



SCA Public Issues Committee

MINUTES

September 14, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Renton City Hall

1055 S Grady Way, Renton WA 98057

1. Welcome and Roll Call

PIC Chair Councilmember Marlla Mhoon, Covington, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 27 cities had representation ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Bill Peloza, Auburn Council; John Stilin, Redmond Council; AJ McClure, City of Bellevue; Velia Ruth Villanueva, City of Burien; Lyset Cadena, City of Seattle; Stacey Jehlik, City of Seattle; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office staff; Michael Huddleston, King County Council Staff; Kelly Marquardt, Rep. DelBene's Office; Anne Burkland, King County Public Health.

2. Public Comment

Chair Mhoon asked if any member of the public had any public comment. Seeing none, Chair Mhoon closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the July 13, 2016 Minutes

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, to approve the July 13, 2016 PIC minutes.

There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Mhoon reported that there is an opening on the PIC Nominating Committee for the North caucus, which she will fill at the October PIC meeting. While this committee is for the 2017 calendar year, the work of this body will start in November 2016. Current PIC Nominating Committee members are: Amy Ockerlander, Snoqualmie Valley Caucus; Ed Prince, South Caucus; Leanne Guier, South Valley Caucus; and Hank Margeson, North Caucus, who will be rotating off of the committee. Interested PIC members should contact SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson at deanna@soundcities.org.

Chair Mhoon noted that three items will be taken out of order on the agenda: Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Item 6), Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Sales Tax Renewal (Item 9), and Best Starts for Kids Levy Implementation Plan (Item 10).

6. Low Income Housing Tax Credit

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Policy Analyst, summarized the draft policy position contained in the [September PIC packet](#), page 67, which reads as follows: "***The Sound Cities Association supports***

federal legislation to increase the annual allocation for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit in order to create and preserve critically needed units of affordable housing.” Wilson-Jones explained that this item is before the PIC as a potential future action item. This draft policy position comes in response to federal legislation co-sponsored by Sen. Maria Cantwell, which would increase the allocation for the 9 percent federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) by 50 percent. Wilson-Jones provided an overview of the LIHTC program, which is the federal government’s chief tool for creating and preserving affordable housing. Nearly all affordable housing units are created with the tax credit, including 2.9 million rental homes nationwide since the tax credit was created in 1986 under President Ronald Regan. At current funding levels, the tax credit finances about 100,000 units nationwide annually, including 1,375 units in Washington State. There are more developers wishing to build housing with the 9 percent version of the tax credit than there is allocated funding available. So a competitive annual application process is held at the state level. This legislation would increase the allocated funding for the 9 percent LIHTC tax credit by 50 percent, increasing the number of units built in Washington each year by about 688. The legislation is bipartisan. In addition to Sen. Maria Cantwell, co-sponsors include Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, the chair and ranking member of the Senate Finance committee respectively.

Wilson-Jones reported that Cantwell’s office acknowledges there is one core criticism about the legislation: it requires additional government spending. They expect, however, that adding housing would save money elsewhere in the budget, such as with health care. Cantwell’s staff report that the legislation will likely be folded into a larger revenue-neutral bill, meaning it will be paired with some form of funding mechanism. Additional materials about the LIHTC and the legislation are included in the PIC packet. Wilson-Jones invited questions from PIC members on the LIHTC and Cantwell’s legislation, and stated that she would follow up with answers to more complex requests following the PIC meeting.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, added that the SCA Legislative Committee has recommended this policy position be brought forward to the PIC for support.

Councilmember Benson Wong, Mercer Island, expressed support for the legislation and requested more information about Washington State co-sponsors.

Councilmember Bob Keller, Sammamish, requested more information about the cost of increasing the appropriation for the LIHTC.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, stated that three multi-family housing complexes have been built in Federal Way in the last few years and that there is concern among residents about the pace of such affordable housing construction. She requested further materials explaining the legislation. Dawson stated that explanatory documents from Cantwell’s office are included in the September PIC packet as attachments to this item and said SCA staff will reach out to Cantwell’s office for additional materials. She stated that in many jurisdictions, including but not limited to some cities on the Eastside and Seattle, it is challenging or impossible to construct “affordable” market rate housing, and this program is one tool to enable affordable housing to be constructed in those parts of the county.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, clarified that this is federal legislation and that the increased appropriation would be nationwide. Baker noted that, countywide, there is a gap between the amount of affordable housing available and the need, and requested additional information about the extent of this gap.

