

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Flor Alarcon Avendana
Nathan Furukawa
Jonathan Green (phone)
Sonja Hallum
Diane Klontz, Chair

Amy Martinez (phone)
Merritt Mount
Lua Pritchard
Babette Roberts

Staff:

Christy Hoff

Guests:

Lynette Richardson, Puyallup Valley Community Service Office

Action Items:

- Committee members agreed to send any edits to the August 9 meeting minutes to staff by Thursday, August 30.
- Christy will follow up with committee members to receive additional references and edits to the policy paper.

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Diane Klontz welcomed the group, facilitated introductions, and reviewed the agenda and goals for the day's meeting.

2/3. Review and Discuss Draft Policy Paper and Recommendations:

- Christy walked committee members through the draft policy paper.
- Nathan Furukawa suggested including intervention studies that looked at the effects of poverty-reduction strategies on health outcomes—he agreed to send staff references.
- Committee members agreed to include data on changing poverty rates to the policy paper.
- Committee members discussed whether to include the listing of health and social services provided in Washington State as an appendix. They also discussed whether to add a section on past statewide efforts to address poverty. Members agreed not to include either.
- Committee members offered suggestions for alternative language to the section describing the committee's process.
- Jonathan Green offered a proposed recommendation to promote cultural competency training for early learning professionals. Committee members discussed the scope and goals for the early learning recommendation. Members agreed to focus the recommendation on workforce capacity and to include two components: (1) to increase the cultural and linguistic competence of current early learning professionals and (2) to increase the overall number of early learning professionals, particularly those who are bicultural/bilingual.
 - Members agreed to include the recommendation provided by Jonathan to address the first component. Babette Roberts agreed to provide a draft recommendation

for the second component that was general and did not list specific agency actions.

- In the section, *Increasing Capacity for Healthcare Services in Rural Communities*, Nathan suggested providing a listing of the broad topics covered in the 2012 Rural Health Care Strategic Plan. Sonja Hallum and Merrit Mount both commented on how the plan was created by a diverse group of key stakeholders and how this committee would not want to recommend priorities that might take resources away from the thoughtful strategies included in the plan.
- In the section, *Increasing Capacity to Access Healthy Food in Diverse Communities*, members discussed ways to strengthen the recommendation, including a suggestion to ensure diverse representation on the Food System Roundtable. Babette confirmed that there would be public members on the roundtable. Christy will draft alternative language and send to Babette for review.
- For the section on *Increasing Capacity to Provide Social and Health Services through Revenue Generation*, the following decisions were made:
 - Include the section in an appendix.
 - Include a list of the specific committee members who endorse the recommendation.
 - Christy will follow up with committee members to receive permission to include their names.

4. Meeting Summary and Wrap Up:

- Committee members agreed to send any edits to the August 9 meeting minutes by Thursday, August 30.
- Christy will send out meeting minutes and work with committee members during the interim to make changes to the paper and recommendations.
- Diane thanked committee members for their time and effort on the committee.