



MAY 10, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attended by phone: Annu Luthra, Ariana Sherlock, Brianna Holden Granado, Carol Goertzel, Debbie Peterson, Erin “B.J.” Lee, Fernanda Martinez Novoa, Frida Hernandez-Perez, Gloria Hoxsie, Helena Stephens, Hikma Sherka, Jack Edgerton, Jackie Jainga Hyllseth, Jaimée Marsh, James Lovell, Jasmine Lee Fry, Jessica Werner, Karen Howe, Lidiya Gebre, Lydia Faitalia, Mohamed Abdi, Mutende Katambo, Nancy Woodland, Nebiyu Yassin, Nicole Herron, Rita Alcantara, Suzette Espinoza-Cruz, Yolonda Trout, Dwane Chapelle, Kimmy Nguyen, Meena Natarajan, Maria Fernanda Martinez-Navoa.

*Membership status pending final transmission of appointment by KC clerk.

Members Not Present: Abigail Echo Hawk, Alex Cho, Angela Griffin, Beth Larsen^E, Cindy Elizalde^E, Donald Felder, Kendrick Glover, Toyia Taylor^E and Thomas Bales^E

Guests: Hali Willis (SCA)

Staff Present: Kerry Wade, Zac Davis, Jorji Knickrehm and Charlene Jose

6:00 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022; ZOOM MEETING

Meeting called to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- Show & Tell presentations by new CYAB board members James, Meena, Lidiya, and Maria Fernanda.

Public Comment:

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Approval of March Meeting Minutes– Motion: Yolanda /Second: Carol/Unanimous/No Abstentions

OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY: Capacity Building & Technical Support – Jorji Knickrehm

- *PowerPoint Presentation included in meeting packet*
- BSK TA and CB Strategy funding is spread out between the Youth and Family Homelessness Initiative, Child Care Subsidies and Wage Demonstration Project, Investing Early (P-5), Sustain the Gain (5-24), Communities of Opportunity, and Evaluation.
- Technical Assistance (TA):
 - Website: [Technical assistance - King County](#)
 - Technical Assistance is free to anyone responding to a Best Starts RFP.
 - Current TA providers: [Technical assistance support now available: meet our consultants! – Best Starts for Kids Blog \(beststartsblog.com\)](#)
- Capacity Building (CB):
 - Website: [Capacity Building - King County](#)
 - CB is provided to any currently BSK funded organization
 - Current CB providers: [Meet our Best Starts Capacity Builders! – Best Starts for Kids Blog \(beststartsblog.com\)](#)
- Please send Jorji and comments, questions or suggestions via email: jknickrehm@kingcounty.gov or phone, 206-477-5702

Q&A (TA):

- What culturally relevant support is available to organizations?
 - It was very intentional to do a lot of work before selecting the contracted providers to ensure they were embedded in the community. We are listening to what the CBOs are saying to us
- How do people know TA is available? Especially those who start an application but not finish it.
- For those who didn't receive funding; are they responding to the follow-survey?
 - Questions will be addressed at another time due to time constraints.

Q&A (CB):

- How well informed are organizations about capacity building? At what point do organizations learn that they are eligible for CB supports?
 - Currently, CBOs are being informed at orientation.
- If orgs were informed of the option for capacity building when receiving TA?
 - Will tell the TA providers that it is good for them to mention to orgs about CB
- Curious if Advocacy/Organizing was considered as one of the Capacity Building areas?
 - Yes! We can't as a KC agency directly support advocacy and fundraising, but we can aid organizations that support advocacy
- How do Communities of Opportunity (COO) funds that support advocacy efforts relate to BSK CB funds (or not)?
 - Question will be addressed at another time due to time constraints.

OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY: Children & Family Justice Center Strategic Plan Advisory Committee - Hikma Sherka

- <https://publicinput.com/cfjcstrategicplan2025>
 - This document summarizes a lot of the work that has been done within this Advisory Committee
- Hikma will email out a CFJC Strategic Plan Two Pager which details the timeline, key phases and how to get involved and learn more.
- At the next CFJC meeting the group will be looking at what it look like to center community.
- CFJC would like to share their plan on community engagement at a future CYAB meeting.
- Hikma will continue to relay any comments or concerns from the CYAB to the CFJC. CYAB members are welcome to observe any of these meetings as well.

Youth Justice Subcommittee:

- At the March meeting the committee readdressed the overview document
 - Debbie & Zac met recently and an email will be sent to invite to review this document

Young Leaders Subcommittee:

- Lidiya G. is now the new co-chair with Mutende
- Youth Bill of Rights: need more input from youth to proceed with this project. Working on community engagement

PSTAA Advisory Subcommittee:

- Jessica W. and James L. will be the new co-chairs for this group
- Spent time with KC staff to benchmark how we want this funding (Early Learning Facilities, KC Promise, K-12 Community Supports) to working and how we communicate between the CYAB and the PSTAA team

Community Engagement Workgroup:

- Meetings take place the 1st Mondays at 5pm
- Working on charter, get to know each other, engage in great conversation

- Highlights:
 - Strong connection to the youth action plan with this group
 - Engaging the community that is served through BSK
 - Compelled to share the story of CYAB with our community
 - Hope to officially become a subcommittee by September. We need your (CYAB) help!

BOARD BUSINESS: CYAB Election Process Update – Kerry Wade

- Still looking for co-chair nominations. Please step up as we cannot continue with only 1 co-chair. You can do it!

BOARD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Kerry Wade

- New Member Orientation Dates: BSK Orientation date TBD
 - One orientation left; will team up with Megan McLennett to learn all you need to know about BSK!
- Youth Bill of Rights Commitment – 5 youth each
 - We are not at the numbers we need to be.
 - Will be doing a lot of outreach this summer.
 - We are going to contact several youth serving organizations to get a pledge of how many youth they can get to join this project. Kerry will send out the pledge form to the board once it is ready.
- Meeting again in person? Hybrid?
 - Governor has asked to meet in person again.
 - We are looking at different options on how to safely join in person again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.