

Kitsap County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Date: April 4, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m.

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In-person: Port Blakley Conference Room, KC Administration Building
614 Division St., Port Orchard, 98366

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**KITSAP COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

5:00pm, Tuesday, March 7,
2023

**Communitas, 2nd Floor Training room
920 Park Avenue, Bremerton**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Donna Gears called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS** - Members and guests introduced themselves; attendance was taken.
- 3. APPROVAL OF February 7, 2023, MINUTES***

MOTION: Kathy Lougheed moved to approve February 7, 2023, minutes with Heidi Scheibner seconded. Motion carried.

4. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

MOTION: Kathy Lougheed to approve to the agenda with no amendments, Rae Williams seconded. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Working Age Adult Policy Implementation

- i. Kelly met with two federal employees last month who attended the A.B.L.E. event in October; they discussed how they might participate as an employer in these efforts and suggested County staff meet with their department directors to discuss supported employment and federal job opportunities; Kelly is waiting to hear back after they meet with their leadership.
- ii. Kelly provided updates regarding the Employment First Coalition (EFC) committee and Partners for Work (PFW):
 - PFW Update:
 - Moving ahead with planning the mock interview event at the Bainbridge Island Rotary Club on April 17th; their Vocational services committee was on-board with adding a job tour component to the event in an industry of interest of each job seeker. Hoping to do something similar with the Silverdale club as they are interested in hosting a mock interview later this year.
 - The EFC subcommittee met last month to review business contacts; agreed to reach out to all organizations/businesses who expressed

interest in learning more regarding supported employment.

- iii. Kelly shared not bringing the current list of employers so will provide this information at the April meeting.

b. Transition Student Update

- i. An update from February for the 2022 School to Work class, one of the 5 of the 10 students employed lost their job before reaching job stabilization; while the agency is still working with the individual, the county won't receive payment from DVR.
- ii. 2023 School to Work class, still one student employed with feedback from providers that more jobs are coming.
- iii. 2024 Job Foundation (JF) class ended up with 19 students participating this year as two students declined after completing a JF application; activities are underway as all are working with a provider.
- iv. Upcoming IEP Workshop/Clinic facilitated by PAVE happening on April 19th at the OESD from 11am to 1 pm. High School Transition will be the topic covered.
- v. Information was shared regarding OSPI's efforts to support schools statewide to increase inclusion for students with disabilities.
 - As Washington was one of the ten least inclusive state's in the nation in education for student's with disabilities, the Legislature funded OSPI to plan for and focus efforts on increasing the number of students with disabilities in general education; OSPI received 25 million in the 2019-2021 biennium and 12 million in the 2021-2023 biennium.
 - The funds have largely been used to fund professional development for teachers, school staff and school leadership.
 - A part of these efforts has focused training on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles. County staff along with Kitsap school staff have been able to participate in a free, three-part webinar with Dr. Shelley Moore and Katie Novak.
 - The webinars have focused on vision and concepts of UDL; lots of examples how UDL principles can be implemented within the school and classroom; and how this can lead to re-imagining the IEP and re-evaluating the IEP goals.

c. 2023 Virtual Kitsap County Resource Fair Update

- i. The Fair flyer with the details was shared. The fair

is scheduled to go live on April 3rd and will be open through June 30th.

6. COMMUNITY INPUT

- a. Melia Hughes, Kitsap County Parent Coalition (KCPC) Coordinator shared upcoming events:
 - i. Next KCPC meeting scheduled for March 28th on High School Transition from 1-2:30 pm at the OESD;
 - ii. Neuro-diversity Night on April 5th at Ashley Pub's in Bremerton, from 7-8 pm, Monica Meyer will present;
 - iii. Autism 101 will be offered virtually on April 11th from 6-8 pm and will be recorded;
 - iv. The April KCPC meeting is planned for the 26th from 6-8 pm on how to advocate for your child to get the right diagnosis;
 - v. Flyers and registration details for upcoming events on the KCPC website: <https://kitsapcountyparentcoalition.org>; for more information contact Melia at 360-373-2502, ext. 100.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Legislative and Budget Update

- i. Kelly reviewed the Bills of Interest and Budget Proviso handout, highlights included:
 - Increasing the multiplier to 15% for Special Education Services and increases to the multiplier for pre-K through 21; an Affordable Housing Bill where a portion of excise tax would go to a new DD trust account to fund housing grants and loan forgiveness; rate increase for IE and CI services; fund plan for RHC closure by June 30th 2024.
 - As continued concerns with lack of clarity around IE and CI rates, staff capacity and planning for expanding services, i.e. concurrent services are impacted statewide. Information was shared pertaining to a recent provider survey. Feedback regarding the impact to current services statewide included:
 - 69% of agencies unable to take on new referrals.
 - 68% of agencies unable to staff job coaching shift; unable to support CI activities;
 - 11% report discontinuing a previously offered service;
 - 35 agencies reported that have staff vacancies for 21% or more of their positions.
- ii. DDA shared data regarding the rollout of concurrent

services is extremely slow and lower than expected; the projected numbers were 1500 new CI clients by June, and they are currently averaging between 10 and 20 new CI clients per week; another reflection of the staffing capacity issues statewide.

