

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

**Zoom Virtual Meeting
5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Sandra LaCelle called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. via Zoom.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS-** Members and guests introduced themselves; attendance was taken.
3. **APPROVAL OF December 1, 2020 MINUTES***

MOTION: Frances Aquiningoc moved to approve December 1, 2020 minutes as submitted. Donna Gearns seconded. Motion carried.

4. **ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

MOTION: Donna Gearns moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Frances Aquiningoc seconded. Motion carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Working Age Adult Policy Implementation

a) The Employment First Committee (EFF):

- I. Partners for Work is continuing with local rotary clubs; Kingston Rotary Club is the most recent club involved. Goal is to host informational interviews with their Rotarians. The interviews may lead to employment opportunities and business connections in the community. Will invite Rotarians from other clubs as well, to participate in this event.
- II. Continuing to have job seekers perform brief presentations to different clubs; In December one presented at Bainbridge Island Club and last week a job seeker presented at the Kingston Club.

b) Continuing to track employment; monitoring clients earning wages after returning to work due to COVID. December data dipped to 31% from October data of 37%. Hopeful the increase of vaccinations will result in agencies resuming work and numbers will increase in the next few months.

B. Transition Student Update

- a) Of the 2021 transitions students, two have jobs already. There now a third with a new job and a fourth student is close to obtaining a job.
- b) 2022 Job Foundation rollout – Have 13 applications. Out of 13 applications, eleven have selected providers. Last week, held an additional Job Foundation Collaboration Meeting (schools, DVR and providers in attendance) and discussed how things are going for 2021 students and talked about rollout for 2022. Feedback is positive; schools, providers, and DVR are all working well together. Schools shared they have been able to have providers come into the classroom to observe in some of districts; although, no schools have been able to utilize community work experience sites. There is another Job Foundation meeting next week with providers.
Kelly has been tracking overall statewide data on how things are going with other Job Foundation efforts across the state. Some counties without School to Work are experiencing challenges connecting with students and families and getting them signed up. Our Job Foundation pilot year will probably be a smaller group of students statewide than we had planned for originally. Kelly is also involved with statewide Job Foundation team; there is a video in development from OSPI and CCTS that will be used to market the program in hopes of connecting students with the program.
- c) School to Work - Received contract amendment with DVR at end of December,

which allows partial payments for 2021 School to Work students. September is still the deadline for partial payment but can extend on a case-by-case basis through December for students likely to get a job.

C. Resource Fair Update

- a) Continue to work on planning Virtual Resource Fair for this 2021. WISE has been brought in to help with planning this year. The fair will include:
- An event page with information on various organizations and agencies with links to their websites. The organizations will be in categories the same way they have been at past in-person fairs.
 - Flyers with information about the Fair will come out at the beginning of March.
 - The event page will be available April 1st-30th
 - The usual participants that would provide information and/or a table at the in-person fair have been sent information to solicit their information to put on the Event Page. They have also been encouraged to add a page or video to their own website to highlight the event during the month of the virtual Resource Fair.

6. COMMUNITY INPUT

- Kelly provided an update from Melissa Lund, Kitsap County Parent Coalition (KCPC) – Melissa attended a variety of events, some of which included:
 - DD Housing Issue Meeting
 - DadsMOVE with DD LGBTQ issues
 - NorthStart Omnibus Bill meeting
 - Held one-to-one parent meetings
 - Partnered with DDA and hosted Application and Info Event
 - Upcoming events:
 - February 10th, 2-4pm – IEP Workshop: Extended School Year
 - February 18th 11am-1pm – KCPC Support Group Meeting

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative and Budget Update

a) Governor's Budget-

Handout: Memo from DDA summarizing Governor's Budget

- Shared Benefit Adjustment – Remove in-home client benefit assessment formula
- Increase in Children's Intensive In-home Behavioral Support capacity
- Funding for PPE in a variety of capacities
- Children's SOLA – proposal to add 15 beds in a total of five homes for children and youth, 20 and younger
- Proposed funding for High School Transition Students

Bills of Interest for 2021:

- SB 5237 & HB 1213 – Enhanced rate for birth to 3, expand perinatal to 3 services and in-home parent support
- SB 5268 – Transform services for those with DD in community residential, redesign ICFs
- SB 5284 – Eliminate subminimum wage certificates; this did get passed last previously, but only covered state-funded facilities

Advocacy Days starting -

First one is tomorrow; they are scheduled for Wednesdays throughout the session. First topic is Community Residential Living; more details are on the WA State Arc website.

Documents are available on the legislative section on the WA State Arc website.

CDE Webinars –

DSHS will be changing how individual providers are going to bill and be paid. There are upcoming webinars scheduled if you'd like to learn more; see handout. There will also be a recorded presentation. Kim McCarty with DDA mentioned the importance for providers to attend the Consumer Directed Employers (CDE) webinars. Strongly encouraging all providers to attend the webinars so they know what is changing and how to comply. The CDE Rollout does not have a start date yet. Information is being sent to providers via mail and email. There is also

information on the website.

- b) Transition Report –**
OSPI Legislative Report: OSPI has completed the report authorized by Legislation in 2018 based on providing an overview of the collaborative activities between OSPI and state partners, such as DSHS DDA. The 33-page report is linked on the handout. There are many recommendations in the report of interest, such as a proposed Data Share Agreement between OSPI, DDA, and DVR to minimize gaps in the transition processes; establish statewide funding for School to Work; a One Stop for Transition Resources, and more. See report for details.
In addition to recommendations, the report includes data on inclusiveness of students with disabilities in general education (page 7 in report). Of students with intellectual disability, a very small percent spends the majority of the day in general education. Most spend 0-39% of the day in general education.

A. Advocacy Reports

- a) None**

B. DOH COVID 19 Vaccine-Prioritization Guidance

- a) Guidance is provided on the DOH website; there is an online phase finder tool to see when you are eligible to be vaccinated. See handout for more information and links.**

C. Vadis Employment Video – Shauna Eurritt

- a) Shauna with Vadis shared a video featuring select clients with jobs that included one 2021 school to work student who recently became employed and is having a lot of success at his new job.**

D. DDA/DVR Provider Updates

- a) Kim McCarty, DDA – Assistant Secretary Evelyn Perez is retiring on April 30th; Bremerton Office has a new CRM, Megan Phipps, who used to work for Trillium. Lauren Hill took a position with headquarters.
Transition students –CRMS is starting to put in basic plus wage requests.
The DDA office is still closed to the public but people can call to arrange to come in by appointment. This will be the until June 30th unless anything changes. Still continuing to do home visits; clients have the right to refuse but DDA is required to check every 30 days regarding the refusal. Staff wears PPE while visiting and stay no longer than 15 minutes.**
- b) LeAnne Raines, DVR – Current Interim Director at DVR is Terry Redmond as Rob Hines the previous Director resigned. Terry worked at DVR for several years before more recently working at DDA HQ. In August, he returned to DVR as the Deputy Director. Have been working closely with Kelly on School to Work and Job Foundations; staff has been getting out applications and moving forward with cases. Things are going well getting involved with Job Foundations early.**

E. Provider Updates

- a) Alicia Skelly, Holly Ridge – Had 322 children this past January, compared to 403 last year. Numbers have been down for the past 3 months. Screenings have been down as well; had 29 December screenings, compared to 34 last year. Referrals have been down but are starting to pick up. Facing many changes due to COVID. Most children are being seen remotely. Some kids are being seen in-person, if remote is not feasible due to the support needed. Alicia provided a summary of the changes with the state's ESIT program and the impact on Holly Ridge's ITP program. Last year, they had to complete an RFQ application to qualify to be an Early Intervention Provider and they are now qualified as such. Alicia described how their process needed to change in how funding is received given the funding shift of early intervention funding that previously came from local School Districts via OSPI that now comes from DCYF. School District access to state database information for children transitioning from ITP to school district services has narrowed resulting in**

additional work needed by districts and Holly Ridge to provide information they were previously able to access.

- b) Kimberly Adams, ARC – Has been working with clients and trying to engage them on the virtual world and offer social interaction. Meeting with parents biweekly for support group and offering classes for families monthly. Had a successful family Bingo event virtually. Has a client with a goal to walk from here to Maine. She has been working with Cole from Arc to raise funds for adult family homes.
- c) Coleen Bradley, Pave – No updates
- d) Shauna Euritt, Vadis – Currently getting website set up for the Resource Fair and working on another video to share.

F. Officer Report

- a) None

G. Staff Report

- a) Next meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021

8. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

* = Indicates action item

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	GUESTS/ORGANIZATIONS	STAFF
<p><i>Present</i> Sandra LaCelle Frances Aquiningoc Donna Gearns Kathy Loughheed Marian Wiggins</p> <p><i>Absent</i> Christine Johnson Jennifer Acuña George Adams Veola Taylor</p>	<p>Kim McCarty, DDA Kimberly Adams, P2P – ARC Alicia Skelly, Holly Ridge Colleen Bradley, PAVE LeAnne Raines, DVR Shauna Euritt, Vadis</p>	<p>Kelly O’Neal Elizabeth Wilcox Richard VanCleave</p>