



FEBRUARY 13, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Not Present: Carol Goertzel, Erin Lee, Nicole Herron^E, Suzette Espinoza Cruz

Guests: Andi Parnell-SCA, Merob Kebede

Staff Present: Eula Matsumoto, Kerry Wade, Jamalia Jones, Tia Yarbrough and Zac Davis

The CYAB meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Approval of December 2023 Minutes - (M/S/P/A): **Helena/Yolanda/Passed/Abstain**-Cindy, Rita

2. New CYAB member introductions: Gracie, Eden, Yedidia, Jerry, Ethiopia, Lisa, and Charmaine introduced themselves to the board and provided a brief statement about themselves.

3. King County Youth Action Plan Renewal – Tia Yarbrough (Youth Action Plan Strategic Advisor) and Jessica Werner (Consultant) provided background on the King County Youth Action Plan, the existing nine recommendation areas, and the newly identified emergent themes: Stabilizing Resources & Basic Needs, Maternal Wellness, Child Care, Behavioral Health, Strengthening CBOs, Increased Youth Voice, Increase Parent and Family Input, and Care and Closure. Following the presentation, the Board participated in small group and full group discussions.

- Support for social workers and staffing, pay for that area and how do we do that and move that along? If we were to write letters, what will be recommending around that area?
- There is a need for more behavioral health services and resources for youth, and the need to coordinate what the state is doing and what the county is doing.
- There is legislation right now that is in front of state leaders that speaks to crisis care centers and how they're going to serve minors.
- Lean more into peer-to-peer support. Where do we get sustainable funding? A lot of the money goes away, or there are things that need to be done to acquire funding.
- We need a thriving wage for folks that are in the front lines such as community behavioral health. Plus a better understanding of cultural considerations for youth being served.

4. Subcommittee Monthly Reports

- **Community Engagement** – The Community Engagement Subcommittee held a preview discussion on the Youth Action Plan with Tia Yarbrough and Jessica Werner where they discussed how the CYAB might support outreach efforts in the County.
- **PSTAA Advisory Subcommittee** – PAS announced they are seeking a second co-chair to help lead the subcommittee. They currently have new members joining, included new youth members.
- **Young Leaders Subcommittee** -
- **Youth Justice Subcommittee** – Preparing to welcome new members to the subcommittee in March. A meeting of the existing co-chairs is tentatively planned for March 5.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care and Closure Subcommittee -
5. General Board Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The co-chairs of the CYAB will invite CM Balducci to be their guest at the April 2024 board meeting, which will be held in district 6 should she accept the invitation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder to send Statements of Financial Interest to Kerry. They are past due. Subcommittee declarations for 2024 are also due. Please submit your form ASAP.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members who are to renew in January of 2025 are asked to complete their renewal forms now.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New round of CYAB recruitment will begin March 1. The board is need of representation from district 6.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New CYAB members have begun onboarding. They will be assigned board mentors from the roster of more seasoned members.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Herron's term will end as co-chair in June; Angela Griffin is planning to step down in June as well. The CYAB is seeking two new co-chairs, one to serve a 1-year term, and another to serve two years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April meeting of the CYAB will be an in-person meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm