



King County

Children and Families Strategy Task Force

Meeting held virtually by Skype due to snow
January 15, 2020

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Bilan Aden, Nancy Ashley, Kathleen (Kathy) Brasch, Nela Cumming, Leilani Dela Cruz, Ti'esh Harper, Wendy Harris (BSK), Karen Hart, Omana Imani, Ruth Kagi, Laura Kneedler, Theressa Lenear, Natalie Lente, James Madden, Lois Martin, Zamzam Mohamed, Maki Park, Denise Pruitt (Senior Policy Advisor, KC Dept of HR), Ryan Quiglar, Sarah Reyneveld, Paula Steinke, Genevieve Stokes, Debra Sullivan, Miriam Zmiewski-Angelova

Excused:

Council and Executive Staff: Lauren Vlas, King County Councilmember Kohl-Welles' office

Also in Attendance: Jessica Tollenaar Cafferty, Child Care Policy Lead, King County Department of Community and Human Services, Juanita Salinas, Enterprise Community Partners

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Jessica Cafferty called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting for the Children and Families Strategy Task Force.

2. Public Comment

The following persons spoke: No public comment.

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Minutes

Debra Sullivan moved to approve the December 9, 2019 minutes. The task force unanimously approved the minutes with no abstentions.

5. Subcommittee Process

Jessica Cafferty shared updates on the subcommittee process, including roles and responsibilities. The subcommittees are:

- Cost of Care
- HR Policies and Employer Best Practices
- Workforce and Compensation
- High Quality and Culturally Competent Care
- Inclusion

The facilities subcommittee was eliminated and the task force will review the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) Early Learning Facilities Stakeholder (ELFS) implementation plan and recommendations.

Subcommittees will meet monthly and be supported by King County staff. The full group will also consider some recommendations, including larger systems interaction and alignment.

The group discussed Inclusion as a separate group from High Quality, Culturally Competent Care and whether the groups should be combined. The decision was made to keep groups separate to maintain specific areas of focus but to create processes for coordination and alignment and recognize that all subcommittee work is interconnected. Subcommittees may revisit this topic as the work progresses.

The group agreed to change the name of the quality subcommittee to High Quality, Anti-Racist, and Culturally Competent Care, and discussed the intersection of quality and cultural competence in child care.

6. Roll Call

7. State Task Force Recommendations Presentation and Q&A

Genevieve Stokes (Department of Children, Youth, and Families) presented on the work of the [Child Care Collaborative Task Force \(CCCTF\)](#), including recommendations and the scope of work they've been tasked with moving forward. The CCCTF focused on the role child care plays in the state's economy and the role business can take in addressing access to and affordability of child care.

8. Housekeeping

- County email set-up and usage
- Revised Task Force timeline

9. Questions and Additional Items

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.