



King County

Department of Community and Human Services Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division Board for Developmental Disabilities

MEETING MINUTES

Day/Date: Wednesday, April 7, 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
Leo Finnegan
Jayson Todd Morris

WELCOME AND BOARD ROLE CALL

The Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting convened at 9:37 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, via Zoom. The Board Chair, Theresa Ann Clark, called the meeting to order with welcoming remarks and Native Land Acknowledgement.

King County Division Director, Magan Cromar called for a moment of silence and shared that King County stands against the hate and violence targeted towards the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Theresa Ann Clark, Board Chair called for a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 Minutes. The Minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as written.

SHARING OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- Anquida Adams- described attending a recent virtual Transition Fair event.
- Leo Finnegan– noted that after several delays, Life Enrichment Options will begin building an adult family home on April 15, 2021.
 - Cathy Murahashi made an announcement on workshops for housing and provided this link: [Community Homes, Inc. Events | Eventbrite](#)
- Joe Cunningham noted he is making connections with Behavioral Health.
- NorthStar meetings – omnibus legislative efforts for DD services;

- Jayson Morris announced that King County has provided a link around election cycles: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/education-and-outreach/voter-education-fund.aspx>
- Richard Wilson, DDECSD announced the first of six live events for S2W Transition Fair.
 - Link and more info: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/developmental-disabilities/Transition.fair.aspx>

Steve Andrews – provided info on the International Board of Sensory Accessibility in Dubai: <https://facebook.com/BoardofSensoryAccessibility/>

- Hodan Mohamed of [Multicultural Services Link](#): announced that the organization has moved in to new office space in the Holly Park area.
- Christina Brandt – gave a shout out to self-advocates involved in the passage of the sub-minimum wage bill.
- Theresa-Ann – announced that DDECSD staff Jenna Wolfstone has been working on the Board's webpage and requested community members to share photos that are relevant to the developmental disabilities community to be posted on the webpage. The Board's webpage can be found on the DDECSD website at:

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS

- Jayson Morris thanked the Community Employment Alliance, Self Advocates in Leadership, Senator Emily Randall and others who helped make elimination of subminimum wages for people with disabilities to happen.
- Laura Musso Escude provided positive feedback on the recent housing workshops put on by Communities Homes.
- COVID-19 Vaccine eligibility will open to all on April 15, 2021.

CHAIR'S GOALS

Theresa- Ann, Chair, shared her goals as Chair with the Board and Community. The presentation contained strategies on Board outreach, engagement, and recruitment over the next year.

- The presentation is posted on the Board's website.

BOARD BYLAW REVISION UPDATE

- Theresa-Ann announced that an ad-hoc committee of the Board has been formed to review the Boards current bylaws. The current bylaws have not been updated since 2015. The ad-hoc committee will review and bring back recommendations on proposed bylaw revisions to the Board at the May Board meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

KING COUNTY DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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Magan Cromar, DDECSD shared a PowerPoint reporting the Division's work. This will be posted and shared after Board the meeting. Magan provided an overview of the current population who are eligible for COVID Vaccinations.

KING COUNTY INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Wendy Harris, DDECSD reported on the King County Interagency Coordinating Council (KCICC) and Early Childhood Team. The next KCICC meeting is on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 9:30am to noon.

- The Early Childhood team is recruiting racially and linguistically diverse families for our Family Engagement Experts and Leaders (FEEL)
 - One-year commitment – 2.5 hours monthly
 - Contact Shanelle Dodson-Dance at sddance@kingcounty.gov
- Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Strategy
 - ESIT providers are trying creative strategies to reach families. The number of referrals to ESIT providers has decreased since COVID-19. Northwest Center's ESIT program was featured in a story by [KOMO News: Are too many infants, toddlers missing out on critical therapies during pandemic?](#)
 - We welcome Lorena Reyes who will support our ESIT team for the next 4 months. Lorena will be leading the KCICC work.

Richard Wilson reported out on the work from the Adult Services Team

- 2021 S2W Transition Fair Goes Virtual
 - Link and more info: [2021 School-to-Work Transition Fair - King County](#)
 - Employment agencies and resources
 - Working with [WISE](#) to put this together
- Shout out to Emily Hart and Cassie Glenn for their efforts.
- The S2W recently team hosted a Zoom event attended by about 25 Employment Consultants from 6 different agencies

Holly Woo reported out on the Community Information, Outreach and Referral's Team's work

- Staff have been supporting the Board's ad-hoc committee to review the bylaws.
- Jenna Wolfstone will represent DDECSD in a King County Department of Community and Human Services website refresh workgroup.
- Planning for the 2021 Legislative Forum has started with staff focusing on conducting community listening sessions in May and June to gather community input on needs and services. Input from these listening sessions will also be used to inform division and board priorities.
- Changes in Team Members



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- Katherine Festa has accepted a special duty opportunity as a Program Manager II with the Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance Program in the Housing, Homelessness and Community Development Division. She will be in this role from 4/5/21 to 9/30/22.

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR / FIELD SERVICES REPORT

- Shan-Shan Chien, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) noted that DDA is actively transitioning students to the basic plus waiver. She thanked Richard Wilson, Cassie Glenn and Emily Hart on all their work to getting students on the waiver before July 1, 2021.

KING COUNTY OFFICE OF WORK EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION AGAINST HATE AND BIAS

- Sung Cho presented Addressing Hate and Violence Against the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Community. The presentation is posted on the Board's webpage and highlights challenges in collecting data on hate crimes against the API community. Sung went over a number of ways community members can help support the API community including:
 - Learn how to intervene when you witness harassment
 - Report incidents of harassment
 - Patronize AAPI owned businesses
 - Volunteer your time and skills
 - Donate to organizations that support our AAPI communities
 - Learn the History of Asian Racism
 - Offer support and Empower your Asian colleagues
 - Be an Active Ally and Give Back
 - The five D's of Bystander Intervention: Distract
 - Delegate
 - Document
 - Delay
 - Direct
- The following links were shared:
 - <https://www.napaba.org/page/HateCrimeResources>
 - <https://www.aaja.org/2021/03/19/aaja-pronunciation-guide-for-asian-victims-of-atlanta-shootings>
 - <https://www.nationalace.org>
 - <https://www.napawf.org/antiracism>

CHAIR REMARKS

Theresa Ann welcomes people attending Board meetings to share information about arts and cultural related to the developmental disabilities community. Theresa shared information about three films:



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- [The Reason I Jump](#) -Exploration of neurodiversity through the experience of nonspeaking autistic people around the world.
- [Feeling Through](#) – Academy Award nominated film about a deaf/blind man relationship with homeless teenager
 - First film to star a deaf/blind actor
- [Crip Camp](#) – documentary on camp for kids with disabilities created by hippies which led to disability activism.

BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is seeking residents of King County interested in serving on the board.

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 is scheduled for May 10, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- The next Board for Developmental Disabilities is scheduled for May 5, 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 11:33 a.m.

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