



## **AUGUST 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Attended by Phone:** Bobbe Bridge, Jessica Werner, Ed Marcuse, Trise Moore, Debbie Carlson<sup>E</sup>, Elaine Cook, Karen Hart, Tanya Kim Leslie Dozono, Debbie Peterson, Helena Stephens, Sophie Theriault, Karen Howe, Nathan Buck, Nancy Woodland, Rochelle Clayton-Strunk, Nebiyu Yassin, Lois Martin, Beth Larsen; Mackenzie Chase, Meeka Ghebrai, Janet Levinger, Ben Danielson, Thomas Bales

**Members Not Present:** Abigail Echo Hawk, Suzette Espinoza-Cruz, Brian Saelens<sup>E</sup>, Hikma Sherka<sup>E</sup>

**Guest(s):** none present

**Staff Present:** Sheila Capestany, Charlene Jose, Kerry Wade

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### **6:00 PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019; WEBINAR**

**Meeting called to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Welcome & Introductions:** Jessica Werner

**Public Comment:** none submitted

**Approval of July meeting minutes:** M/S/P; Tom Bales /Karen Howe./all – no abstentions

**Approval of August Retreat meeting minutes:** M/S/P; Bobbe Bridge/Karen Howe/all -- abstentions (Tanya K., Rochelle C., and Mackenzie C.)

#### **Board Business: Brief Overview of August Retreat – Jessica Werner**

- The retreat was a success and the group was able to agree on a process to outline how committees can have increased authority in their role as advisors. A high-level overview of Zero Youth Detention was also provided by Derrick Wheeler-Smith (PowerPoint available in meeting packet). Board members not in attendance can follow up with Jessica if you have any questions or would like to go over the retreat materials. *included in the meeting packet*
- Comments from the Board regarding the retreat:
  - Retreat felt educational and uplifting
  - Facilitators did an amazing job with the overview of what we hoped to accomplish. They deserve a huge compliment for working well together as a team leading us as our facilitators.
  - Derrick Wheeler-Smith's ability to weave ZYD through a social justice lens was great.
  - Struck by the fact there was 100% participation. Felt that people were eager to contribute and felt welcome in their contribution and all on the same page with a respect to urgency which was the right attitude to approach the retreat by. Very productive retreat and the team was great. Happy to be there.
- A draft screening tool was developed outlining procedures to guide the CYAB when asked to assume a more formal advisory role by the Executive, the King County Council, or department guidance on a specific issue (page 4). A final version will come to the Board at the September meeting.
  - Comments from the Board:
    - Are there answers to the comments in pink and blue on the draft?
      - No, but will work on clarifications after this document is approved.

- After addressing all the necessary steps in the subcommittee will proceed with an exercise using the policy screen to examine the decision to provide subcommittees (in this case the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee) with more authority to conduct board work.
  - **MOTION: approve the document without all comments addressed**
    - **M/S/P; Bobbe/Nancy/ - none abstained**

**Oversight and Advisory: Youth Justice Subcommittee** - Ben Danielson, Nathan Buck and Sheila Capestany

- Members of the Youth Justice Subcommittee (formally Juvenile Justice Subcommittee) reported on their meeting Friday, August 9.
  - Renamed the subcommittee to the Youth Justice Subcommittee
  - Framed the context of their work; refined the equity statement and then applied it to the charter.
  - Agreed that each person in this subcommittee has the same amount of accountability as the co-chairs and that each member acts as a co-chair.
  - Ben -- Decided that each subcommittee member should get media training.
- Draft subcommittee charter and reporting structure – *included in the meeting packet*
  - Statement to their work:
    - ‘Equity is an ardent journey toward well-being as defined by the affected. Equity demands sacrifice and redistribution of power and resources in order to break systems of oppression, heal continuing wounds, and realize justice. To achieve equity and social justice, we must first root out deeply entrenched systems of racism. Equity proactively builds strong foundations of agency, is vigilant for unintended consequences, and boldly aspires to be restorative. Equity is disruptive and uncomfortable and not voluntary. Equity is fundamental to the community we want to build.’
  - Key Subcommittee Concepts:
    - We move beyond aspiration and adopt an action-oriented approach to our role.
    - We have a sense of urgency and are eager to be disruptive.
    - We refuse to be a vehicle of complacency.
    - We are intentionally strategic: identifying strengths, convening allies, promoting timely action and incorporating an expansive range of factors into our work.
    - We will functionally apply the public health perspective which means that the realm of influencers on youth justice issues is broad.
    - We hold all entities related to youth justice, from the root cause spaces to downstream components accountable.
    - We strive to name the consequences - both intended and unintended - of policies impacting youth justice.
    - Our work will be on behalf of all youth, from birth to 24 years of age.
    - We will be vigilant for policies, as yet not identified, that are relevant to youth justice.
- Comments from board members:
  - A key concept that we as a board (and subcommittee) were appointed to advise and hold the county accountable to the youth and children it serves. That is underlying in many of these tenants included in the charter.
  - We need to ensure that committee members are all speaking with one voice on behalf of the board
    - Pursuant to the role they’ve adapted in these guidelines, will not outstep what was agreed upon in this charter.

- Is the issue of school suspension, is it still within our view or not?
  - Yes, it is. School discipline is an issue that is still on the table.
  - The clause about "policies, as not yet identified..." concept was intended to include areas like this that affect Youth (age range to be determined by the systems that affect them) which may include younger kids.
  - This is included on the roadmap. We will remain to keep the strong focus as Youth Justice, but this is an area that will also be reviewed.
  - There are other subcommittees that deal with the school discipline of children at younger ages.
- We will be starting report outs from each subcommittee at our monthly board meetings
- Clarity on priority of order in terms of our roles as board members/ is there an order of what issues will be addressed?
  - The intent of the charter is to be able to remain engaged externally with groups who are making policy and decisions that affect our children and youth in a nimble way. For official stances (highly public and "risky"), the newly adopted rules dictate that these are brought back to the full board for approval, recommitting to the CYAB goals.
- Is there a way/vision that our work in the juvenile justice area will "shine down" on our other work (grant making, funding organization, etc.)? Is there a way that our grantees can learn about what we are doing around Juvenile Justice? Ultimately all our work is aimed at Best Starts for Kids.
  - Keep the Youth Action Plan as our policy framework. Things like PSTAA and ZYD can compliment all these threads.
- **MOTION: approve the charter without all comments addressed**
  - **M/S/P; Bobbe/Ed/all - none abstained**

**Oversight and Advisory: PSTAA Update** – Leslie Dozono and Helena Stephens provided the board with an update on PSTAA.

- King County Committee of the Whole had a mtg on July 29th where they considered a striking amendment to a previously introduced motion. There were also amendments offered to that striking amendment. At the end of the meeting, they forwarded the motion to the full Council without recommendation, which means they will have further discussion and likely changes before the Council votes. As of now they are scheduled to consider PSTAA at the August 28th meeting starting at 9:30am.
- The striking amendment included 10% off the top for admin and evaluation, but that was amended to 7.5% during the COW meeting. Early learning's allocation after that is 55% and the College Promise bucket (which includes the school age investments within it) is allocated at 45%. There will be more discussion and likely more offered amendments before this is finalized. The motion in its current form does not include CYAB as the named advisory body for PSTAA, though CYAB has made that recommendation formally. Brian will testify on 8/28 to reiterate CYAB's position on this and include a roster for CYAB membership so the Council can see the breadth and depth of CYAB membership.
- Comments from the Board:
  - Suggestion that Brian be at the next meeting to testify and reconfirm our desire to be an advisor. Also inviting other members of the board to attend if possible.
  - Is there a way we can support Jessica in putting together the roster?
    - Kerry has the roster and will send over the profile to hopefully strengthen our influence on council.

**Board Business: Support Staff Update – Kerry Wade**

- Membership:
  - Lydia Assefa-Dawson (July 12) and Harlan Gallinger (July 19) have been appointed by the Executive and will be eligible to vote on board business 30 days after the dates listed above. New member orientation will be scheduled soon.
  - Bridget O'Connor has resigned from the board.
- CYAB will begin annual recruitment in the fall. Looking for people in rural areas, areas where we have gaps in representation, elders, and youth. We are not at full capacity.
- Some members' terms and set to expire January 31, 2019
  - If you choose to be reappointed, you will be renewed for a term of 3 years.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**