



Birth to 25 Advisory Board		
Monday, January 6, 2020	9:00 AM	Soundview 3602 Pacific Ave, Tacoma

<b>Members Present:</b> Priscilla Lisicich Sharon Hanek Martin Leddy Beverly Bowen-Bennett Dylan Tran Christine McClendon Gina Cabiddu Tanya Durand Kristi Merritt TJ Bohl Glenn Malone Harbir Juj Nancy Sutton Laren Moore George Conzuelo Kyle Paskewitz Rodney Robinson	<b>Members Absent:</b> Cynthia Jacobsen Sharon Shadwell	<b>Staff Present</b> Connie Ladenburg Heather Moss John Barbee Stephanie Bray Robyn Lee
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Minutes		
9:04 am	Call to Order	Stephanie Bray
Discussion	The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Bray at 9:04 am. The agenda was reviewed and discussed bringing a consultant on board.	
9:10 am	Welcome	Councilmember Ladenburg
Discussion	<p>Councilmember Ladenburg welcomed the new Birth-25 Advisory Board. She shared some past stories that resonated with her, which gave her a passion to be a part of this new Board. She advocated for the purpose of change in our community through services, knowledge, and advocacy. She then opened the floor to Q&amp;A...</p> <p>R. Robinson shared his encouragement, the focus on youth, and that the group will focus on complete spectrum of traumas concentrated in Pierce County.</p> <p>G. Malone shared data pertaining to Mary Bridge Emergency Room having a 400% increase in recent years, with 1,500 kids last year seen for mental health issues and the increasing trend.</p> <p>B. Bowen-Bennett shared how she believes we need to advocate for the families, while being transparent to Pierce County community and supporting families.</p> <p>K. Merritt shared that she would like to see more in the lines of enabling parents, she feels the privacy laws are crippling parents.</p> <p>K. Paskewitz shared that we need to enable organizations to help families, not just government empowerment.</p> <p>H. Juj, as pediatrician, shared how she sees more addictions, newborns addicted to methadone, and how daunting it is. There are a lot of people doing great things; however, many do not know about the programs that can help. Feels strongly about pre-natal to 5 years, believe these are the vital years.</p> <p>S. Hanek thanked council for putting this coalition together. Shared her concern that is filtering down from the State level, navigating the system, and meeting needs of families. Too many policies being a "one size fits all". We need to focus more of meeting needs of families.</p> <p>G. Conzuelo felt this is a good platform for the youth and to discuss issues within households. This is a sense of hope for the youth.</p> <p>P. Lisicich shared how she felt in the hearings with the creation of this Board. Now is excited with the diverse views and approach, with the sense of learning, around changing the systems, the support, and the resources.</p> <p>M. Leddy spent 25 years working with youth, homeless, etc. and is a detective for child abuse cases. He wants to find a way to help and believes the beginning point is pre-birth.</p> <p>T.J. Bohl has been at juvenile court for many years. Believes the families of color are higher priority. Feels that those closest to seeing family problems can help best in empowering and creating solutions. Strongly promotes help, services, education, etc., as opposed to incarceration.</p> <p>Councilmember Ladenburg felt it would be great if we could go to the source, involve youth in our discussions, and get their advice. She shared how youth just want to be heard.</p> <p>H. Moss shared that Pierce County Mental Youth is working on a summit. She shared how she was amazed on how so many advisory boards are being created seeking change in the system.</p> <p>Councilmember Ladenburg discussed that this can be a long-term Advisory Board. Her term is only for another</p>	

