



MARCH 12, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Rita Alcantara, Angela Griffin, Annu Luthra, Ariana Sherlock, Carol Goertzel, Charmaine Jones, Cindy Elizalde, Debbie Peterson, Donald Felder, Dwane Chappelle, Eden Gebre, Gracie McDanold, Helena Stephens, Jack Edgerton, Jackie Jainga-Hyllseth, Jasmine Fry, Jerry Blackburn, Jessica Werner, Lidiya Gebre, Lisa Stirgus, Yedidia Alebachew

Members Not Present: Suzette Espinoza-Cruz, Yolanda Trout, Bethany Larsen^E, Ethiopia Alemneh, Erin Lee^L, Kimmy Nguyen, Meena Natarajan^E, Nicole Herron^E

Guests: Andie Parnell (Sound Cities Association), Merob Kebede

Staff Present: Kerry Wade, Eula Matsumoto, Megan McJennett, Vitoria Lin, Kelly Lovett, Anne McNair, Jamalia Jones, Jessica Tollenaar Cafferty, and Jorji Knickrehm

The CYAB meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM

- 1. Recap and Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes - (M/S/P/A):** Jessica W./Lisa S./Unanimous
- 2. CYAB Planning for meetings with KC Council Members –** CYAB members went into breakout rooms by council district to determine who would be the lead in reaching out to King County Council members for meetings about the Youth Bill of Rights and the Youth Action Plan (YAP). Members who were selected to lead were asked to email Kerry Wade.
- 3. Official CYAB Support of the King County Youth Bill of Rights –** The CYAB passed a motion to “adopt the Youth Bill of Rights as presented.” M/S/P/A: Jessica W./Carol G./Unanimous
- 4. Best Starts for Kids Funding –** The Best Starts for Kids (BSK) team presented on BSK funding and how it works. A PPT presentation was shared with the key points and information. There were brief breakout sessions and Q&A after every segment of the presentation.
 - **Introduction to Best Starts for Kids**
 - There are several programs that several programs that focus on 5-24 in Best Starts for Kids. To name a few: Stoppin’ the School to Prison Pipeline, Expanded Learning, Youth Development, Liberation and Healing from Systemic Racism, Healthy and Safety Environments, School-Based Health Centers.
 - A full list of indicators can be found here <https://kingcounty.gov/en/legacy/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/best-starts-for-kids/dashboards/data.aspx>
 - Awards database to show who got funded in what area and you can see the organizations that got funding from 5-24 range
 - There is the Positive Family Connections (PFC) that support parenting teenagers, support young parents
 - <https://kingcounty.gov/en/legacy/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/best-starts-for-kids/programs.aspx>
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<https://beststartsblog.com/2018/06/06/new-database-to-explore-best-starts-for-kids-awards/>

- You can also look at key findings from the 1st Levy Evaluation
[Microsoft Word - Best Start for Kids First Levy Evaluation Report Executive Summary.docx \(kingcounty.gov\)](#)
- Best Starts is geographically spread throughout the County. Since Covid, we learned that virtual programming does work and can reach youth and families. There are different programs for different communities and that is one of things Best Starts really value. We are shifting the way the County does this work fundamentally in terms of not just putting out funding. It's figuring out, selecting whom to fund. Doing internal work amongst County staff looking at to figure out how do we look at community partners. We look at it as a partnership rather than a funder and grantee. In contracting, we are pushing the envelope on how we contract as well as how we do fiscal and monitoring.
- How BSK Funding Works
 - We invite CYAB board members to be a part of review panel, it's a wonderful way to get involved.
- The Role of Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
 - If organizations can choose to participate, is there any alignment to support any organizations before crisis?
 - When an organization reaches a point where we've done a site visit and some things are not happening the way they should or they're not able to turn in the reporting that we've asked for, for example, we do offer them capacity building and they've taken advantage of it at that point.
 - We want organizations to be successful while they're a Best Starts for Kids partner. We know that there are so many things that non-profits are trying to juggle while they are running their programs and that their main focus is providing those services to their community. We are thrilled that we have found these consultants who are experts in these areas such as HR or non-profit fiscal management.
 - Do we measure the efficacy of TA? We do send surveys to organizations asking about TA.
 - Finding a way to ensure that there is an opportunity to provide honest feedback. There is a fear of retaliation, a fear that if we share our true feedback, that information could potentially prevent us from receiving these resources in the future.
 - Also discussed in break out session was could there be a mechanism in place to protect those that's providing the feedback but then also, how do we look at those providing the technical assistance to see if they are meeting the needs of the community.
- BSK Data and Evaluation
 - Quality improvement, if that's part of the Evaluation Team's role, I'd look at quality improvement not just in terms of direct services but also leadership, in relationship to critical aspects or reaching desired outcomes. How do we as a County improve our work, the way we provide opportunities for our community?
 - We want to provide capacity. There's a lot of ways to think of quality improvement, they think about those things when collecting data and working with providers. We try to think of it as learning and reflection in addition to improving.
 - From experience, we have yet to come across an organization that does not strive for excellence.
- Contract Requirements and Accountability
 - Skipped Q&A due to time. Questions to be put in the chat.

5. Subcommittee Monthly Reports

- **Community Engagement**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had a fun meeting, working through the communication tool, ad lifts. We input information about yourselves, and it generated a unique way for us talk about. Information such as what you bring to the board and what is important to you as a board member.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PSTAA Advisory Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This group meets bi-monthly. They didn't have a February meeting. Currently learning about financial aspects of PSTAA and had an orientation. They will be meeting in March.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Young Leaders Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This subcommittee met and introduced each other, then further chatted about what's next followed by a recap. Also talked about the YBOR.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth Justice Subcommittee – No report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Care and Closure Subcommittee – No report
6. General Board Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No board business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm