



## **APRIL 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Leslie Dozono, Debbie Peterson, Bobbe Bridge, Tanya Kim, Jessica Werner, Ed Marcuse, Brian Saelens, Helena Stephens, Meeka Gherbrai, Sophie Theriault, Karen Howe, Beth Larsen, Hikma Sherka, Nebiyu Yassim, Bridget O'Connor, Mackenzie Chase, Debbie Carlsen and Ben Danielson. **Attended by Phone:** Suzette Espinoza-Cruz, Lois Martin.

**Members Not Present:** Rochelle Clayton Strunk<sup>E</sup>, Abigail Echo-Hawk, Trise Moore<sup>E</sup>, Thomas Bales<sup>E</sup>, Nancy Woodland<sup>E</sup>, Janet Levinger<sup>E</sup>, and Nathan Buck<sup>E</sup>

**Guest(s):** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Jose, Kerry Wade and Vitoria Lin

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**6:00 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 9, ROOM 1E-108, 450 110TH AVE. NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004**

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

**Welcome & Introductions:** Kerry Wade and Brian Saelens

- Introduced Charlene Jose, Confidential Secretary, assistant to Sheila Capestany.

**Public Comment:** None was submitted

**Approval of March meeting minutes:** M/S/P; Bobbe Bridge/Karen Hart– Passed; unanimous

**Ice Breaker Exercise.** Members were divided into small groups and asked to define who they believe the CYAB be is currently. Responses included:

1. A board of parents, professionals, youth & adults who come together to advise on Best Starts for Kids implementation of the youth action plan with the goal of county equity of kids in all decisions.
2. A board that advises the county on issues related to children, youth, and young adults.
  - We are a diverse group of perspectives and skill sets dedicated to holding up the lens of equity to the county's efforts.
  - We are champions with a critical eye, fostering systemic redistribution of resources in equitable and transformative ways.
3. Diverse group of individuals nominated by exec/municipality and appointed by KCC.
  - Provide oversight & recs to exec RE implementation of BSK.
4. Group of mostly volunteers who advise leadership on all things Best Starts for Kids.
  - To ensure all our young people thrive by advocacy, equity and improve outcomes.
5. Group of individuals mostly volunteers to *promote* equity/empowering outcomes

6. Speaking up for community. Lifting up marginalized voices (children & youth in king county). Sharing and learning and reviewing (overseeing the BSK implementation). Helping families. All kids get what they need with a focus on equitable outcomes.
7. Diverse backgrounds, county leaders as they consider policies and outcomes
8. Group of individuals of mostly volunteers who focus on assisting the council in implementing the BSK initiative to advance equity and improve outcomes for disadvantaged children and youth.
9. Implement and provide oversight and recommendation to the executive. Guidance by evidence. Equity in systems and innovative solutions.
10. Passion for youth. Focus on equity; all get what they need. Aspire to have the collection be more powerful than the individual to engage in equity.
11. Informed, diverse advisors who are passionate about kids outcomes.
12. We are volunteers who are passionate about our children, youth, families and communities.

**ADVISORY AND OVERSIGHT: LANGUAGE COMMUNITY LIAISON PROJECT** – Kerry Wade (BSK Community Partnerships. Kerry Wade presented to the Board a new project Best Starts for Kids is piloting. The purpose of the Language Community Liaison Pilot Project is to explore and promote more effective ways for Best Starts to communicate with our language and cultural communities.

- Pilot received \$20,000 from the Best Starts for Kids 2018 Communications budget
- Other BSK Partners include Help Me Grow and Data and Evaluation (Kids Health Survey)
- Languages agreed upon for this pilot:
  - Amharic, Chinese (Mandarin), Khmer, Korean, Russian, South Asian (Hindi, Punjabi, etc.), Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese.
- Some of the values for this project include:
  - Relationship (over results)
  - Partnership (long-term)
  - Compensation (adequate)
  - Capacity Building (individual and community)
  - Innovation and Leverage Technology
  - Inclusiveness (work with other liaison programs, community partners, etc.)
  - Systems change (supporting other KC efforts)
- The Board expressed their support of their project and applauded Kerry for her efforts. They would like to see this expanded to the eastside.
- Looking at funding options to keep this program going
  - Recommendation to pursue philanthropic funding from service clubs, chamber of commerce, TPAs, etc. can be an option.
  - Recommendation to seek funding from Help Me Grow Washington that is organized from WithinReach.
- Tanya Kim recommended the City of Seattle’s Youth & Employment program as a potential staffing resource in the summer (up to 6 weeks) to help with this project.

**ADVISORY AND OVERSIGHT: JUVENILE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE** – Ben Danielson.

Ben Danielson presented recent activity in relation to the Subcommittee. **He encouraged all CYAB members to read the Roadmap to Zero Youth Detention report as it covers a large landscape of board-related topics important to the CYAB.**

- Ben Danielson and Abigail Echo-Hawk have been meeting with Public Health Director Patty Hayes to discuss Zero Youth Detention and Juvenile Justice--starting with the clinical side and also focusing on the strategic plan. Public Health requests that the CYAB Juvenile Justice Subcommittee and/or CYAB remain in an advisory role to ZYD and other topics related to Juvenile Justice.
  - Board members were concerned about this because there was no clear definition of what role CYAB has. Members would like the following concerns addressed:
    - Is Public Health looking to continue with advisors being just Ben and Abigail, the Juvenile Justice Committee, or CYAB as a whole?
    - What will the charge be? What priorities would they like us to focus on?
    - What does the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee add with this role? (Is the added value worth the effort?)
    - A clear definition of the role of the committee is necessary.
- **ACTION:** Board reached consensus to allow Ben and Abigail to continue meeting with Patty in the interim until the Board is properly notified and able to vote on whether or not they will remain in an advisor role. This is based on the terms that the board receives a definitive statement detailing the role of the Juvenile Justice Committee.
  - M/S/P; Helena Stephens/Bobbe Bridge – Passed
  - Board reached consensus to have the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee continue as an official subcommittee of the CYAB.
    - M/S/P; Karen H./Debbie P.– Passed, Abstention Ed Marcuse

**BOARD-INITIATED ACTION: PSTAA WORK GROUP UPDATE** – Leslie Dozono and Jessica Werner presented updates on the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account.

- Jessica informed the board that legislation has moved forward to approve another year of PSTAA funding. There were be \$350 million available over the next 15 years with focus on: Early Learning, K-12 (education resources) and Higher Education. The final report will be released soon.
- On the King County Council website, under Special Topics, there is a link to the PSTAA for community outreach process and meetings. They are continuing these community meetings through June and then the Council will make the decisions on where allocations will go. An RFP is to come in the spring of 2020.
- The PSTAA Work Group will decide what type of role the CYAB will have in relation to this account at their next meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Tukwila DCHS Office (King County YouthSource/WorkSource) 645 Andover Park West, Tukwila, WA 98188. Room 130 in wing 635.