

Kitsap County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Date: March 1, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Call-in Option: 1-253-215-8782

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

**Zoom Virtual Meeting
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER-** Sandy 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 December 7, 2021 MINUTES***

MOTION: Donna Gearns moved to approve December 7, 2021 minutes as submitted. Frances Aquiningoc seconded. Motion carried.

4. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

MOTION: Frances Aquiningoc moved to approve the Agenda with 7.C moved to the beginning. Jennifer Acuna seconded. Motion carried.

7.C Affordable Housing Presentation

- a) Doug Washburn, Director for Kitsap County Human Services Department discussed the newly passed Housing Ordinance for affordable housing related services. This will be a tax, costing citizens approximately \$17.00 a year with availability for low and moderate families to receive a rebate. The funds will allow leveraging for housing acquisition and construction.
- b) A feasibility study was conducted identifying the issues that need to be addressed.
 - There is need to have triple the housing units available by 2036, approximately 25,150
 - Nearly 40% of Kitsap residents pay over 30% of their income for housing.
 - Lack of affordable housing leaves vulnerable populations at risk.
 - Recent study shows; 1,747 residents applied for housing assistance through Kitsap Housing Solutions Center, 414 homeless children were counted by the school district, 533 people were counted without homes. 83% of households were below the poverty level.
 - What has created the increase in homelessness; cost of housing has risen, and wages are stagnant. There is not enough available affordable housing for the low-income area and once households or individuals are displaced, the barriers to finding another home are increased. The cost of housing is

driving the homeless population up.

- Reasons for homelessness reported in the recent study from 116 unsheltered households;
 - #1 reason: Eviction/Loss of Housing 54%
 - #2 reason: Health/Mental Health issues 53%
 - #3 reason: Job Loss/ Unable to Work 48%
 - #4 reason: Family Conflict 36%
 - #5 reason: Substance Use 24%
 - #6 reason: Discharged from the System 22%
- The tax will generate approximately \$5.4 million annually to be used for construction and facilities providing housing and mental health services.
- The funding will serve; those with behavioral health disabilities, veterans, senior citizens, youth-unaccompanied, persons with disabilities or domestic violence victims.
- Enactment of the tax is scheduled for April 1, 2022

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Working Age Adult Policy Implementation

- a. Keyport tour was postponed until March due to rise in county COVID cases and measures enacted; the tour will entail reviewing various departments work tasks and meet with hiring managers to ask questions and better understand the work being conducted.
- b. The WOA 200 series, formally offered through Highline Community College facilitated by WISE was postponed until the fall; three agency staff are planning to attend.
- c. On-going efforts with Kitsap Rotaries and Partner's for Work was discussed. A one-pager of potential activities was developed as part of outreach efforts.
- e. Staff is continuing to track employment during COVID; increased to 60%

B. Transition Student Update

- a. Wrapping up the 2021 transition services, School to Work, 78% and DVR-only, 66% of students were employed; remaining students continue to receive services and pursue employment.
- b. 2022 School to Work students working with agencies to obtain employment; 2023 Job Foundation activities have begun; ten students are signed up; anticipate a few additional students to sign up and/or complete the sign-up process over the next couple months.
- c. A statewide report was compiled for the first year of the Job Foundation pilot. The pilot was launched in September of 2020 with the purposes of engaging students sooner in employment planning and increase partnerships. Highlights from the report:

- 184 students had a Job Foundation report completed within 90 districts
- Involvement from 20 of the 39 counties in Washington
- WISE conducted 6 community trainings
- Job Foundations materials were translated into 8 languages
- Increased school, County, employment collaborations
- d. Next PAVE, IEP Workshop will occur virtually on Feb. 23rd from 2-4 pm. The topic is, Understanding the Special Education Process. The handout with the information including the meeting link, will be re-sent out after the meeting.

C. County Supported Employment Update

- a. Tabled until March meeting.

6. COMMUNITY INPUT

- a. No input

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative and Budget Updates

- a. Handouts outlining the Governor's Budget was discussed, Highlights included:
 - Continue COVID rate enhancement for personal care providers
 - Funding to expand intensive habilitation and out of home services for children and youth, 8-21
 - DDA waiver and SOLA forecasting to determine appropriate methods for estimating needs; add DDA forecasting to 2023-2025 biennium
 - Add Transitional Case Management to coordinate transition of clients form one care setting to another
 - Expand Enhanced DDA Case Management Services from 700 to 1500 clients statewide
- b. 2022 Bills of interest;
 - HB 5790 Increase Employment and Community Inclusion rates, establish school to work in all counties
 - HB 1980 Allow employment services and community Inclusion concurrently
 - HB 1965 Veterans and Disabilities Levy
- c. Department of Licensing, passed and took effect in 2021 availability to add medical and disabilities designations to ID's. Voluntary, link provided in handout

B. Advocacy Reports

- a. Justin will present in March

C. Affordable Housing Presentation – Moved up

D. 2022 Virtual Resource Fair

- a. The Resource Fair will be offered virtually again this year. It will be available online from April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022. A flyer with the link to be sent out once it is closer;
 - o This year, in addition to agency and organization resource contacts and information; content will be added highlighting agency services through customer stories as well as information regarding transition services, resources and student stories.

E. COVID Test Information

- a. Availability of COVID home tests was discussed, resources in handout

F. Affordable Connectivity Program Information

a. The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) program](#) that replaces the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices. If your household is eligible you can receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)
- Enrollment is open and information on how to apply was shared

G. DDA/DVR Provider Updates

a. Kim McCarty introduced Susan Pfundt, New DDA Supervisor hired in December; announced Kitsap office is now fully staffed; highly suggested, those needing services on the No Paid Services caseload to contact DDA's No Paid Services line as soon as possible; no cloth masks are allowed in DDA office, will provide a mask if needed; DVR is moving into the DDA building.

H. Provider Updates

- a. Kimberly Adams, ARC of the Peninsulas updates on the, Life After High School presentation, stating it was a success. Also included upcoming Events:
Guardianship Seminar, February 9, 2022
Seminar: 6 PM - 8 PM
Q&A: 8 PM - 9PM,
ZOOM - ONLY

ABLE Accounts & Endowment Trust, February 19, 2022,
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
In-Person or Zoom

Register at <http://penarc.recdesk.com/community/calendar>

Further announcements;

- SIB Shop and TEEN SIB Shop
- Father's support network event

G. Officer Report

a. None

H. Staff Report

a. None

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

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ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	GUESTS/ORGANIZATIONS	STAFF
<i><u>Present</u></i> <i>Sandra LaCelle</i> <i>Frances Aquiningoc</i> <i>Donna Gearns</i> <i>Heidi Scheibner</i> <i>Jennifer Acuña</i> <i>Veola Taylor</i> <i><u>Absent</u></i> <i>George Adams</i> <i>Kathy Loughheed</i> <i>Rae Williams</i>	<i>Kimberly Adams, ARC of the Peninsulas</i> <i>Kim McCarty, DDA</i> <i>Susan Pfundt, DDA Supervisor</i>	<i>Kelly Oneal</i> <i>Hannah Shockley</i> <i>Doug Washburn</i> <i>Sonya Miles</i>