



CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING TASK FORCE

MAY 10TH, 2021

Present: Alicia Hanning, Anne Granberg, Astrid Newell, Brian Nelson, Carol Frazey, Chris Cochran, Debbie Ahl, Escarleth DeLeon, Gregory Hansen, Jamie Desmul, Jen Wright, Keith Montoya, Komal Shah, Mara Kelley, Melissa Isenhardt, Monica Koller, Rosalva Santos-Guzman, Silvia Johnson, Sterling Chick, Urvasi Graham, Vesla Tonnesson, Yarrow Greer

Not Present: Beverly Porter, Brian Heinrich, Mary Sewright, Mike Ford, Ray Deck, Sarah Cook, Sativa Robertson, Satpal Sidhu

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Introductions, land acknowledgement, housekeeping and review of agreements led by Lewin Consulting.</p> <p><u>Land Acknowledgement:</u> I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are here today on the ancestral homelands of Indigenous Peoples whose land was wrongfully stolen from them. I would like to thank them for their relationship with the land and their passionate care of mother earth. I promised to tread lightly on the land with the same care and stewardship they did.</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.</p> <p>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><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>Approve Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>No amendments to discuss, minutes from April 26th, 2021 were approved as presented.</p>
<p>Report to County Council June 1</p>	<p>The ordinance was written to include reports back to the Whatcom County Council, allowing the public to be updated on progress and outcomes. The first report is due for phase one on June 1, the second phase report is due March of 2022, and the third phase report is due October of 2022.</p>



	<p>For this first update Whatcom County Health Department will be providing an outline and status update, elevating the importance of the time to build the relationships and ground the work in equity and family engagement. We will provide an opportunity to provide feedback on the outline. Future reports are seen as being formed by the task force.</p> <p>The outline will be emailed out soon.</p>
Reviewing and trying out Fist to Five	<p>During the last meeting we discussed ways to come to a decision as a group. The concept of “Fist to Five” was widely embraced to try.</p> <p>As a reminder, the decision made on how to gauge the overall support of something is flexible, we can adjust it over time.</p> <p>The majority of the group is supportive of using “Fist to Five”. The group practiced through using polls to indicate the comfort level with the decision. A few recommendations were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If any two or less indicated there will be up to three rounds of “Fist to Five”, each time providing a discussion further in-between. The final round is a “yes or no”. This was suggested as providing enough time to discuss further and still proceed with a majority decision. 2. If a certain percent of responses to the poll on “Fist to Five” is two or less, leave it open to discussion, but only if threshold of percentage is met. 3. Regardless of ones or twos, if a fist is indicated on the “Fist to Five” poll there will be further discussion, not to proceed until no fists. <p>This discussion will continue at the next meeting, with a decision being made by poll of “yes or no”.</p>
Public Comment	<p>Mardi Solomon shared her excitement about this task force. She indicated she was a participant in creation of the Child and Family Action Plan.</p> <p>Mardi is currently working with WCHD as part of a COVID Impact Assessment. The focus of this assessment aligns with the action plan, she felt it was a great network to request qualitative data to bring stories to the quantitative data. If you have any stories in the networks you work or live in please share.</p> <p>Mardi Solomon at mardi@crossroads.pro</p>
Closing	Work group break out time.
Next Meeting	<p>Next regular meeting: May 24th, 2021</p> <p><u>Location: Virtual</u></p>