



King County

# **Working Age Adult Policy Best Western, Seattle Room April 12, 2005**

**Facilitator:** David Wertheimer, M.S.W., M.Div. Principal, Kelly Point Partners

**Task Force Members:**

Kristen Kavaller, DSHS/DDD/Region 4  
Jodi Reimer, The Arc of King County  
Karen Williams, Trillium  
Therese Vafaezadeh, Children's Hospital  
Kathy Sellars, LifeSPAN  
Elden Lamb, Highline Community College  
Debbie Meyers, SKCAC Industries  
Lisa Turner, L. Turner Associates, Inc.  
Virginia Burzotta, Northwest Center  
Cesilee Coulson, WISE  
Emily Rogers, The Arc of King County  
Ron Ovadenko, Self-Advocate  
Candy Airhart, DSHS/DDD/Region 4  
Leo Finnegan, Parent  
Ginger Kwan, Parent  
Alison McCormick, Seattle Central Community College, Mainstay  
Judy Perry, Highline Community College  
Lyle Romer, Total Living Concept

**Excused:**

Christopher Willis, Federal Way Public Schools

**King County Resource Staff:**

Jane Campbell      Irma Hill      Michaëlle Monday      Kathy Svinth      Holly Woo

**Welcome and Task Force Group Discussion**

David Wertheimer opened the Working Age Adult Policy Task Force meeting by addressing the concerns of members regarding the process and their participation on the Task Force. Listed below are the Task Force member's desired qualities for the Working Age Adult Policy:

Reality-based	Inspiring	Flexible	Motivating
Inclusive	Creative	Implemented	

Members also shared the following reasons for being a part of this process: politics, art, love, economics, and science; their collective values are: work, diversity, and opportunity.

**Task Force Exercise: Discussion of what happens when the work of the Task Force is completed**

Members divided into four small groups to strategize options for the implementation of the Task Force's recommendations to the County. For more information, see the attached document entitled, "Range of Options for Next Steps and Implementation of Task Force Recommendations."

**Priority Areas #2 and #3:**

Work groups met between the second and third meetings of the Task Force to develop draft action plans for Priority Areas 2 and 3. These action plans were presented to the full Task Force and discussed in detail. Suggested changes and additions were recorded, and the Work Groups agreed to meet again to review and incorporate the proposed changes into the next draft of the action plans for each priority area.

Members were encouraged to forward any additional suggestions (especially in the area of measurable outcomes) to Holly Woo within the next two weeks so that they could be forwarded to the Work Groups for their consideration as well.

Michaelle will then forward the revised versions of the action plan documents for priority areas 2 and 3 to Task Force members prior to our next meeting on May 12.

**Priority Areas #4 and #5:**

Work groups 4 and 5 will present their action plans at the May 12 meeting.

**Evaluation of Today's Meeting**

An evaluation form was distributed to Task Force members to assess their satisfaction with the progress in planning the recommendations for implementation of the Working Age Adult Policy. Results of this evaluation will be shared at the next meeting.

**Review of Next Steps:**

On May 12, the Task Force will tackle priority areas 4 and 5. Work groups will be meeting prior to the 12 to develop draft action plans for these priority areas for consideration at that meeting.

At the May 26 meeting the Task Force will review their final product and recommend immediate next steps to the County.

The Task Force also discussed creating the opportunity for a formal delivery of recommendations to the Board for Developmental Disabilities. Kathy Svinth and Task Force members will meet to arrange for media coverage to promote the Working Age Adult Policy. Kathy will make a presentation at the May 12 meeting.

Task Force members discussed creating an independent advisory board to the Board for Developmental Disabilities to assist with the implementation of the policy.

Below are issues that the Task Force members will address at a later date.

## **PARKING LOT ISSUES**

### **Group #4**

- ✚ Include strategies / action steps to invite Residential Providers to the table / shared vision

### **Group #5**

- ✚ Tie funding to people instead of service categories
- ✚ Flexible funding to “fill in the gaps” (transportation, etc.) for short periods until a system is set up to support each person.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next Working Age Adult Policy Task Force meeting is May 12 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Saratoga Room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.