Keller stated that the Low Income Housing Tax Credit provides an effective way of creating affordable housing because the credit is only received if the housing is developed.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, stated that the City of Redmond is supportive of the LIHTC and entered into a project with ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) to build 74 units of affordable housing for seniors in downtown Redmond utilizing this financing tool, among others. Some units will be designated for people making below 30 percent of the area median income, which is considered the greatest level of affordability for such development.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, requested additional information about how the LIHTC has been utilized in King County cities.

Councilmember Rich Crispo, Newcastle, stated that the increased appropriation for the LIHTC comes at a cost and likely a tax increase elsewhere in the federal budget.

Margeson clarified that the PIC will utilize a two-step process for considering this policy position. First, a vote will be taken tonight as a first step toward potentially supporting this policy position. Then, members will return to their city councils to seek further direction before the PIC casts a second vote, in October, on the policy position.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, moved, seconded by Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, to bring back the following policy position to the next meeting of the PIC: "The Sound Cities Association supports federal legislation to increase the annual allocation for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit in order to create and preserve critically needed units of affordable housing."

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, requested that SCA staff provide more information for councils to review and discuss. Dawson responded affirmatively.

There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Sales Tax Renewal

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Policy Analyst, reported this item is intended to give PIC members an update about recent activities related to the renewal of the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) sales tax and to gather final input from PIC members into the plan for delivering future services under this funding source. The King County Council has unanimously approved an extension of the MIDD sales tax for nine more years until 2026. The sales tax, which was first passed in King County in 2007, had been scheduled to expire at the close of this year. Now, work is underway to shape the plan for delivering services under the renewed MIDD sales tax. The Executive developed a proposed Service Improvement Plan to guide the delivery of future MIDD services with input from the MIDD Oversight Committee, on which SCA has representation, and has transmitted that plan to the Council. Now, the plan is before the

Regional Policy Committee (RPC). RPC received a briefing on the plan today, September 14, and SCA members posed questions about the allocation of administrative costs under the plan, which programs will be competitively bid, and reporting requirements. Executive staff will be working to address these questions in the coming days. RPC is scheduled to act on the Service Improvement Plan on October 12.

Wilson-Jones reiterated that this represents the final opportunity for PIC members to provide feedback to SCA RPC members on the Service Improvement Plan before they take action. After RPC's action, the plan will go to the Council's Budget and Fiscal Management Committee for consideration in conjunction with the next biennial budget.

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, stated that he is a member of RPC and recognized RPC SCA Caucus Chair Bill Peloza, also in attendance. He recommended that members contact Peloza should they have any questions about the plan. Members are also requested to notify SCA staff of any questions.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, requested additional clarification about the impact of supplantation and whether MIDD funding is used for Issaquah's court. Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Policy Analyst, reported that supplantation, which is when an agency uses a new revenue source to fund existing programs, has been ramping down over recent years and that going forward supplantation will only be available for therapeutic courts. SCA staff will follow up with additional information about MIDD funding for courts.

10. Best Starts for Kids Levy Implementation Plan

Ellie Wilson-Jones, SCA Policy Analyst, provided an update on the development of the Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan. In July, the Regional Policy Committee approved the Implementation Plan, sending it on for review by the King County Council's Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee. The Committee's work culminated in the unanimous approval of a striking amendment to the Implementation Plan on September 7. The amendment made extensive edits—consisting of simple technical fixes as well as programmatic additions and broader policy statements. Wilson-Jones distributed a handout, [Attachment B](#), developed by King County Executive branch staff that summarizes the Council Committee's striking amendment. Wilson-Jones also provided an overview of the most significant changes and reported that action by the King County Council was anticipated on September 19.

Mhoon next turned back to Item 5 on the agenda, the Executive Director's Report.

5. Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, gave an update that the SCA Finance Committee, along with former committee members, had a discussion with Dwight Dively, Director of King County Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, on King County's biennial budget. Dawson reported that all funds, other than the general fund, appear to be stable for this biennium. She listed the areas of the general fund facing cuts, largely criminal justice services. Redmond Council President Hank Margeson, SCA Finance Committee member, added that Dively mentioned a gap in funding for the biennium of approximately \$50 million. Dawson noted that

according to Dively, if the 1% property tax cap were to be lifted, it would likely resolve all of the financial issues for this biennial budget.

Dawson reported on the Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Candidate Forum, co-sponsored by SCA, included candidates for the following offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and State Auditor. In addition, staff from the Office of Fiscal Management also discussed issues related to cities. Dawson noted that homelessness was a top issue at the forum, as was the importance of working with the State on its budget to avoid cuts to city shared revenue. Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus, SCA President, noted the importance of candidates understanding issues directly related to cities. A video of the forum will be made available and posted on both the AWC and SCA websites. Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, requested that the link be emailed when available.

Dawson updated members on a joint workshop of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) and the King County members to the Puget Sound Regional Council's (PSRC) Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) scheduled for September 28 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, held at the PSRC Board Room. The meeting is being held due to issues that have arisen during the comprehensive plan certification process at PSRC. The goal of the meeting is to give members of GMPC and GMPB a common understanding of the state's Growth Management Act (GMA), and PSRC's VISION 2014 (and the relationship between VISION 2014 and the Countywide Planning Policies), and the County's process for setting growth targets, and to determine which issues should be addressed by which committee(s). All are welcome to attend as audience members.

Dawson noted that SCA is in the process of hiring a part-time policy analyst.

Dawson reported that she recently attended and presented at a SeaTac City Council meeting and offered to present at other city council meetings.

SCA is experiencing some email issues and asked members to bear with staff as these issues are resolved.

Dawson reiterated the opportunity for a member within the North caucus to be appointed by Chair Mhoon to the PIC Nominating Committee, and that the annual call for nominations is around the corner. She encouraged members to review the SCA Regional Committee and Board Appointment booklet, available in hard copies and on the [SCA website](#), attend committee/board meetings, and make sure meeting dates and times work within schedule. Dawson reviewed the nomination process. Questions about the process should be directed to Dawson.

Mhoon noted that Item 6 had been covered earlier, and turned next to Item 7.

7. 2017 SCA State Legislative Agenda

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, explained that at the 2016 SCA Board of Directors retreat, the Board decided to create a legislative committee to address SCA legislative priorities. The Legislative Committee is comprised on members from each SCA caucus: North (Mayor

David Baker and Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford), South (Mayor Nancy Backus and Councilmember Bill Allison), South Valley (Mayor Leanne Guier), and Snoqualmie Valley (Councilmember Amy Ockerlander). The Committee met for the first time on August 31, 2016. Consistent with direction from the Board, they recommend that the agenda of SCA not duplicate the agenda of Association of Washington Cities (AWC). Rather, the agenda should focus on issues of special concern to cities in King County.

Based on this, the committee recommends adopting the following legislative agenda:

- Lifting the 1% Property Tax Cap
 - SCA has an adopted position on this topic, and the Committee recommended adding this issue to the 2017 SCA Legislative Agenda.
- Public Health Funding
 - Since 2007, SCA has adopted three policy positions related to the need for stable public health funding. There was interest among SCA Legislative Committee members in continuing to advocate for securing sustainable public health funding.
- Affordable Housing and Homelessness
 - Affordable housing and homelessness are among the policy priorities adopted by the SCA Board in 2016, and have been topics of high priority for SCA cities. This would include addressing underlying causes of homelessness, such as the need for additional behavioral health services. It could also include specific items (see pages 89-91 of the [PIC packet](#), legislative priorities that will likely be on the JRC and / or All Home agendas later this year) such as the document recording fee. Dawson asked for feedback on these specific items. Dawson also noted that there were several groups currently working on affordable housing at the subregional level, with a hope to bring these proposals together into a package prior to session.

Mayor David Baker, Kenmore, commented that lifting the 1% cap is not asking the legislature for additional dollars and would benefit not just cities, but also King County and its gap in criminal justice funding. This would in turn benefit cities, which would be impacted by the proposed cuts at the County. Baker suggested that it would be advisable to have a specific source of funding to recommend for public health funding, noting that in the past they had looked to taxes on e-cigarettes as a funding source. Dawson agreed to have staff look into sources of funding.

Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, agreed with the three priorities, especially the 1% property tax cap lift as it could make a big difference in city budgets. Roberts noted that at the AWC Legislative Committee meeting earlier today, some smaller cities outside the Puget Sound noted lifting the cap would not be as helpful to their jurisdictions as they do not have high assessed values. He stated that the King County region would need to lead on the issue. Roberts noted support for the document recording fee for affordable housing and homelessness. Dawson noted the fee is set to sunset in 2019 unless action is taken in the legislature. Lastly, Roberts passed out AWC's Legislative Priorities ([Attachment C](#)).

