



CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING TASK FORCE

APRIL 11TH, 2022

Present: Alicia Hanning, Anne Granberg, Beverly Porter, Carol Frazey, Escarleth DeLeon, Jamie Desmul, Jed Holmes, Jen Wright, Keith Montoya, Komal Shah, Mary Sewright, Mike Ford, Ray Deck, Samya Lutz, Sativa Robertson, Sterling Chick, Urvasi Graham, Vesla Tonnesson, Yarrow Greer

Not Present: Chris Cochran, Sunshine Nelson, Brian Nelson, Gregory Hansen, Melissa Isenhardt, Monica Koller, Rosalva Santos-Guzman, Sarah Cook

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Introductions, land acknowledgement, housekeeping and review of agreements.</p> <p><u>Land Acknowledgement:</u></p> <p>I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are here today on the ancestral homelands of Indigenous Peoples who have lived in the Salish Sea basin and the North Cascades watershed from time immemorial, in particular, the Lhaq'temish (LOCK-tuh-mish) people who we recognize today to be the Lummi Nation, the Nooksack Tribe, and Semiahmoo.</p> <p>May we be mindful of the inherent owners of this land, our children, who are our future. Our future stewards of the land and advocates for the generation to come. May that truth guide our work and efforts to improve the well-being of all families and children, native and non-native, living in this beautiful county.</p> <p>This land acknowledgment is not meant to be a substitute for authentic relationship-building and understanding. It is meant to introduce us to one way we can show respect and honor for the sacrifices of the first people of this land. Please join me in expressing the deepest respect for our indigenous neighbors, and gratitude for the enduring stewardship of our shared lands and waterways.</p> <p>https://www.lhaqtemish.org/ -Lhaq'temish Foundation</p> <p><u>Agreements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and self-care come first. • Be kind and gentle with yourself and others and assume everyone is coming from a positive place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everyone has the best intentions. ○ Listen with an open mind and heart. • Be mindful of this space. Step-in and step-out/Step-up and step-back. Offer your truth and insights and listen to others' truths and insights. • Treat each other with honor and grace. We are all working under difficult circumstances. • Embrace diversity. Remember that we all come from different backgrounds giving us different perspectives and only when we embrace that diversity can we develop creative solutions to address the child and family well-being needs in Whatcom County. • What is said here stays here. • Have fun. <p>Fist to Five Consensus Tool</p>



<p>Approve Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>No amendments to discuss. Minutes from March 28th, 2022 were approved as presented.</p>
<p>Upcoming events, community shares, shout outs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFA – Mt Baker HS Easter Egg hunt, Kendal Elementary 10-3 Spring Fair www.mtbaker.wednet.edu • Exec Strategic Initiative position https://www.whatcomcounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/65611/Strategic-Initiatives-Manager0422
<p>Report to Council: Update</p>	<p>Co-chairs will present the Phase II Report to the Public Works & Health Committee of the Council tomorrow, April 12. Meeting starts at 2:40. Members of the Task Force or the public may join the meeting using this link: https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3415/Participate-in-Virtual-Council-Meetings.</p>
<p>Proposed Ordinance for Ballot Initiative Funding support for Children and Families – Discussion to reach Fist to Five Consensus</p>	<p>Keith Montoya:</p> <p>Overview of task force’s role in the ordinance. “The Child and Family Well-Being Task Force (CFWBTF) shall serve as the community advisory body so long as it aligns with the Charter. If the CFWBTF is unable to serve in this capacity, County Council shall appoint a new community advisory board in line with the intentions for oversight of the fund.”</p> <p>“County Council, in partnership with the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force (CFWBTF), a community advisory group, shall oversee the administration of The Children’s Fund. The CFWBTF shall include but are not limited to community members with diverse lived experiences, service providers knowledgeable in the relevant content areas, and representatives of relevant systems. The CFWBTF will use progress monitoring and evaluation data to recommend improvements to the spending plan, prior to approval by the County Council. The CFWBTF will be responsible for commissioning an external evaluation of the fund, contributing feedback and recommendations for improvement, and submitting this as an annual report to the County Council, and made available to the public.</p> <p>What is the goal for the vote today?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Provide input on the annual spending plan and ensure plenty of community input. 2.) Commission an external evaluation every two years ensuring community input. 3.) Oversee the fund and how it is reaching objectives based on external evaluation. <p>The Task Force voted to approve the role of the Task Force as stated in the above three points.</p>

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Fist to Five</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Poll 1 question 20 of 20 (100%) participated</p> <p style="margin: 0;">1. Fist to Five Consensus Vote (Single Choice) *</p> <p style="margin: 0;">20/20 (100%) answered</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Fist</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(0/20) 0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(0/20) 0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Two</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(0/20) 0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Three</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(2/20) 10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(11/20) 55%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Five</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(7/20) 35%</td> </tr> </table>	Fist	(0/20) 0%	One	(0/20) 0%	Two	(0/20) 0%	Three	(2/20) 10%	Four	(11/20) 55%	Five	(7/20) 35%
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<p style="margin: 0;">Task Force Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectations in Phase III • Solution-oriented discussion on best structure to facilitate the task force work 	<p style="margin: 0;">Judy Ziels and Urvasi Graham:</p> <p style="margin: 0;">The Task Force is entering Phase III which means developing specific operational plans and budgets for the implementation of programs, services, and infrastructure for children and families and delivering a report to Council by October 1, 2022. Used a Jamboard to get an idea of what the task force should look like moving forward. No formal decision today.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Common Jamboard themes: working toward a more inclusive community, focusing for children and families, addressing racism and ableism, bringing in families, developing a routine of learning and advocating, more action.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Suggested to move to monthly meetings, form subgroups as needed for emergent issues, members can be involved in multiple subgroups.</p>												
<p style="margin: 0;">Meeting Feedback - Members</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">This link is a way to capture feedback on the meeting, and provide input on agenda items. This will be available through Wednesday.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf59ubhjlyXFZQJa0pXGcQQ5HhwJ1jamGFzjQLXS6-zZC1hKQ/viewform</p>												
<p style="margin: 0;">Public Comment</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">No Public Comment</p>												
<p style="margin: 0;">Closing</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Adjourned at 5:28pm</p>												
<p style="margin: 0;">Next Meeting</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Next regular meeting: April 25th, 2022 <u>Location: Virtual</u></p>												