



## **NOVEMBER 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Attended in person:** Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Brian Saelens, Tanya Kim, Suzette Espinoza-Cruz, Nathan Buck, Harlan Gallinger, Helena Stephens, Debbie Peterson, Jessica Werner, Ed Marcuse, Thomas Bales, Karen Hart, Mackenzie Chase, Bobbe Bridge, Ben Danielson, Beth Larsen, Meeka Ghebrai, Hikma Sherka, Sophie Theriault, Nancy Woodland, Abigail Echo Hawk

**Attended by Phone:** Janet Levinger, Hye-Kyung Kang

**Members Not Present:** Trise Moore, Karen Howe, Rochelle Clayton-Strunk<sup>E</sup>, Nebiyu Yassin<sup>E</sup>, Lois Martin, Debbie Carlson<sup>E</sup>, Elaine Cook

**Guest(s):** Alexis Mercedes-Rinck (Sound Cities); Hamdi Abdulle (Somali Parent Education Board)

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

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**6:00 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER; ROOM 105, KING COUNTY DCHS YOUTHSOURCE/WORKSOURCE, TUKWILA**

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

**Public Comment:** Hamdi Abdulle (Somali Parent Education Board) would like to have time at future CYAB meetings to speak on her community's issues.

**Approval of October CYAB meeting minutes:** M: Karen Hart/S: Helena Stephens/All/Abstained: Thomas Bales, Janet Levinger, Suzette Espinoza-Cruz, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Ed Marcuse

- Amendment to minutes approval/motion:
  - Motion initiated to approve minutes by Sophie Theriault in October (previously was blank)

### **OVERSIGHT & ADVISORY: Next 18 Months Presentation Follow-Up or new information – Sheila Capestany**

Sheila Capestany (Children, Youth and Young Adults Divisional Director and Strategic Advisory for Children and Youth) provided the board with new updates and follow-up items since the October CYAB presentation on PSTAA, BSK renewal, Child Care Task Force, YAP.

- Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) follow up
  - The PSTAA account is directly connected to the 976 initiative that just passed (\$30 car tabs).
  - The biggest situation on the table right now is how the state legislature will now look at the state tax funding PSTAA. We will possibly lose funding but won't have solid answers until April 2020 when legislature revisits this.
  - The King County executive has decided that the county will sue; initiatives are only supposed to have a single issue and this specific one has many.
  - Sheila is waiting for approval from council for one full FTE position; a PSTAA Lead to assist with this work.
  - The PSTAA Oversight Group had an initial meeting with council staff. A full, official oversight group should convene at the beginning of the new year.

- CYAB is the oversight board for PSTAA; Sheila is working on getting clarification on the motion.
- BSK Renewal
  - Sheila is working on creating two plans for renewal: a plan for if the levy passes and a plan if it doesn't.

#### Questions/Comments:

- Member was worried about the levy; knows that a lot of people are tax weary and believe that the system is unfair.
  - There is a separation between state and county. 976 did not pass in King County so there is hope that the county would again support/pass the BSK levy.
  - We hope there is a way to rebalance the tax code with the county and state so that this levy does NOT fail this time around.
- We must acknowledge the rise of white nationalism in our county and state. It is going to impact how BSK is looked at with this movement that has emerged. We need to look at the stories we are going to tell; and really focus in on all the good this levy has done.
- Minority populations will have to do what is called “poverty porn” where these tragic stories of hardship must hit the front pages.
- We need to consider the political landscape: how are we investing in kids in poverty in all areas across the county. We want to have broad based work that is distributed fairly. Do not believe the northeast portion of the county received any funding.
  - It is 100% untrue that zero percent funding went into the NE county. Best Starts staff will get this data to CYAB. Our investments go into the most marginalized communities. BSK would love to see that everybody receives what their children need and do the best we can.
  - When you address the greater disparity, it is good for all. The city of Seattle approaches their human services funding this way.
  - While we engage in dialogue with this kind of topic, we want to consider all views, opinions, and questions to be able to answer them with confidence. Please think about the tough questions.
- Suzette stated that as a representative of her Latinx/native community, she is not surprised that these high need areas with high Latinx populations (SeaTac, Burien) are quiet. These people are often living with mixed documentation or fear of the current administration and ICE. It's important to acknowledge the needs of these people and these communities as well.

#### **OVERSIGHT & ADVISORY: Best Starts for Kids Financial Update – Tino Salud (Finance Manager)**

Tino Salud provided a summary of revenues through December of 2018 along with 3rd quarter summary of expenditures and then take questions from the CYAB members.

- **Update on Best Starts financials**
  - Budget still says draft on top because there is a lag time to get an actual budget because there are still numbers coming in and BSK funding also goes to different sections/divisions (EER, Public Health, DDECS).
  - There was underspending that occurred in 2017 and 2019. Those funds have been reallocated into this 2019 budget.
  - Those with 50% or less of their budget spent are a most likely a result of late RFPs (Ex. Home Based Services, Infant Mental Health)

- Tino estimates that we will reach 100% of almost all our budgets by the end of the year. Over the course of this levy we do estimate to use the full budget based on the implementation plan.
- The forecasted spending has been more than we initially thought
- 2019 BSK Plan: 60% (\$3,063, 023 actual, \$3,772,000 budget)
  - Prenatal to Five: 61% budget spent
  - Five to 24: 60% budget spent
  - Communities of Opportunity: 51% budget spent
  - Evaluation/Improvement/Accountability: 81% budget spent

**Questions/Comments:**

- Is this 1 year or 2 years' worth of spending?
  - This document only accounts for 1 year (2019)
- Is there a specific reasoning behind the colors?
  - Yes, green is Public Health, blue is DCHS, etc.
- What is the percentage/average of the money that is carried over per year?
  - 45 million
- Are the expenditures the money that went out or just cost of staff?
  - It factors in both. Tino will provide Sheila the details within the next month
- What is the county's fiscal year?
  - January to December; planning starts in March, council reviews from June-September then approval comes in November
- Where does the Sustain the Gain land?
  - It is all the Five to 24 strategies
  - Tino can add Sustain The Gain to the report
- Disaggregated data for communities of color?
  - The biggest constituent asking for this data is that council that wants data by district. Our BSK investments are nearly identical with the "need map" (area that are in need).
  - We are working towards getting data for our areas served/zip codes.
- Is the data for dollars investment in the community programs that serve specific populations available? This a great opportunity for us to take a deep look into this budget to make sure that
  - Yes, we can pull this data easily
- Will RFPs be delayed in the future?
  - Delayed is a judgement; it assumes there is a best practice for the right amount of time. We have learned from our process about what timelines do work and will work towards a standard.
- What is YFHPI?
  - Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention

**BOARD-INITIATED ACTION: Subcommittee and Workgroup Updates**

Subcommittees of the CYAB provided updates on their work over the past month and what is ahead for November.

- Young Leaders Subcommittee – Hikma Sherka
  - Hikma Sherka will host a coffee meet and greet for potential future young leaders of the CYAB to ask questions.

- December 7<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the Young Leaders led coffee date. Hikma and/or Kerry will send out location details.
- Youth Justice Subcommittee – Ben Danielson
  - Waiting to tour both youth detention centers and meet with Derrick Wheeler-Smith. The tours are open for any CYAB members to attend.
- Better Together Subcommittee – Debbie Peterson
  - The group is considering going on hiatus to join other subcommittees with hot topics and bigger CYAB priorities

**Questions/Comments:**

- Special Assignment opportunities email; did Kerry get many responses?
  - Only about 6 responses from members thus far
- Do we know when the 2020 retreat will be scheduled? Other important events?
  - February retreat will most likely be the same date as our currently scheduled meeting with an earlier start time.

**BOARD BUSINESS: December Meeting, Recruitment, BSK Summit, etc.**

- December 2019 Meeting Location and Plan (volunteers needed) – Co-chairs
  - The Young Leaders have volunteered to help with this meeting/celebration
- BSK Summit – Kerry Wade
  - Scheduled for March 6, 2020 at the Seattle Center Armory. This is a great opportunity for us to share our powerful stories.
- CYAB recruitment update – Kerry Wade
  - At least 40 people expressed interested in joining; 3 official applications have been submitted to date. The co-chairs will work with BSK staff on reviewing the applications within the next month.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

- *Subcommittees (Youth Justice and PSTAA) met in their respective groups.*