



CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING TASK FORCE

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Present: Alicia Hanning, Anne Granberg, Sunshine Nelson, Chelsea Johnson, Beverly Porter, Carol Frazey, Sarah Kidd, Jamie Desmul, Jed Holmes, Jennifer Wright, Keith Montoya, Allison Bishop, Mary Sewright, Mike Ford, Monica Koller, Ray Deck, Samya Lutz, Sativa Robertson, Sterling Chick, Vesla Tonnesson

Not Present: Escarleth DeLeon, Gregory Hansen, Netta Darling, Melissa Isenhardt, Rosalva Santos-Guzman, Yarrow Greer

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Introductions, land acknowledgment, housekeeping, and review of agreements.</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 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. 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. 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. 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 – Amended 4.25.22</p>

<p>Approve Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>No amendments to discuss. Minutes from October 10, 2022, were approved as presented.</p>
<p>Group Check-In – Share, Agenda overview, meeting input/evaluation</p>	<p>Jennifer announced Chelsea Johnson has joined the task force as the designated representative of the Health Department in her role as Early Learning Program Specialist.</p> <p>Jennifer stated there are 7 vacancies for appointed positions starting February 1, 2023. Applications are due January 3, 2023. The Council will review and appoint people on January 10, 2023. Members whose terms end January 31, 2023 can reapply and those terms will be for 4 years.</p> <p>Keith discussed the previous week’s County Council meeting in which substitute versions of the Ordinance for the Healthy Children’s Fund were submitted, one of which proposed to amend the property tax levy rate from \$.19 per \$1000 to \$.16 per \$1000. County Council voted to approve Substitute Ordinance B which maintained the rate at \$.19 per \$1000.</p> <p>Executive Sidhu discussed the Healthy Children’s Fund by providing a short overview of the task force, their role in helping create the Healthy Children’s Fund. He’s hoping that the Implementation Plan provides a clear vision over the next 10 years of what will change and improve for children and families in Whatcom County.</p> <p>Emily O’Connor thanked everyone for all of the work on the Healthy Children’s Fund. Emily shared a few of the data points the Healthy Children’s Fund strategies will address: kindergarten readiness, access to early learning opportunities, and family homelessness.</p>
<p>Healthy Children’s Fund Implementation Plan</p>	<p>Kate Dabe introduced herself as the Project Manager for the Healthy Children’s Fund Implementation Plan. Kate discussed the following topics while presenting a slide show (included below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • The role of the Task Force • The role of the Health Department – fund administrator and planning convener • Key content of Implementation Plan • The fund is annual for 10 years starting in 2023 • Advisory groups • Overview of timeline <p>Allison discussed the Implementation Plan’s metrics and evaluation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goals and approaches. • Evaluation framework – results-based accountability • Evaluation elements – population outcome & headliner indicators, performance measurement, evaluations <p>Amy Rydell introduced herself as a Health Planning Specialist. Amy presented the spending plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions, strategies, and year 1 & 2 portfolios • Community research, assessments, and plans and reports where they were pulling data from • Criteria – values, expectations of success, readiness, and impact • The 23 strategies <p>Kate discussed the contracting process for the Implementation Plan and the next steps.</p>



	<p>Keith and Jennifer discussed options for how task force members may provide feedback for the Implementation Plan: creating an ad hoc group to discuss more in-depth or by emailing one of the co-chairs if they would like to be more involved.</p> <p>Allison asked if there are any questions regarding the Implementation Plan thus far.</p> <p>Samya thanked everyone for all of their hard work and hoped the group can discuss in the future how to balance the need for accountability and being true to data points.</p> <p>Jennifer shared a comment she received from Sunshine – I wonder if issues surrounding addiction were contemplated as a strategy as this is an issue around maltreatment, neglect, removal of children, children being born with addictions, and living with caregivers.</p> <p>Jennifer asked Allison if the Implementation Plan team had any additional questions. Allison stated if there are any other pieces that are in the plan but members would like to see more elevated. Allison stated questions can also be emailed if something comes up after the meeting. Amy provided a shout-out to the task force members on the Implementation Planning team.</p> <p>Kate requested input on a reflection question and used a Menti link for members to share their thoughts. The question is “In 2032, what concrete change do you want to see after the first ten years of the Healthy Children’s Fund?” Reflections are included below.</p> <p>Vesla asked for reflection from Tuesday’s Council meeting or the process in general. No one had input.</p>
Public Comment	No public comment.
Closing	Adjourned at 4:59PM
Next Meeting	Next regular meeting: January 9, 2023 <u>Location: Hybrid</u>