Councilmember Shelley Kloba, Kirkland, said that Kirkland has been developing its 2017 legislative agenda. While not finalized, items under discussion include support for restoring the housing trust fund to pre-recession levels, lifting the 1% property tax cap, and expansion of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) opportunities.

Dawson asked all members to send SCA their city legislative agendas.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, proposed that instead of three touches on this policy, the PIC have two touches on the policy, with a vote tonight to bring forward to the next meet for final action on a legislative framework.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, moved, seconded by Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, to bring back a potential policy position to the next meeting of the PIC that includes a legislative agenda for 2017 focusing on these three areas: lifting the 1% property tax cap, public health funding, and affordable housing and homelessness.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, noted the challenge of seeking approval for a legislative agenda that is broad, while some items are still being developed. He noted that while approving or disapproving of lifting a 1% property tax cap was straightforward, there was still work to be done on items like affordable housing.

Dawson noted that the idea was to come together prior to session on where to focus, while specific policies may still be under development leading up to and during the session. Staff will work with the Legislative Committee, PIC, and the Board as items are developed to seek feedback.

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, noted SCA needs high level polices so the organization can be nimble and address bills as they are developed and amended.

Dawson noted that city members from each of SCA's geographic caucuses are on the SCA Legislative Committee and that SCA staff will be talking with them often as the session progresses.

Council President Hank Margeson, Redmond, noted that when an agenda is created before the session starts, the specific bills that will move forward are not yet known.

There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Regional Economic Strategy Update

Doreen Booth, SCA Policy Analyst, provided an update on the work going at the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Economic Development District Board (EDDB) developing an updated Regional Economic Strategy (RES), a five year economic plan for the four county Puget Sound Region. The heart of the plan is the vision / goals / strategies; found on page 108 of the [PIC packet](#). PSRC is proposing the updated plan provide the overarching economic framework

which will allow the EDDB to be more nimble in addressing economic opportunities as they arise.

PSRC is still seeking input and conversations with stakeholders on what the Regional Economic Strategy should contain. To that end, SCA will be convening interested members to meet with PSRC staff and provide feedback on the updated RES. If you are interested in being added to the invitation list for the meeting, please email Doreen Booth at Doreen@soundcities.org. With that, the EDDB is interested in any feedback you have on the materials you have before you tonight.

Councilmember Nancy Tosta, Burien, shared that the Regional Food Policy Council had submitted a letter to the EDDB earlier this year asking that agriculture and local food products be considered an economic strategy in the region. Booth noted that at an Economic Development Managers meeting earlier in the day, PSRC staff used that as an example of relevant feedback on industry clusters.

Tosta also noted concerns with the SeaTac Airport and its Sustainable Master Plan. Tosta opined the plan was not sustainable, that it proposed doubling passenger numbers in the current footprint. She suggested that strategy 1.1 in the Regional Economic Strategy note there is a regional need for another airport. Tosta also called attention to how recent operational changes at the SeaTac Airport will negatively impact the quality of life in Burien and other South King County cities.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, said the strategy and vision align with Kent's. He noted that at a presentation PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown gave to Kent recently, he shared feedback on the lack of success metrics in the strategy. He encouraged members have PSRC present the Regional Economic Strategy at their councils.

Councilmember Erin Sitterly, SeaTac, agreed with Councilmember Tosta's comments about SeaTac Airport. Sitterly also mentioned recent SeaTac Airport activities cutting down 3,000 trees as an example of changes in operating policies that directly impact cities.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, discussed the tension between increasing freight traffic and increasing commuter traffic and the lack of a long term solution to address that tension.

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that SCA staff will keep members informed as the Regional Economic Strategy moves forward.

Noting that items 9 and 10 had been taken out of order, Chair Mhoon next turned to item 11.

11. Future Levies and Ballot Measures in King County

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that the list is up to date as the election has been certified. She encouraged members to let SCA know what may be coming next year for cities.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, asked for clarification on Snoqualmie's public safety levy and what the not to exceed amount is. *(Note – while this figure did not appear on the ballot measure, staff have learned that the not to exceed figure is \$650,000.)*

12. Potential Upcoming SCA Issues

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, noted that at the last SCA Finance Committee meeting, Mayor Leanne Guier had suggested a potential workshop on the King County biennial budget, if there were interest. Dawson noted that the Executive would be giving his budget address on September 26. Members expressed some interest, and Dawson agreed to check into availability, barring other time-sensitive issues needing to be addressed in October.

Dawson gave an update on progress of SCA Policy Analyst Ellie-Wilson Jones working with staff from cities and the King County Alliance for Human Services on human services funding.

Dawson gave an update on discussions with the County regarding funding for bridges and roads. In meetings with the Roads Division and County Executive staff, there had been an acknowledgement of the need to focus not just on rural roads, but on the regional roads network throughout the county. Their discussions have focused on three areas. First, on the legislative front, County staff have been doing outreach on a potential legislative "ask" regarding funding for "orphaned roads," rather than seeking (as in last year's session) to compel cities to take on responsibility for these roads, many of which are in poor condition. Second, there have been discussions of the need to work together rather than at odds with each other in the Puget Sound Regional Council (PRSC) Preservation and Maintenance Working Group on the joint needs of cities and the county. And finally, the County has expressed interest in meeting more frequently and working more closely with city Public Works directors, to better understand the collective needs of the region. Dawson noted that County Councilmember Kathy Lambert has done a good job of highlighting the need for funding for rural roads, and noted that cities also have critical transportation infrastructure needs that must be addressed. Chair Mhoon noted that new County Councilmember Claudia Balducci's background in transportation may also be beneficial in these discussions. Staff will keep members apprised of these discussions moving forward.

13. Upcoming Events

The next SCA Networking Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 5:30 PM at the Inglewood Golf Club, Kenmore.

The next PIC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Renton City Hall.

14. For the Good of the Order

Councilmember Amy Ockerlander, Duvall, announced Veronica Williams is Duvall's newest councilmember, replacing Gary Gill.

Mayor Bernie Talmas, Woodinville, shared that Woodinville is hosting Camp Unity, a homeless encampment. In contrast to a previous experience, no opposition has arisen and there have been no issues with the camp. The camp is on city property and uses community volunteers

and local sponsors to meet its needs. Woodinville extended the camp's stay from 90 to 120 days.

Mayor Rich Crispo, Newcastle, announced that the Newcastle City Council voted to oppose ST3. The average cost to a Newcastle household would be \$1,500. Councilmembers noted that the city has financial needs, and that passage of this ballot measure may negatively impact the ability of the city to pass ballot measures in the future to address those needs. He noted that we need to do a better job of prioritization as a region.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, announced the TEC Team, a volunteer radio communications group, is the recipient of the 2016 County Executive's Award for Community Preparedness. The award is given each fall in recognition of outstanding efforts made by communities to prepare for and respond to emergencies. The award is also intended to promote safer communities, strengthening King County as a whole.

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, provided an update on the former Weyerhaeuser property redevelopment, noting substantial public comment in opposition to the redevelopment.

Chair Mhoon called attention to the "Did You Know" item in the packet, recognizing Kenmore Mayor David Baker and SCA for receiving Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Advocacy All-Star Awards. Dawson thanked the membership for making SCA's award possible.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Dave Hill	Bill Thomas
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Bill Pelozza
Beaux Arts Village	Tom Stowe	Richard Leider
Bellevue	John Stokes	Kevin Wallace
Black Diamond	Janie Edelman	Tamie Deady
Bothell	James McNeal	Tris Samberg
Burien	Nancy Tosta	Austin Bell
Carnation	Jim Berger	Dustin Green
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto
Des Moines	Melissa Musser	Robert Back
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof
Enumclaw	Mike Sando	Chance LaFleur
Federal Way	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Dini Duclos
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Mariah Bettise
Kenmore	David Baker	Nigel Herbig
Kent	Bill Boyce	Dana Ralph
Kirkland	Toby Nixon	Shelley Kloba
Lake Forest Park	Catherine Stanford	Tom French
Maple Valley	Erin Weaver	Bill Allison
Medina	Sheree Wen	
Mercer Island	Benson Wong	Debbie Bertlin
Milton	Susan Johnson	Debra Perry
Newcastle	Rich Crispo	Carol Simpson
Normandy Park	Michelle Sipes-Marvin	
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing
Pacific	Leanne Guier	David Storaasli
Redmond	Hank Margeson	John Stilin
Renton	Ed Prince	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Bob Keller	Don Gerend
SeaTac	Erin Sitterley	Pam Fernald
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Keith Scully
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Bob Jeans	Matt Larson
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Verna Seal
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas	Susan Boundy-Sanders
SCA Deanna Dawson Ellie Wilson-Jones Doreen Booth Kristy Cole		

Voting members are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.