	<p>year and is excited to see how it progresses over the years to come. She also recommended having sub-committees that can report back to B-25.</p>
<b>9:45 am</b>	<p><b>Meet and Greet</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Stephanie Bray</b></span></p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The group shared who they were, what field they are currently working in or have worked in, their diverse background, what their views and values are for the group, and how this Advisory Board can have an immense impact in navigating a change our community.</p> <p>There was a request to have a list of the Advisory Board members, where they work, and their associations.</p> <p>There was a concern as to what funding was available for this new Advisory Board.                  H. Moss discussed some actions that have passed legislature, such as some of the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) funds. She felt the B-25 committee has a strong voice for this funding. Although the latest 976 initiative may have an impact on these funds.</p> <p>S. Hanek mentioned that some other House Bills, 1108 or 1109 and 1900 may be another resource, with potential funds for B-25.</p>
<b>10:30</b>	<p><b>Next Steps for B-25 Advisory Board - Facilitator</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Stephanie Bray</b></span></p>
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Kathi Littmann, Executive Director, Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, has offered to partner with Pierce County and hire a facilitator, Marita Irby, The Forum for Youth Investment, to conduct a Learning Lab with the Board in February. The Learning Lab is essentially a day or two workshop to establish the Board's purpose, goals, milestones, etc. The workshop would be customized to the Board. Handout was provided to group.</p> <p>Once the Learning Lab has been completed, Kathi Littman expressed interest to further support the work of the Board by putting out an RFP for a facilitator to work with the Board over the next year or so. The RFP would contain the purpose, workplan, goals, etc. that the Board created during the Learning Lab.</p> <p>S. Hanek felt that if the group broke up into teams, some valuable information may be missed. She likes the unity of the group.                  B. Bowen-Bennet believes it may be premature to bring in a consultant. She feels that there is so much expertise in the room.                  G. Malone, share with group that there is value to have a consultant to keep order, building trust, making sure issues get accomplish, and staying focused on purpose. He also shared that there is value in separating into groups and reconvening to share with primary group.                  R. Robinson believes a facilitator that is experienced and knows our objectives can provide promise                  M. Leddy expressed his biggest concern is the urge to compartmentalize too soon and keep expertise here.</p> <p>Staff mentioned that the facilitator is just to guide the group.                  N. Sutton felt the verbiage "consultant" was a little intimidating and is supportive of the "facilitator" which could assist our group in moving forward.                  P. Lisicich wanted to acknowledge the idea of overlooking the talent in the room, but also believes the facilitator will help.                  K. Pakewitz believes the facilitator will help guide to an end product and assist in accomplishments and moving forward.</p>
<b>10:45</b>	<p><b>Vote: Elect Chair &amp; Vice Chair</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>COW</b></span></p>
<b>Action</b>	<p>Due to the meeting ending soon, S. Bray moved Elections up before Bylaws. S. Bray would like individuals nominated so they can participate on the conference calls with Marita Irby before the February meetings.</p> <p>Elections for Chair:                  R. Robinson nominated self                  K. Merritt nominated Kyle Paskewitz                  P. Lisicich nominated George Conzuelo                  G. Malone requested to table Elections and requested Rodney, Kyle and George be a part of the phone conversations with Marita Irby.</p> <p>B. Bowen-Bennet recommended using Roberts Rules of Order and requesting a parliamentarism.                  Staff will look into this.</p>

	S. Bray said that she will include Rodney, Kyle, and George in on the conference calls with Marita Irby and we can table the Elections until next month.
10:45	Introduction of Bylaws <span style="float: right;">Heather Moss</span>
Discussion	H. Moss briefly reviewed the draft Bylaws, where it references that we have Chair & Vice-Chair with term of one-year with the Vice-Chair moving up to Chair. She recommended to have nominees and all members review and understand the terms of the Bylaws before nominations. S. Bray stated that due to running out of time, we will table the Bylaws until next month. She did ask for members to review them and to send her any comments and/or edits, if they have any, via email.
10:57	Public Comment – No public present.
10:59	Good of the Order – Next meeting is on February 3 at 9 am.
11:00	Adjournment
Discussion	S. Bray adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

*\*Stephanie Bray*  
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 Chair Signature

*Feb 3, 2020*  
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 Date

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*\*no chair elected yet*

