



**CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING TASK FORCE**

JULY 11, 2022

**Present:** Alicia Hanning, Sunshine Nelson, Beverly Porter, Carol Frazey, Escarleth DeLeon, Gregory Hansen, Jamie Desmul, Jen Wright, Keith Montoya, Mary Sewright, Mike Ford, Sativa Robertson, Vesla Tonnesson, Yarrow Greer

**Not Present:** Anne Granberg, Brian Nelson, Jed Holmes, Melissa Isenhardt, Monica Koller, Ray Deck, Rosalva Santos-Guzman, Samya Lutz, Sarah Cook, Sterling Chick

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
<p><b>Welcome</b></p>	<p>Introductions, land acknowledgment, 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><a href="https://www.lhaqtemish.org/">https://www.lhaqtemish.org/</a> -Lhaq'temish Foundation</p> <p><u>Agreements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family and self-care come first.</li> <li>• Be kind and gentle with yourself and others and assume everyone is coming from a positive place.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Everyone has the best intentions.</li> <li>○ Listen with an open mind and heart.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Treat each other with honor and grace. We are all working under difficult circumstances.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• What is said here stays here.</li> <li>• Have fun.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Fist to Five Consensus Tool – Amended 4.25.22</a></p>

<p><b>Approve Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p>No amendments to discuss. Minutes from June 13, 2022, were approved as presented.</p>
<p><b>Upcoming events, community shares, shout outs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birchwood International Market 7/15 at 6pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proposal to approve member roles and responsibilities</b></p>	<p>Jennifer Wright presents on proposal for member roles. Discussions and approved edits were made on the document items below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4. Conflict of Interest: Members request more clarity on the conflict of interest language so that they know when to recuse themselves. Many permanent members are recipients of funds so the language needs to be as clear as possible to encourage participation without having it be a conflict of interest. The language will be revised and brought back to the Task Force for approval.</li> <li>• 5. Public participation: Agreed to strike language on public participation with the caveat of prioritizing diverse community representation on the Task Force to a Values document.</li> <li>• 6a. Regular attendance: Approved including the phrase “including reading provided materials and task force emails.”</li> <li>• 6d. Subcommittee participation: After discussion on whether all task force members should be required to be in a work group, the group approved keeping work group participation voluntary and continuing to find ways for all members to be involved. Members voiced concerns about the time commitment, not requiring work groups will increase representation in the task force.</li> <li>• 8a. Communication: Approved striking the phrase “other than chairs.” A suggestion was made and accepted to use the phrase “Members may not formally speak on behalf of the Task Force” instead of “Members may not represent the Task Force” in order to differentiate representing the will of the Task Force versus sharing information about the Task Force.</li> <li>• The revised document will be brought to the August 8 meeting for final approval.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proposal to approve a request to Whatcom County Council to submit an interim Phase III report</b></p>	<p>Levy is on the ballot for fall. As the outcome of the levy request will impact the work of the Task Force, a proposal was made to ask Council to extend the deadline for the Phase III report until March 30, 2023. The group voted Fist to Five by show of hands and indication in chat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>This vote met consensus for approval.</b></li> <li>• 5s Jamie Desmul, Greg Hansen, Carol Frazey, Beverly Porter, Yarrow Greer, Mary Sewright, Sativa Robertson, Vesla Tonnessen, Jennifer Wright, Escarleth De Leon</li> <li>• 4s Sunshine Nelson, Keith Montoya</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proposal to approve Phase III work groups</b></p>	<p>Phase III work: Tasked with developing specific operational plans and budgets leading to the implementation of appropriate programs, services, and infrastructure.</p> <p>Will each work group have Health Department staff support? It is possible if work groups don’t meet at the same time. Allison and Judy are the staff available to support work groups.</p>

<b>Meeting Feedback - Members</b>	This link is a way to capture feedback on the meeting and provide input on agenda items. This will be available through Wednesday. <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf59ubhjlyXFZQJa0pXGgQQ5HhwJ1jamGFzjQLXS6-zZC1hKQ/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf59ubhjlyXFZQJa0pXGgQQ5HhwJ1jamGFzjQLXS6-zZC1hKQ/viewform</a>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No Public Comment
<b>Closing</b>	Adjourned at 5:32 PM
<b><i>Next Meeting</i></b>	<b>Next regular meeting: July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b> <b><u>Location: Hybrid</u></b>