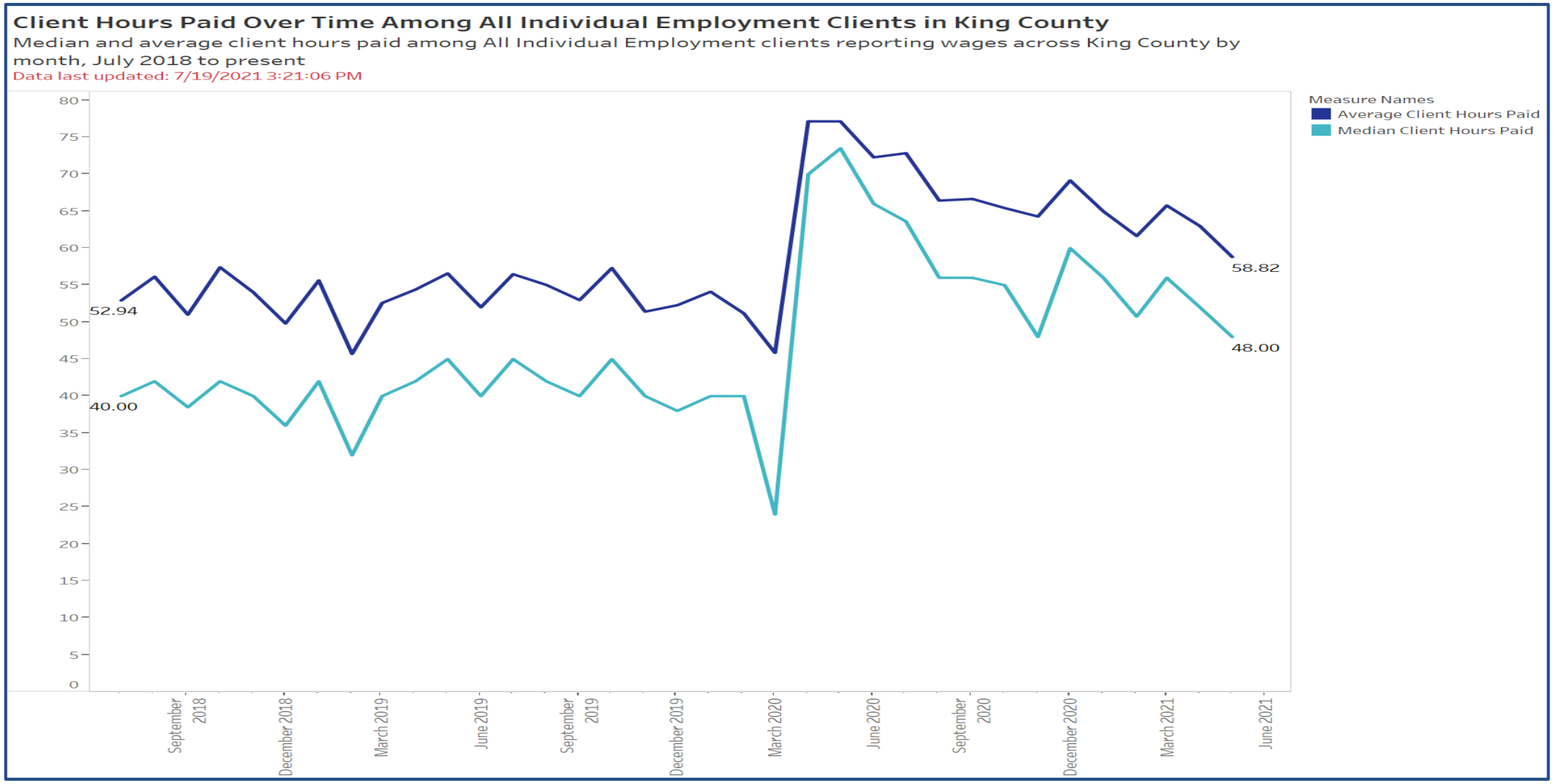

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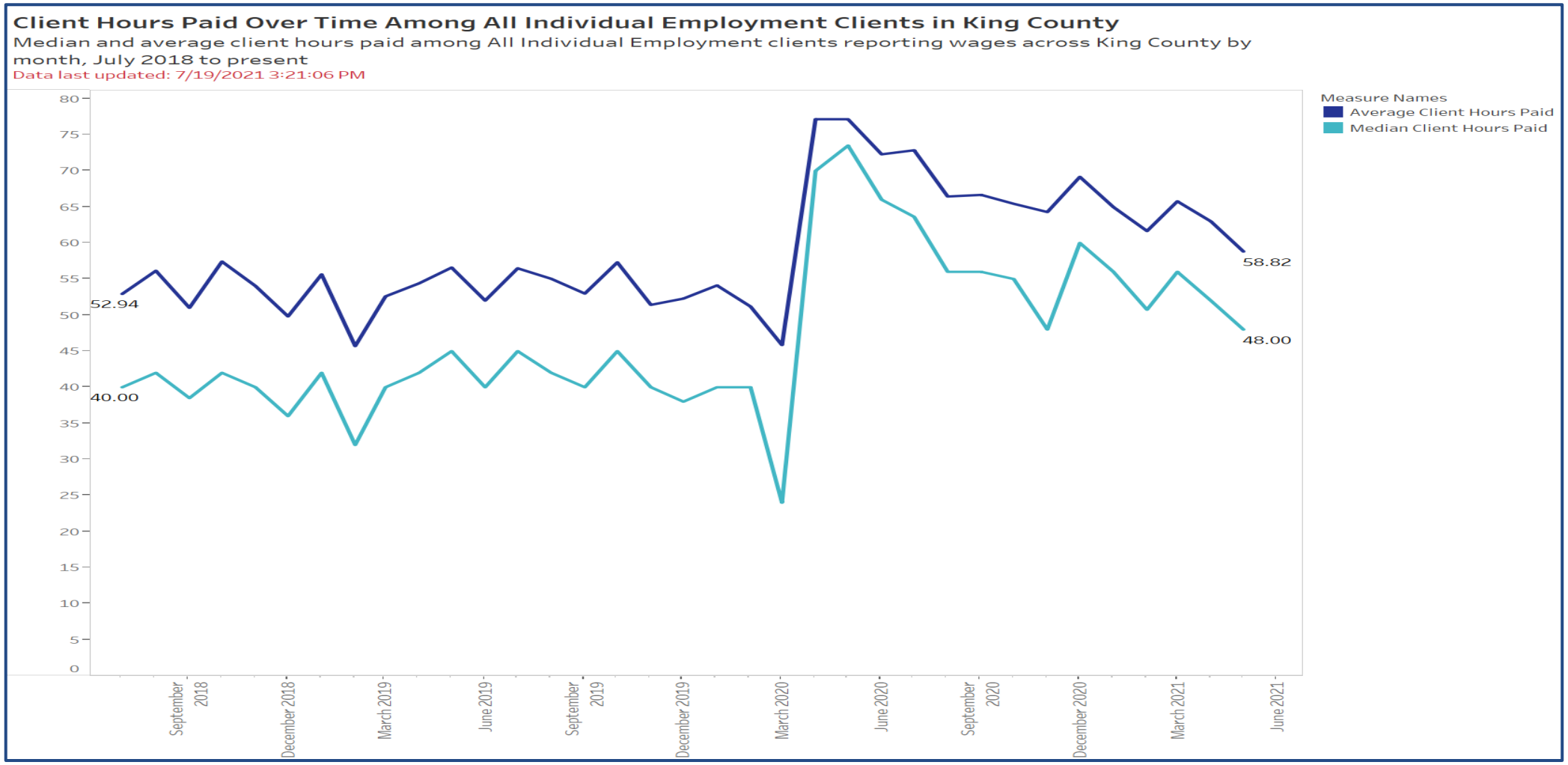

What's coming up?

Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Team

- ESIT will be beginning the Language Access Road Map work, which will start with developing King County Language Access responsibilities and processes for interpretation and translation.

What's coming up?

Community Information Outreach and Referral Team

Legislative Committee Meetings

- The King County Developmental Disabilities Legislative Committee meetings will help the King County Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division develop our 2022 Legislative Agenda to be presented at our annual legislative forum. **The forum will be held on Tuesday November 9th and the tentative time is 6:15 PM – 8:30 PM – please save the date!**

What's coming up?

- **We hope to increase the number of participants who identify as self-advocates and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.** Committee meetings will be virtual, on Zoom and in the early evening to make it easier for people to participate. Meetings will be held on the following dates and times:
  - Thursday August 26th, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
  - Thursday September 9th, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
  - Thursday September 23rd, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- Translated documents and interpreter support will be provided!

What's coming up?

- Feedback gathered through community listening sessions and a survey will be used to create our legislative agenda.
- A fourth committee meeting will be held after the forum to gather feedback to improve future committee meetings and forums. This meeting will be virtual on Zoom on the following date:
  - Wednesday November 17th, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- We will share the final agenda with the Committee members and the Board at the October board meeting.

What's coming up?

Adult Services Team

Employment First Goal Area Workgroups:

- The Employment First community workgroup continues to meet and make progress on the goal areas identified in February 2020. This group includes representatives from DDA, DVR, school districts, advocates and employment providers. The Employers Workgroup and Starting Early Workgroup are meeting regularly and moving this important work forward.

New teammates and departures

From the Early Childhood Supports team

Sally Cannon has joined our team as an Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Program Manager! She started on Monday July 26th. This is a Short Term Temporary position through December 15th.

Seeking input

Please reach out if you have input/ feedback!

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- Michaelle Monday, michaelle.monday@kingcounty.gov
- Magan Cromar, magan.cromar@kingcounty.gov
- Holly Woo, holly.woo@kingcounty.gov