



King County

## Children and Families Strategy Task Force

Bellevue Library  
1111 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
February 12, 2020

### Meeting Minutes

#### **In Attendance:**

Nela Cumming, Omana Imani, Denise Pruitt, Natalie Lente, Genevieve Stokes, Kathy Brasch, James Madden, Lucia Lopez, Karen Hart, Nancy Ashley, Sarah Reyneveld, Miriam Zmiewski-Angelova, Wendy Harris

[Phone:] Debbie Peterson, Debra Sullivan, Leilani Delacruz, Paula Steinke, Ryan Quigtar, Bilan Aden

**Excused:** N/A

**Council and Executive Staff:** Lauren Vlas, Councilmember Kohl-Welles, Calli Knight, Executive's Office

**Also in Attendance:** Jessica Tollenaar Cafferty, Child Care Policy Lead, King County Department of Community and Human Services, Juanita Salinas, Enterprise Community Partners, Beth Larsen, Children and Youth Advisory Board, Allison Jurkovich, DCHS, Safaa Sadik, Best Starts for Kids

Beth Larsen from Child Haven, CYAB Liaison

#### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Jessica Tollenaar Cafferty called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

#### **2. Public Comment**

The following persons spoke: N/A

#### **3. Introductions**

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Karen Hart moved to approve the January 15, 2020 minutes. Nancy Ashley seconded.

Kathy Brasch moved to approve the January 29, 2020 minutes. Miriam Zmiewski-Angelova seconded.

## **5. Landscaping: Child Care Access in King County**

- I. Child Care Providers:
  - A. Who are the Providers:
    - i. Licensed child care centers
    - ii. Licensed Family Child Care providers (FCCs)
    - iii. Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) and informal caregivers
    - iv. School age child care providers
  - B. Child Care Providers Challenges:
    - i. High cost to run business, slim profit margins
    - ii. Workforce professional requirements, compensation, and turnover
    - iii. Little to no support for FFN caregivers
    - iv. Costly to care for infants and toddlers
    - v. Limited access to non-traditional hours
    - vi. Licensing requirements for school-age care based on Early Learning
    - vii. Facilities costs
    - viii. Recruiting staff and retention
  - C. Opportunities
    - i. Financial incentives for infant/toddler care and non-traditional hours
    - ii. Increase subsidy rates
    - iii. Compensation and support for FFN caregivers
  - D. Conversation: Opportunities and what is missing?
- II. Policy Levers
  - A. Who/What Policy Levers:
    - i. State
    - ii. County
    - iii. City/Municipalities
    - iv. Philanthropy
    - v. Employers
  - B. State Considerations:
    - i. Child Care Collaborative Task Force
    - ii. Proposed legislation, including HB 2661 and SB 6253
    - iii. Licensing Requirements
    - iv. Working Connections child care subsidy
  - C. County Considerations:
    - i. Children and Families Strategy Task Force
    - ii. Child Care Assistance Program (no longer in operation)
    - iii. PSTAA Early Learning Facilities
  - D. City Considerations:
    - i. Child Care Assistance Program
    - ii. Seattle Preschool Program
    - iii. Step Ahead
    - iv. Family Child Care Advisory Council and other supports

- E. Philanthropy, Employers, Etc.
    - i. Funding research and innovative programs
    - ii. Programs to support child care provider professional development
    - iii. Workplace policies (infants at work, on-site child care and backup care)
    - iv. King County proposed voucher program for employees
  - F. Conversation: Opportunities and what is missing?
- III. Systems Interaction and Alignment
- A. Early Achievers
  - B. Licensing
  - C. Child Welfare
  - D. K-12 Public Education
  - E. Housing
  - F. Conversation: Opportunities and what is missing?
- IV. Prioritization of considerations and recommendations to explore

**6. Housekeeping**

**7. Closing**

**8. Adjourn**

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