

The Mission of the developmental disabilities advisory board is to promote choice, opportunity, and support for people with disabilities in an enhanced community where all people are included, respected, and dignified.

Kitsap County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Date: February 3, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 841 0742 2234

Passcode: 092242

**In-Person: Port Blakely Conference Room, KC Administration Building,
619 Division St., Port Orchard**

A G E N D A

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF December 2nd, 2025, MINUTES***
- 4. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA***
- 5. Advocacy Reports**
- 6. County Plan, Cesilee Coulson, Executive Director, WISE**
- 7. Transition Student Update**
- 8. Legislative Update**
- 9. BOCC Workplan**
- 10. DDA/DVR Provider Updates**
- 11. Provider Updates**
- 12. COMMUNITY INPUT**
 - a) Please limit individual comments to 2 minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to the advisory board if this timeframe is insufficient.**
- 13. Officer Report**
- 14. Staff Report**
- 15. ADJOURN**

* = Indicates action item

KITSAP COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5:00pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 2, 2025

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - Sandra LaCelle called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS** - Members and guests introduced themselves; attendance was taken.
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE November 4, 2025, MINUTES***

MOTION: Lauren Melone moved to approve the November 4, 2025; minutes as presented. Shannon Turner seconded. Motion carried.

- 4. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

MOTION: Lauren Melone moved to approve the agenda as presented. Shannon Turner seconded. Motion carried.

5. Advocacy Reports

- i. People First (PF) Vice President of the Kitsap Chapter Jennifer Maxwell provided updates regarding the PF Chapter and upcoming events. Highlights included:
 - November PF meeting – Advocacy Days was discussed and is scheduled on January 28, 2026, from 10:00am to 5:00pm at the Capitol Campus in Olympia.
 - December PF meeting – Christmas party at Round Table Pizza in Silverdale.

6. County Plan, Cesliee Coulson, Executive Director, WISE

- i. Cesliee Coulson shared updates regarding the 2026-2030 Kitsap County Developmental Disabilities Comprehensive Plan. Highlights included:
 - The comprehensive plan replaces the annual Service Information Form that Developmental Disabilities is required to send DDCS each year.
 - Purpose and Scope of the Plan – The plan outlines priorities and goals to improve services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) residing in Kitsap County. It is designed to serve as a guide for the county and board to build capacity, make changes and deliver measurable improvements in quality of life and independence.

- Overview of Planning Process – The planning process will emphasize transparency and inclusivity, engaging a broad range of community member and partners. Outreach will include individuals with IDD, families, educators, service providers, businesses, government departments and advocacy groups to inform and provide valuable expertise.
- Cesliee would like to plan a work session meeting with the developmental disabilities advisory board around April 2026 to collaborate and discuss the comprehensive plan further.

7. Transition Student Update

- i. Heidi shared updates regarding School-to-Work (STW) participation. Highlights included:
 - 2025 STW – 34 were identified, 7 participated, and 4 gained employment. The 2025 STW students are no longer being tracked and have either exited school or transitioned to adult extended services funded through DVR.
 - 2026 STW – 34 were identified, 17 are participating, and 4 have gained employment.
 - 2027 STW – 51 students were identified, and 25 students are participating so far.
 - 2028 STW – Recruitment begins in January 2026. Heidi anticipates STW participation will continue to increase year over year.

8. Legislative Update

- i. Employment For All Advocacy Day presented by Community Employment Alliance (CEA) is scheduled on January 28, 2026, from 10:00am – 5:00pm in Olympia. During the morning session participants will learn about bills and budget issues related to supported employment and community inclusion. An afternoon rally followed by legislator meetings finish out the day.
- ii. Heidi provided an overview of The Arc of Washington State 2026 Legislative Notebook for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). Highlights included:
 - The Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) launched their 5 Year State Plan Survey and had more than 1,100 responses from community members across Washington State. Access to services and supports along with housing and improving existing services were the biggest takeaways from the survey results.
 - The Path Forward – The feedback from this survey will directly shape the Council's work for the next five years. It will guide how the DDC sets goals, chooses projects, and how it invests funding to make the biggest impact.
 - Protect Critical Services – The goal would be to maintain eligibility

- for developmental disabilities services, preserve personal care hours, keep waiver services intact, and sustain provider rates.
- DDCS Snapshot – Between 1-3% of the population has an intellectual or developmental disability. 36,881 children and 30,713 adults utilize DDCS services. Of those adults, 17,382 (56.5%) live with and receive care from a parent or a relative.

9. DDA/DVR Provider Updates

- i. Kim shared that DDCS is starting to feel the effect of the cuts as they had to let go of one Waiver Specialist and one Employment Specialist due to funding. There are currently eleven on the services request list.
- ii. Heidi shared that DVR will be moving to order of selection beginning on December 8, 2025.

10. Provider Updates

- i. Marina with Trillium shared that they have helped 32 clients gain employment this year, which brings them to within one of their 2025 goal of 33. Marina also shared a success story about a STW student that gained employment at a Virtual Reality company.
- ii. Kimberly Adams with South Sound Parent to Parent (SSP2P) shared updates about SSP2P events. Highlights included:
 - The virtual IEP workshop with Larry Davis took place on November 12, 2025, with 20 participants who learned the basics of IEPs along with gaining perspective from every side of the IEP table.
 - The Children with Type 1 Diabetes Expo takes place at the Silverdale YMCA on December 3, 2025, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to find community and support, learn about the newest technology, and listen to a youth-led panel about living with T1D.
 - Sensory Time Movies at SeeFilm Cinema in Bremerton has been a success. There were 38 attendees who watched Wicked For Good on November 22, and 87 attendees who watched Zootopia 2 on November 29. The next sensory time movie will be The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants on December 20, 2025. Each movie ticket cost six dollars, which includes one free ticket for a caretaker.
 - Cookie decorating with the Mom to Mom group is scheduled on December 9, 2025, in Bremerton.
 - Sensory friendly Santa presented by Seefilm Cinema is scheduled on December 22, 2025, in Bremerton.
 - For more information about these upcoming events, visit [SSP2P](#).

11. COMMUNITY INPUT

- i. None.

12. Officer Report

- i. Sandra shared that there will not be a meeting in January due to the upcoming holiday. Meetings will resume in February.
- ii. The annual Night to Shine event is scheduled for February 13, 2026, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. For event and registration information visit [Night to Shine](#).

13. Staff Report

- i. None.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in-person at 619 Division St., Port Orchard, WA and via Zoom.

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ATTENDANCE		
MEMBERS	GUESTS / ORGANIZATIONS	STAFF
<u>Present</u>		
Sandra LaCelle	Kim McCarty, DDA	Heidi Scheibner
Donna Gearn	Marina Jacobson, Trillium	Justin Wing
Jennifer Crider	Kimberly Adams, SSP2P	Sonya Miles
Rae Williams	Jennifer Maxwell, People First Kitsap Chapter	
Lauren Melone	Cesilee Coulson, WISE	
Shannon Turner	Chelsea Davis, Community Advocate	
<u>Absent</u>	Michelene (Mikey) Manion, Community Advocate	
Jennifer Acuna		
Veola Taylor		
Cindy Bonilla		
Kathy Lougheed		