



All Home Coordinating Board Meeting Summary

December 18, 2019

| Members Present: | | | Members Absent: |
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| Sheila Sebron | Andrew Lofton | Meghan Deal | Keith Scully |
| Sara Levin | Joe McDermott | Colleen Echohawk | Nancy Backus |
| Jason Johnson | Leo Flor | Daniel Malone | Hamdi Abdulle |
| | | | Tess Colby |
| | | | Melinda Giovengo |
| | | | Okesha Brandon |

| Agenda Item | Action Steps and Follow Up |
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| Public Comment | <p>On behalf of Beyoncé Black St. James, Leo Segovia read a statement from Ms. St. James about the impact of the negative and inaccurate narrative that resulted after the conference. On her behalf, they requested an apology to and active support for Ms. St. James.</p> <p>Other public comment included Johnathan Hempfield with the Youth Action Board, Emily Harris Shears with Building Changes, Mandy Wolff with the Youth Action Board, and Jennell Hicks with King County.</p> <p>Co-chair, Colleen Echohawk, thanked those who provided public comment and then shared her experience at conference. From her perspective, this was the most powerful and authentic All Home conference in naming and addressing oppression and racism in partnership with communities most impacted by homelessness. She thanked All Home staff for putting together a conference that lived out what the Board said they were committed to. Three years ago the Board said they were going to focus on Native Homelessness and now we are starting to see those results. She also acknowledged that if we are going to do this work, there will be mistakes or unintended consequences along the way. She asserted we are going to be uncomfortable and we must lean in to the many different cultural perspectives and understanding of morality and expression. Ms. Echohawk requested that the Board consider the full day and how to respond to the needs of the trans community as they head into executive session.</p> <p>Co-chair, Sara Levin, shared her appreciation for those who shared open comment. She specifically thanks Leo for reading the letter on behalf of Ms. St. James and shared her only regret is not being at the conference to witness the day.</p> <p>After the investigation, the Board requested to see the conference evaluations and feedback emails.</p> |
| Update on All Home leadership status, steps moving forward Q&A to Leo, Board Chairs, staff | <p>Leo Flor, Department of Community and Humans Services (DCHS) Director, articulated how he holds two roles when it comes to All Home and the Coordinating Board. In addition to being a Board member, he is the Director of DCHS and All Home is an administrative unit of DCHS. He stressed the delineation between All Home as an administrative unit in DCHS and the authority the Board has over All Home's priorities and functions.</p> |

Under Mr. Flor's responsibility as the Department Director, he decided to put All Home Director, Kira Zylstra, on administrative leave following the performance at the All Home conference. He informed the board that there is an open investigation into the conference and All Home's leadership. To date, he received two reports and during that time, Ms. Zylstra chose to resign.

DCHS Deputy Director, Denise Rothleutner, is providing administrative oversight for All Home. A long term plan for the leadership of All Home would be discussed with the Board.

No questions were taken in order to preserve a fair accounting of what happened.

Executive Session (Board members only)

No decisions were made. Another executive session will be held in January.
