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Kitsap County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Date: March 3, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m.

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- 11. COMMUNITY INPUT**
 - a) Please limit individual comments to 2 minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to the advisory board if this timeframe is insufficient.*
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KITSAP COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5:00pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Sandra LaCelle called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. via Zoom.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS** - Members and guests introduced themselves; attendance was taken.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE December 2, 2025, MINUTES***

MOTION: Jennifer Acuna moved to approve the December 2, 2025; minutes as presented. Kathy Lougheed seconded. Motion carried.

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

MOTION: Jennifer Acuna moved to approve the agenda as amended to add line item 8. Program updates. Kathy Lougheed seconded. Motion carried.

5. **Advocacy Reports**

None

6. **County Plan, Cesilee Coulson, Executive Director, WISE**

- i. Cesilee Coulson shared updates regarding the 2026-2030 Kitsap County Developmental Disabilities Comprehensive Plan. Highlights included:
 - Meeting with Heidi every other week. Outlining the plan and currently working on the history section of the plan and working on key draft points.
 - Looking for input and developing a community survey that will be distributed to community members following a work session with board members.
 - The survey will be sent out to providers and community members, hoping to schedule a 3-hr work session in April. Work session participants will review the “why” of the plan, help shape the survey, and will review the DAB board’s priorities for the community.
 - Heidi will send out more information to board members by end of the week and will try to keep the work session date/time aligned with existing meeting date(s).

7. **Transition Student Update**

- i. Heidi shared updates regarding School-to-Work (STW) participation. Highlights included:
 - 2025 STW – Completed school and program.
 - 2026 STW – 34 were identified, 17 are participating, and 2 have gained employment. Services will run through June 2026.
 - 2027 STW – 51 students were identified, and 25 students are

participating at this time. Program staff are currently working through the data to track participation numbers for better insight.

- 2028 STW – 42 identified since recruitment began this year. Heidi anticipates STW participation will continue to increase year over year.

8. Program Updates

- i. The contract with Holly Ridge is fully executed and they are officially facilitating the parent coalition and parent to parent programs. Holly Ridge will be hiring staff to support the program.
- ii. Kitsap County is no longer contracting with EasterSeal, effective as of January 31. DDCS has been working with Kitsap County staff to get connected in such a short turnaround.
- iii. Heidi also shared a save the date for the DD resource fair on April 24, 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. more information to follow.

9. Legislative Update

- i. Heidi shared updates on several senate and house bills that impact developmental disabilities across the state:
 - **HB2319**: renaming certain state residential facilities to remove “school” from the name and moving forward
 - **HB2350**: Increasing transparency regarding residential Rehabs – increasing transparency with compliance.
 - **HB1390**: Service will remain but facilitation will change. Repealing the community protection program.
 - **SB5969**: Removing high school and beyond requirements for people with disabilities. Lauren added that it may be amended to move away from current framing. It has been amended and still flushing out workflow concerns.
 - **HB1795**: addressing restraint – still moving along. Jennifer Acuna further shared it will eliminate isolation and the addition of isolation rooms.
 - **HB2688**: Providing adjustments to early infant/toddler programs. This bill will decouple the multiplier.
 - **HB2022**: Establishing a dental care program at the Rainier School in Pierce County.
 - **HB2280**: Providing access for legislators to facilities owned/operated by the state.
 - **SB5681**: Age at what age clients of DDA can access services to change from 21 to 20. For employment and community inclusion services, still moving forward. Shifting towards a younger add, with fiscal implications while still in school.
 - **SB6163**: Eliminating waitlists and expenditures for the waiver in maintenance level budgets.
 - **HB2337**: Concerning training requirements for individuals providing care for family members – reducing the amount of training needed.
- i. Heidi further shared the proposed budget for DVR, a 31% reduction for the STW program (decrease of \$1.3 million). Currently being told it should not impact Counties. Kitsap County has been able to maintain the STW program

successfully over the last 15 years. Additional legislative updates to watch for included:

- Home Community Living Administration (HCLA) – Change in policy for functional eligibility for DD/DCS. Could impact about 2500 participants currently receiving services.
- Heidi also shared a letter written to the House Appropriations Committee from the HCHS discussing the concerns and implications should this bill be passed.
- Protect Critical Services – The goal would be to maintain eligibility for developmental disabilities services, preserve personal care hours, keep waiver services intact, and sustain provider rates.

10. BOCC Workplan

- i. Members reviewed the 2025 Workplan goals and discussed updating or changing goals for 2026. Heidi also shared that DD/Kitsap County is also working on a program plan that will be useful in establishing future workplan priorities. Some suggested changes include:
 - Continued implementation of DDA policy – proposed updating the language to integrate key programs and goals. Areas to continue as well, contractor supports, maintaining and growing STW program, redefining relationships with school districts.
 - Lauren suggested adding increased opportunities for data sharing and greater collaboration for further discussions with the transition council. Lauren also suggested adding self-determination to replace self-advocacy for greater clarity and alignment.
 - Updates to the plan would also include clarifying what specific supports DD provides to the Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC).
 - Members should email Heidi directly with any suggestions, additions or changes.

11. DDA/DVR Provider Updates

- i. Kim shared that the consumer direct employers are conducting in-person meetings at the Bremerton CSO. Tues/Thurs at 4710 Auto Center Blvd. in the Crab Room.
 - On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays – Consumer Direct Care of Washington (CDWA) to get signed up with services CDWA, those looking for assistance can either call to make an appointment or just walk in for technical assistance. February 11, they will be in Kingston.
 - Kim also shared the service request list Kitsap is growing. Due to staffing shortages, 2 - 3 months out on service request list with 30 – 40 currently on the list. The Port Townsend office is currently supporting Kitsap office. If everyone on the list came onto services, capacity would be met. Additionally, the agency will not be refilling one of the positions following a retirement at this time.
 - An update on the community protection program - therapist are now being contracted through Medicare. Kim will follow up for additional information to share at a later date.

- There will be a resource fair in Port Gamble on Saturday, Feb 21st, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- DVR –1700 statewide on the waiting list.

12. Provider Updates

Marina with Trillium shared the agency was able take 5 clients to participate in the Employment For All Advocacy Day on January 28 in Olympia, they also had the opportunity to meet with 4 legislators.

13. COMMUNITY INPUT

Veola participated in the annual Point-in-Time count at the Salvation Army, sharing that the turnout was good. A lot of eye glass prescriptions were provided, working to get translation services to provide better support and reduce language barriers.

14. Officer Report

Sandra shared a reminder for the annual Night to Shine event, scheduled February 13, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. For event and registration information visit [Night to Shine](#).

15. Staff Report

None

16. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2026, virtually via Zoom.

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ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS	GUESTS / ORGANIZATIONS	STAFF
<p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Sandra LaCelle Donna Gearns Rae Williams Lauren Melone Shannon Turner Jennifer Acuna Jennifer Crider Lauren Melone Veola Taylor Chelsea Davis Kathy Lougheed</p> <p><u>Absent</u></p>	<p>Kim McCarty, DDA Cesilee Coulson, WISE Marina Jacobsen, Trillium Shannon Bryant, DVR</p>	<p>Heidi Scheibner Kesha Anderson – Evans</p>