



CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING TASK FORCE

JANUARY 10TH, 2022

Present: Alicia Hanning, Anne Granberg, Annie Taylor, Beverly Porter, Carol Frazey, Escarleth DeLeon, Jamie Desmul, Jed Holmes, Jen Wright, Keith Montoya, Komal Shah, Mary Sewright, Melissa Isenhardt, Mike Ford, Ray Deck, Samya Lutz, Sativa Robertson, Urvasi Graham, Vesla Tonnesson, Yarrow Greer

Not Present: Astrid Newell, Brian Nelson, Chris Cochran, Debbie Ahl, Gregory Hansen, Mara Kelley, Monica Koller, Rosalva Santos-Guzman, Sarah Cook, Sterling Chick

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Introductions, land acknowledgement, 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.</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>Lummi Nation is requesting support to free orca Sk'aliChe'elh-tenaut after 50 years of captivity. https://www.change.org/p/miami-seaquarium-free-endangered-orca-held-captive-at-miami-seaquarium-for-50-years</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><u>Fist to Five Consensus</u></p>
<p>Approve Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>No amendments to discuss, minutes from December 13th, 2021 were approved as presented.</p>



Upcoming events, community shares, shout outs

- Beverly gave a shout out to every parent in Whatcom County, and educators too.
- Mary gave a shout out to the Health Department and specifically Aly Robinson for coordinating vaccine efforts.
- Parent Leadership Training Institute Updates – will have opportunities for English and Spanish speaking participants, and a job opportunity for a bilingual site coordinator.

Task Force Leadership Proposal

A proposal for leadership structure and expectations was sent out for review, and being voted on through Fist to Five Consensus. The proposal was accepted as presented.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RASudmWP1EIIQe82stopKqJTvRfnUcNqr9f6_2F-rB8/edit?usp=sharing

1. Leadership Proposal Approval (Single Choice) *

19/19 (100%) answered

Fist	(0/19) 0%
One	(0/19) 0%
Two	(0/19) 0%
Three	(1/19) 5%
Four	(7/19) 37%
Five	(11/19) 58%

Task Force Co-Chair Proposal

Based on the survey and feedback from members, the four members stepping forward to be co-chairs are:

- Keith Montoya – Representative of Generations Forward Family Council and has lived experience.
- Jennifer Wright – Has lived experience.
- Urvasi Graham –Has lived experience. Currently works as an infant and early childhood mental health consultant for the Opportunity Council.
- Alicia Hanning – Lived experience and is a parent.


Alicia clarified that she and Urvasi are from the same work group, and offered an opportunity for someone from another work group to step forward as a fourth co-chair but no one did.

A vote through Fist to Five Consensus to accept these four as co-chairs took place and was accepted.

1. Co-chair approval (Single Choice) *

19/19 (100%) answered

Fist	(0/19) 0%
One	(0/19) 0%
Two	(0/19) 0%
Three	(2/19) 11%
Four	(5/19) 26%
Five	(12/19) 63%

<p>Group Check-In</p>	<p>An activity was done as a full group to connect to the group around core values.</p> <p>What are your 3 core values?</p>  <p>Mentimeter</p>												
<p>Update on Resources and Funding Letter to Council</p>	<p>After submitting the original letter to the members via email for feedback, the Resources and Funding work group met with the City of Bellingham to get feedback on the letter. The City of Bellingham is working with the Opportunity Council on a project regarding workforce development in childcare, and had input regarding language and work being done. Changes have been incorporated and a request was made for members to review and vote using Fist to Five Consensus to submit this to council on behalf of this task force.</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xeO8MUIRqLxLI-RRzilgiROca4vrPK99aaa67j3Puwo/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>The letter was accepted as is.</p> <p>1. Approval? (Single Choice) *</p> <p>19/19 (100%) answered</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Fist</td> <td>(0/19) 0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One</td> <td>(0/19) 0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Two</td> <td>(0/19) 0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Three</td> <td>(1/19) 5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four</td> <td>(8/19) 42%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Five</td> <td>(10/19) 53%</td> </tr> </table>	Fist	(0/19) 0%	One	(0/19) 0%	Two	(0/19) 0%	Three	(1/19) 5%	Four	(8/19) 42%	Five	(10/19) 53%
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<p>Closing</p>	<p>4:53 PM</p>												
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next regular meeting: January 24th, 2022 <u>Location: Virtual</u></p>												