

Seattle Women's Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted in person at Seattle City Hall and online on Zoom.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment by E. Barr

We are currently occupying the unceded lands of many First Peoples, Coast Salish people, Muckleshoot, Suquamish, Stillaguamish, and Duwamish. We acknowledge and thank local First Nations for their centuries of land stewardship that long predates the arrival of European settlers. We remind you to be aware of the spaces you occupy locally, that these lands were stolen from First People in the name of white settler colonialism and that you seek ways to continue your education and give back to local Indigenous communities. [Duwamish Tribe's website](#)

"We must acknowledge that much of what we know of this country today, including its culture, economic growth, and development throughout history and across time, has been made possible by the labor of enslaved Africans and their descendants who suffered the horror of the transatlantic trafficking of their people, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow. We are indebted to their labor and their sacrifice, and we must acknowledge the tremors of that violence throughout the generations and the resulting impact that can still be felt and witnessed today."

Introductions and Roll Call

- Meeting start time: 5:30 p.m.
- **Facilitators:** K. Guerrero; E. Barr
- **Note taker, and Land and Labor Acknowledgment:** T. Mills
- **Present:** E. Barr, K. Guerrero, T. Mills, N. Evanoff, A. DeFisher, K. Faoro
 - Wright, N. Goforth, E. Han, W. Nakamura, V. Mamidala, N. Tola, Lily O., Deborah M.
- **Guests:** M. Stone (SOCCR); I. Fosse (Crisis Care Implementation Initiative Community Liaison), Dr. Terah "TJ" Stewart.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approval of May meeting minutes

- Motion to approve: E. Barr
- Seconded: T. Mills
- Minutes: approved

Approval of June meeting agenda

- Motion to approve: E. Barr

- Seconded: K. Guerrero
- Minutes: approved

Public Comment

- Deborah M. asked a question regarding the subcommittees and their purpose and function. E. Barr explained the focus of each subcommittee and their function.
- Deborah M. asked what advocacy looks like and what the SWC budget is? K. Guerrero shared how focus areas were selected, what SWC advocacy looks like in practice, and SWC annual budget.
- Lily O asked what the process is for selecting members for the subcommittees. E. Barr responded with how SWC members apply and are selected and the process for choosing subcommittee participation.

Items of Business

Guest Speaker: King County Crisis Care Centers (CCC)

- Crisis Care Center Initiative Pillars
 - Create 5 crisis care centers throughout King County by 2030
 - Expand CCC services through mobile response teams, behavioral health (BH) beds, and developing BH workforce
 - Increased number of crisis teams for youths and adults
 - Looking to increase the workforce for crisis management teams that are representative of the communities they serve, including adding peers to the implementation plan
 - Behind on training peers; training only in English
 - CCC - a place where anyone can go to receive help for mental health or drug/alcohol use challenges, open 24/7 and no health insurance required.
- First CCC now open in Kirkland.
- 28 patients/day, 50% walk-ins, 40% brought in by first responders
- First responders reacting positively to this model - allows them to reenter communities more quickly
- Potential location @ 1145 Broadway in First Hill/Capitol Hill area
- Close to 3 hospitals and public transportation
- Zoned as a medical center
- Already a medical center with necessary infrastructure and requirements for a CCC
- Potential to open in 2027
 - Local businesses pushing back

- What happens when people leave a CCC?
- 80% have their needs met
- Transportation assistance; individualized recovery support; culturally and linguistically appropriate services; connections to BH, housing, and social services; RFP for community providers to offer post crisis F/U support opening soon.

Questions from the group

- What information is required during intake at CCCs? (E. Barr)
 - A: demographic questions - age, zip code, race, gender, sexual orientation; no information is required for intake
- Is parental consent required for youth to be treated? (E. Barr)
 - 13+ can consent to their own care
- Are there any meaningful demographic trends yet? (W. Nakamura)
 - Too early for any meaningful data collection
- Are there any budgeting difficulties, budget cuts, etc.? (Vinati)
 - Currently, no, but it is hard to say how things may shift \$ from levy + \$ from the state and county
- How do folks needing support know about the CCC, and how do folks access the Kirkland CCC if they don't have transportation means? (Vinati)
 - Currently working on public awareness campaigns, community engagement, newsletter, etc. Putting out info in various languages
- What is the process of securing the building in First Hill/Capitol Hill, or what are the other options? (E. Barr)
 - Need letters of support from surrounding jurisdictions for sites to be approved
- Must find another building that fits the necessary requirements
- Actionable steps the SWC can take to support the initiative? (E. Barr)
 - Write a letter of support as a commission
 - Reach out as individuals
- Mayor's office, City Councilmembers: Hollingsworth
 - Letters of support due July 7th
- How are you filling openings for medical personnel at CCCs? (Deborah M.)
 - Difficulty finding candidates that are licensed and can speak various languages
- Helping to get POC/multi-lingual individuals into school, help with professional development and licensing to increase the workforce pool
- Contact Information and Website

- [Public Health Seattle and King County's Crisis Care Centers](#)
- [Initiative Website](#)
- Email: idfosse@kingcounty.gov

Overview of the Onboarding Guide by N. Evanoff

[Seattle Women's Commission Onboarding Guide](#)

Subcommittee Updates

Reproductive Health

The reproductive health subcommittee met on June 16th and discussed the How to Talk About Abortion Guide social media posts.

Gender-Based Violence

A new chair or co-chairs are needed. Aurora Commons has a Wednesday Ladies Night volunteer opportunity. The Survivor Storytelling Initiative is still working on gallery space and confirming artists.

Housing Access

The group discussed the June 23rd City Council public hearing on residential zoning (HB 1110) and a scholarship. The Committee needs further information and will ask the policy team for more information.

Communications

Discussed a renter's cap post, the Pride Flag Raising Event at City Hall, and H. Glover's blog post.

Co-Chair Updates

Recent and Upcoming Events

- [SWC Calendar](#) and [Relevant Organizations](#)
- Pride Flag Raising (5/31)
- Beacon Arts Street Fair (6/14)
- Renters Listening Session Report
- New commissioners' orientation (6/26)
- Trans Pride (6/27) + Pride Parade (6/29)

Swag Updates

Finalize badges and business cards order

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Nominate New SWC Co-Chair in July

Seattle Office for Civil Rights Updates by M. Stone Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.