

Puget Sound Tax Accountability Account Stakeholder Group

County-City Building
930 Tacoma Ave S, Rainier Conference Room
Tacoma, WA 98402

Summary Meeting Minutes

PSTAA members in attendance: Maureen Sorenson (Amara); Liesl Santkuyl (College Success Foundation); Jan Mauk (Communities in Schools); Derek Harris (Community Youth Services); Susan Barbeau (First5FUNdamentals); April Shine (Graduate Tacoma); Gina Anstey (Greater Tacoma Community Foundation); Shon Sylvia (Metro Parks); Joe Brady (Metro Parks); Michele Johnson (Pierce College District); Catherine Rudolph (Pierce County); Jason Escareno (Pierce County); Rebecca Chapman (Pierce County); Jaime Prothro (Pierce County Libraries); Jessica de Barros (Puget Sound Educational Services District); Dorothy Gibson (Sound Alliance – SHAPE); Bill Ryberg (Tacoma Community College); Jason Scales (Tacoma Community House); Karen Bunce (Tacoma Housing Authority); Susan Pfiefer (Tacoma Pierce County Health Department); Rodney Robinson (Treehouse); Michael Wark (UW Tacoma)

Others in attendance: Josh Garcia (Tacoma Public Schools)

1. Meeting called to order at 10:03 am.
2. Introductions.
 - Jason Escareno introduced Councilmember Derek Young, who provided background on the PSTAA. Councilmember Young expressed the Council's hope and expectation that this group of experts in the field will recommend a plan to the Council.
 - Members introduced themselves and what agency they represent.
3. Overview
 - Jason gave an overview of the PSTAA stakeholder group and how members were selected to provide a good selection of experts with different backgrounds. The anticipated outcome from the five meetings will be a 5-10 document with group input and research to present to the council. The group will not have a chair or formal facilitation.
4. Presentation by Mike Wark, UW Tacoma

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- Mike discussed the proposal UW Tacoma submitted for PSTAA funding. The primary focus was on the STEM degree program development. Overall needs were for equipment for UW Tacoma to grow its STEM programs. Mike discussed the metrics of the student population, and business partnerships the university has currently fostered in the community, as well as with other local colleges, and middle schools/high schools. Mike expressed concern that Pierce County is behind King County and Snohomish County in STEM programs.
 - Questions were asked from the group. There was interest about what wraparound services UW Tacoma provide. Mike discussed the pipeline programs UW Tacoma has in place. There was a question regarding vulnerable populations, and how to engage more. Mike discussed in more depth the pipeline programs, including Pathways to Promise, and how the university is working on building partnerships and using data and other programs to help eliminate distractions that may keep students from concentrating on school/studying, or force them to leave.
 - Mike said that UW Tacoma is the largest transfer school from Pierce College and Tacoma Community College, who are also expanding their STEM programs.
 - Questions were asked about the process the group should follow and how members should be listening. Discussion was that the group should interact and discuss proposals. The idea of buckets came up – to create ‘buckets’ for different needs assessments. Other areas were briefly discussed, such as the number of foster children currently in care (1,600), and how to promote educational opportunities.
 - Mike completed by saying UW Tacoma was viewing the PSTAA funds as one-time money for educational services; the possibility of up to four-years’ worth of scholarship funding availability; and they would be looking at demographics and availability of data.
5. Presentation by Shon Sylvia and Joe Brady, Metro Parks, Dr. Josh Garcia, Tacoma Public Schools, and Gina Anstey, Greater Tacoma Community Foundation
- The Whole Child Access Pass was presented, with a handout distributed to the group on the pass. The focus is on youth K-12, especially vulnerable populations. The concept is that it would become a child’s ID card, as well as bus pass/ORCA, library card, community center membership, recreation pass, and provide access to other community businesses and museums. It was summed up as a digital wallet for kids.
 - Infrastructure needs to be developed, and that will help to remove barriers and creates healthier children with access to medical, higher education, and safe facilities for children to learn, grow and thrive, and an opportunity to teach a child outside of the school day. Partnerships are being built with Tacoma Public Schools, Tacoma Metro Parks, Tacoma Creates.
 - The goal is not to duplicate what is already available, and to have 100% access for all. It would extend throughout the entire county. To be sustainable long-term, multiple funding sources are needed. Looking at partnering with Technical and Community Colleges to get kids onto campus, and consideration of family support as well. Potential cradle to career program.
 - Concerns were addressed from the group about data access. Josh explained that parental permission is obtained, which resolves the issue, and that they are keen to have an ethical use of the data. The idea of not duplicating data was well received.

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6. Wrap Up
 - Jason expressed that would be scheduling presentations for the next four meetings, and we will be reaching out, but an organization could also suggest a date to present.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

The next meeting of the PSTAA Stakeholder Group is scheduled for November 30, 2018. The agenda will be provided to members prior to the meeting date.