- iii. Kelly shared still awaiting confirmation that all unspent funds for the Dan Thompson grant are part of the extension of requested funds into the next biennium.

b. Advocacy Reports

- i. Cathy Borelli introduced herself as the newly elected People First president of the Bremerton Chapter, taking over for Justin Maxwell. They continue to hold their monthly meetings virtually as they haven't found a place to hold them in person; suggestions of potential meeting places were discussed. Cathy shared they are currently meeting the first Thursday of the month between 4:30-5:30 pm.

c. 2023 Community Summit

- i. A handout with an overview of the Community Summit was shared; three Board members expressed interest in attending; there will be scholarships available for parents, self-advocates, school staff and providers to attend also.
- ii. Registration is expected to open mid to late March; county staff will send out the registration details when available.

d. Transportation Committee

- i. Board member Heidi S. volunteered to begin attending the Kitsap Transit (KT) meetings and provide updates to the Board. Heidi shared KT planning to restore Sunday service across the county, beginning in Bremerton (August 2023), Silverdale/Port Orchard (December 2023) and Bainbridge Island (2024); the hiring of drivers will impact the timelines when services will be restored. Travel training has also been resumed.
- ii. Additionally, a transportation committee was formed following the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment Town Hall in December as it was identified as an area of concern. The committee was formed to brainstorm ideas and solutions that include other transportation options in addition to collaborating with KT. The first meeting was held March 1st and Heidi, Rae and Kelly attended; KT staff provided information about current and upcoming planned services; feedback was discussed. Next meeting is scheduled on April 19th, it will be held virtually from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Open to anyone who is interested.

e. Affordable Housing

- i. Vadis in addition to providing IE and CI services has an affordable housing program. The program consists of the agency purchasing homes through grant funds and upgrading the homes as needed. They are looking to expand this program into Kitsap. A meeting

was held last week with interested parties. The main partner is our county's residential providers as the people moving in need to be identified before a home is purchased.

- ii. Kelly provided a reminder that in February 2022, the BOCC passed a tax to develop a fund for affordable housing; planning is still in process but see this could be a future funding source for Vadis's housing program in Kitsap.

f. DDA/DVR Updates

- i. Kim McCarty provided an update:
 - She shared newer staff are finishing up training requirements and in response to a question, Kim covered the details of new staff training requirements;
 - Kim noted with all the staff changes it has been understandably challenging for some families;
 - She shared they are looking to add another DDA CRM focused on transition aged clients, (16-25);
 - DDA still has I-Phones available and the first two years of service is free.
- ii. A handout from the Washington State's Dementia Action Collaborative was shared. It detailed the upcoming listening sessions as they are wanting community input to incorporate into their new plan.
- iii. A handout regarding free training on Trauma Informed Support of individuals with I/DD was shared.

g. Provider Updates

- ii. Easter Seals-Their Workforce Development program hired 2 new employees, so they are now fully staffed.
- iii. Trillium-Open to taking new clients; shared two new jobs for two of the 2023 S2W students they are supporting.

i. Officer report

- i. Reminded Board members voting at the April Board meeting will take place for new officers, so reach to Sandy and Kelly with nominations.
- ii. Resumed conversation regarding moving the meeting day from Tuesday to Wednesday and agreed to vote on the proposed change at the April meeting.
- iii. Discussed holding in-person only meetings in March and September with the rest of the meetings offered hybrid. For the hybrid meetings, due to the availability of technology, the in-person option will be held in Port Orchard at the county

offices. For the in-person only meetings, they will be continued to be held at Communitas.

j. Staff Report

- i. Kitsap County's Aging and Long-Term Care Division is updating their plan; a handout with the details was shared; feedback due by March 31st.
- ii. With Covid cases, hospitalizations and deaths continuing on a downward trend nationwide, beginning April 3rd, Department of Health will end the Secretary of Health's mask mandate for healthcare, long term care, and adult correctional facilities; if people want to continue to wear a mask that is okay.

iv. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	GUESTS/ORGANIZATIONS	STAFF
<u>Present</u> Donna Gearns Frances Aquiningoc Kathy Loughheed Rae Williams Heidi Scheibner Jennifer Crider Shannon Turner <u>Absent</u> Veola Taylor Sandra Lacelle Jennifer Acuna	Kim McCarty, DDA Kimberly Adams, Parent Advocate Cathy Borelli, People First Lindsey Woodruff, Trillium Employment Services Marina Jacobsen, Trillium Employment Services Melia Hughes, Easter Seals Alejandra Gutierrez, Easter Seals Bryan Gross, Salish BH-ASO	Kelly Oneal