3H's Committee Adds/Changes to the BSK Implementation Plan

On September 7th, 2016 the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee (3H's) voted to approve the BSK implementation plan and send this to Council with recommendation to approve.

This committee-approved plan includes earlier amendments from the Regional Policy Committee and new amendments from the 3H's Committee. The County Council will consider the implementation plan at the 9.19.16 Council meeting and present a new amended plan on which they will vote. We do not anticipate this new plan will include substantial amendment changes.

Small Amendments

There are several categories of smaller amendments (adds/changes) in this plan. These include:

- Statements clarifying the County's commitment to working towards equity, and addressing disproportionality and disparities.
- Examples of *specific* programs that could be funded in a strategy area in order to further illustrate what *types* of programs could be funded in that area.
- Addition of particular communities or groups to include in focused funding areas (e.g. youth in foster care).
- Technical changes including grammatical, fiscal (consistency between this plan and the appropriations plan), and addressing inadvertent omissions (for example, adding the reporting requirements for the Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Plan)
- Miscellaneous clarifications (e.g. adding a definition of trauma informed approach, and defining navigators' role).

Significant Amendments

There are several significant amendments to the plan. However, only one of these amendments changes the funding allocations. As described below, \$400,000 was allocated to a new vaccination program for youth. These funds were balanced with a decrease in allocations of \$200,000 in trauma-informed schools/organizations and restorative practices respectively.

These significant amendments include:

Housing, Health and Human Services Committee Amendments
Amendment to the Executive Summary with two paragraphs about equity and social justice which now make the plan consistent with the ESJ Plan (which was release this summer).
Amendment to the Executive Summary clarifying that when specific programs are called out as examples in this plan, this does not imply that these programs will be funded.
Amendment to the Executive Summary directing plan implementers to remain flexible and responsive to changes in the overall environment that might require program or funding level adjustment, and flexible to addressing changing needs or new needs as we learn more.
Amendment in the prenatal - 5 and 5 – 24 sections which direct the County to contract with one or more organizations to provide outreach, technical assistance and capacity building to community-based organizations to reduce barriers to accessing BSK funds. Allocation will be at least 1% of the total in these two sections.
Amendment in the Workforce Development and School-Based Health Centers strategies to build knowledge of the Safe Haven law which outlines places/people where an individual can safely surrender a newborn if they are unable to care for that newborn.
Amendment adding vaccinations for teens to the School-Based Health Centers strategies. This is the only funding add – it adds \$400K for this strategy, shifting \$200K from trauma-informed schools and restorative practices respectively.
Amendment in the Access to healthy affordable food of the Healthy and Safe Environments strategy adding language to support healthy eating choices and nutrition information in schools.
Amendment in the Stopping the School to Prison Pipeline strategy adding the Students Creating Optimal Performance Education (SCOPE) program.
Amendment adding a new, redrafted chapter for Communities of Opportunity. The redraft was completed by Exec staff and Council staff together. The chapter also contains additional clarifying amendments from Council staff.
Several amendments in the Evaluation chapter which clarify evaluation and reporting procedures.

9/9/16 DRAFT Emerging 2017 AWC Priority THEMES

To facilitate and keep moving our internal discussions forward, staff is presenting one possible way to organize our emerging priorities (in no particular order). This is intended to help our discussions and may or may not emerge as one way to communicate our agenda.

- Preserve and enhance local control and self-determination
 - No new mandates
 - Retain current local revenue authorities
 - Example(s)?
 - Consider elimination of caps on revenue authorities
 - Example(s)?

- Re-boot & Strengthen the State/City partnerships necessary to maintain vibrant communities
 - Revitalize key infrastructure assistance programs
 - Specifics?
 - Continue historic and vital sharing of revenues
 - Specifics?

- Tackle and help solve critical issues facing our communities today
 - Public Records reforms
 - Adequate and sustainable funding to train law enforcement personnel (maybe belongs in the category above?)
 - Continued and expanded funding to address homelessness and mental health challenges
 - Specifics?

In addition, there is interest in having AWC actively participate in state revenue & education funding discussions and to explore opportunities to manage costs associated with new agency rules.

- Specifics?