AGENDA

GOVERNANCE GROUP
July 19, 2019  2:00 – 4:00 pm
Chinook Building, Room 121
401 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA
Call-in:  206-263-8114   #6923351

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Next Meeting:  August 16th, Location TBD

Governance Group Members

Lydia Assefa-Dawson  Michael Brown  Rod Dembowski  Marguerite Ro
Deanna Dawson  Andrea Estes  Paola Maranan  Sili Savusa
Ubax Gardheere  Yordanos Teferi  Gordon McHenry, Jr.  Nathan Smith
Jenn Ramirez Robson  Tony To

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RESULTS STATEMENT

Create greater health, social, economic and racial equity in King County so that all people thrive and prosper, regardless of race or place.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• Consistently demonstrate the values of equity, respect and partnership.
• Ensure low-income communities and communities of color affected by inequities develop and own the solutions.
• Advocate for and change institutional policies and processes to support equity goals.
• Encourage investments (both funding and in-kind resources) in long-term community capacity building and in systems, policy and practice changes that lead to greater racial and economic equity throughout King County.
• Catalyze alignment of funding streams and partner across issues and sectors to seek preventive strategies that address root causes of today’s inequities.
• Be transparent and show how data and community expertise inform initiative strategies.
• Continuously learn, improve and share work publicly.
• Focus on geographic communities with the greatest needs, while simultaneously sharing lessons learned and building relationships across King County – We are one King County.

VALUES

We commit to guide Communities of Opportunity using these values:

**Equity:** work intentionally to eliminate racial, ethnic, socio-economic and geographic disparities in health and well-being

**Process Equity:** an inclusive, fair and open process

**Community Engagement:** authentic community engagement that involves listening to and understanding the unique histories of communities

**Driven by quantitative and qualitative data:** Data will track and report progress, as well as support given for promising and evidence-based practices

**Innovation:** Recognize that change involves risk and value an adaptive approach that views failure as an important part of the learning process
2 – Communities of Opportunity – Governance Group Meeting Notes
Friday, June 21st, 2019 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Seattle Foundation, Board Room

Members Present: Marguerite Ro, Michael Brown, Andrea Estes, Yordanos Teferi, Ubax Gardheere, Sili Savusa, AJ McClure, Tony To, Jenn Ramirez-Robson

COO Staff: Amanda Kay, Cristina Gonzalez, Kai Domingo, Aaron Robertson, Roxana Chen, José Camacho Martinez, Dan Bernard, Dionne Foster

Other Attendees: Christina Hulet, Sarah Tran

Consent Agenda: Governance Group (GG) approved the consent agenda that included meeting minutes from May 17th, 2019.

Systems & Policy Change Agenda - Presentation
Last year, the 2018 Systems & Policy grantee cohort developed a set of systems and policy change recommendations. They shared their work in March 2019 with governance group members and the full content of policy focused issues is included in your packet. Please read/review the materials for a presentation/discussion:

1. **Systems & Policy Change Agenda**: This document represents the issues COO grantees see as critical to change in order to bring racial equity in our region. COO did not edit out issues or attempt to limit the spectrum of challenges grantees raised as relevant to their communities. Given this approach, the policy agenda is broad in reach and scope. A one-page document (found on page 3 of the agenda) lists the issues that the cohort selected for prioritization.

2. **COO Feedback Document**: Grantees shared their perspective on what it has been like to be a COO grantee. They uplifted the components of our work that have been strong, and they also highlighted challenges and areas where they would like to improvement or things done differently. This document is intended for internal use and to help us be accountable and report back to our grantees.

Discussion:
The Governance Group appreciated the rich information and perspectives of the cohort members, as well as Dionne’s work. A suggestion to rewrite the one-pager to better reflect the details of the agenda and that summarizes the work, not just a highlight of the “priorities”.

The discussion shifted focus to the next round of Systems & Policy funding. How do we get community infrastructure support funded in an equitable way? Members were also interested in searching for a mechanism that makes information available to organizations on funding sources, including restrictions/limitations on funding.

Dionne is working with Sharon on the communications plan to release a condensed version of the Policy Agenda to go along with the new RFP. COO is working on creating the RFP that will be released in the fall, and Dionne will present options to GG in July.
Sili noted that the approach/community engagement by King County still feels disconnected in its efforts with initiatives like BSK, as well as the Veterans, Seniors and Humans Services Levy. The sentiment has been a point of discussion in previous meetings, with a suggestion that COO should be a model for other initiatives. Marguerite suggested that COO invite Sili, Sheila Capestany (BSK), DCHS/Veterans, Seniors & Human Services Levy staff, and COO staff Marguerite Ro and Andrea to sit down and talk about how BSK, and the VSHS levies being implemented.

**Strategy Discussion: COO Vision**
Governance Group continued discussion on COO's legacy and vision for the future, and focusing our efforts to achieve ‘leave-behind’ goals and the strategies that support them with Christina Hulet facilitating.

In large and small group discussions, we reviewed an emerging strategic framework for COO that builds on the “4-Ps“ of People, Place, Policy and Power.

**Next Steps:** The team will put the feedback into a document that we can track. In order to have transparency in the process, Andréa will create a plan to bring the other Governance Group voices into the conversation. This plan will include:

1) Synthesize the materials
2) Governance Group members meeting with their partners to describe the process
3) Check in's with missing Governance Group members

Regular Session end 4:30

Executive Session Begins 4:35
## Communities of Opportunity Strategic Framework

**Power**

- COO is building a movement of community power.
- COO is a model for racial equity, community solutions and community power.

**Policy**

- Community leaders influence*** systems and policies that are more equitable with resources.

**People + Place**

- **Our work is ensuring that people are healthier and are prospering in their community**

### Provide Support

- Assist other organizations/initiatives that are taking the lead

### Take Charge

- Prioritize our time/resources on this strategy

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Red is added wording from original statements

**Support**

- Assist other organizations/initiatives that are taking the lead

**Lead**

- Prioritize our time/resources on this strategy

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**“Spread the gospel”, break down silos, crosswalk work to building alliances and share strategies, “bring people together” to leverage and move change outward, influence funding to have greater flexibility**

**Statement should include racial equity and building local cultural assets**

**Change the word “influence”. Suggestions were: Drive Change, Dismantle, Disrupt, Are decision makers, Take over positions of power**
3- Staff Report
July 19, 2019 Governance Group Meeting

We Belong Here

On Friday, we will welcome Frank Nam, who manages the We Belong Here project, convening multi-sector representatives to enhance belonging and civic muscle in order to co-create solutions that tackle the root causes of inequity. We Belong Here, part of Seattle Foundation's Civic Commons initiative, works to strengthen the region by strengthening relationships. "Our hypothesis is that we have taken belonging for granted," Frank says. "We've stopped doing the things that created and nurtured a sense of connection."

You can read more here: The Value of Belonging

https://www.seattlefoundation.org/Blog/Articles/2019/04/the-value-of-belonging)