**Joint Municipal Action Committee**

Friday, August 13, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Remote meeting via Zoom

**CALL TO ORDER**

 Chair Elizabeth Bonbright called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL - JMAC COMMITTEE**

Elizabeth Bonbright, Chair, Tacoma Public Schools
Jesse Baines, Metro Parks Tacoma

Andrea Smith, Metro Parks Tacoma

Marty Campbell, Pierce County

Ryan Mello, Pierce County
Deanna Keller, Port of Tacoma

Korey Strozier, Tacoma Public Schools

**JMAC CHIEF EXECUTIVES**

Shon Sylvia, Metro Parks Tacoma

Anthony Chen, Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department

# **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Rosa McLeod, City of Tacoma

Carol Wolfe, City of Tacoma

Chrisy Vindivich, City of Tacoma

Bucoda Warren, City of Tacoma

Jeff Robinson, City of Tacoma

Nick Bayard, City of Tacoma

Hunter George, Metro Parks Tacoma

Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma

Mary Tuttle, Metro Parks Tacoma

Jennifer Bowman, Metro Parks Tacoma

Sean Eagan, Port of Tacoma

Matthew Mauer, Port of Tacoma

Alexandra Mather, Pierce Transit

Alicia Lawver, Tacoma Public Schools

James Neil, Tacoma Public Schools

Cindan Gizzi, Tacoma /Pierce County Health Department

William Bridges, Pierce County Council

Sally Perkins, Community Members

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended to swap the order of items 1. (Consideration of Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department Becoming a Member of JMAC) and 2. (Update on Asset Mapping Tool Workgroups) of the agenda; passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of June 11, 2021 be approved; passed unanimously. There are no minutes to approve for July 2021 as the meeting was cancelled.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Update on Asset Mapping Tool – Hunter George**

Hunter George began the discussion by bringing the committee up to date and outlining tasks for the future.

Mr. George noted that the project has slipped slightly behind this summer due to demands of some other work. He stated that as a result, the work group meetings have not yet occurred. In addition, Mr. George informed the committee that the list of work group assignments also needs be confirmed. It was explained that the intention is to put together a meeting for the last week of August and a follow up meeting a week later, with the goal of having work group tasks completed by the September 10th JMAC meeting.

Mr. George then shared his screen to show the actual asset map tool noting that the link will be posted and shared with the committee members.

Mr. George specified that the ask of the three work groups as pre-work to the Summit of 60 includes the following:

* Take time and apply subject matter expertise and identify 3-5 ideas that JMAC should bring to Summit that they feel will move the needle.

Chair Bonbright reminded the committee that the ideas identified thus far with the asset mapping tool are just a starter. She encouraged committee members to leave room open for more ideas of interest that will result from the Summit.

* Decide who should be invited to the summit- Mr. George noted that the task of outreach group is to assist with determining who should be invited to the Summit, specifying that this needs to happen quickly to get invites out and on calendars. Mr. George followed up by stating he will send out meeting invites for these work group meetings.

**Consideration of Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department Becoming a Member of JMAC**

Chair Bonbright commented that bringing on the TPCHD to JMAC is important as they are integral part of the policy making bodies in this region. She further noted that both Pierce Transit and TPCHD each have two Board Members who already serve on JMAC representing the specific entities that they were elected by the public to serve. These individuals are willing and able to “wear two hats” by also representing Pierce Transit and/or TPCHD. Pierce County Councilmember Marty Campbell and Tacoma City Councilmember Kristina Walker currently represent their municipal elected bodies as well as the Pierce Transit Board on JMAC. If approved for membership, Tacoma Deputy Mayor Keith Blocker and Pierce County Councilmember Marty Campbell will similarly represent both their elected bodies and TPCHD on JMAC.

Councilmember Campbell commented that the past 18 months have really demonstrated the importance of public health. He stated the TPCHD is doing helpful work in addressing health disparities, noting this is so important in making changes to governing. Councilmember Campbell further commented that having them in the conversation is a step towards having equity and health in all policies.

Councilmember Campbell moved to accept the Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department as full members of the JMAC; seconded by Commissioner Smith and pass unanimously.

Dr. Anthony Chen thanked the committee and stressed his agency’s willness to participate as a member of JMAC.

**Revisioning Child Care/Extended Learning Opportunities**

Shon Sylvia commented that he and many partners have been working on recalibrating the system of the whole child program to provide childcare solutions for the community. He noted that recalibrating the system includes building on programs past efforts, moving from coordination to integration, ensuring a more fair and just system and leveraging existing funding and redeploying resources. Mr. Sylvia reminded the committee that Tacoma Public Schools goal number 2 as it relates to the Whole Child initiative is to facilitate innovative and effective school and community partnerships that produce student centered learning support systems, as it leads to a more engaged student and supports higher graduation rates. It was explained that recalibrating the system really means building a comprehensive system, easily navigated by K-5 grade parents, that brings a network of service providers together who offer equitable and affordable arts, enrichment, science, nature, fitness, sports programs and child care for Tacoma students.

Mr. Sylvia then explained the collaborative program management of this program as it includes partners from Metro Parks Tacoma, Tacoma Public Schools, and Greentrike, the newly designated Out of School Time Intermediary (OSTI). Mary Tuttle then broke down the roles and responsibilities of Tacoma Public Schools, Greentrike, and Metro Parks Tacoma. She explained that Tacoma Public Schools is responsible for provision of space, coordination of transportation and meals, communication and marketing to students, student registration technology, and student data & metrics. The committee was then informed that Greentrike’s role is to serve as the ELO provider of talent recruitment, screening and on boarding, coordination and placement, professional development, ensuring program quality and alignment, and ensuring cycles of continuous improvement. She further commented that Metro Parks Tacoma will serve as the coordinator of K-5 childcare alliance & provide childcare services, facilitate field trips, provide site management and facility access, and deliver sports, clubs, activities via OSTI. The committee learned that this new restructured program will be referred to as *Beyond the Bell* and will be available in 35 elementary schools for after school programs.

Ms. Tuttle noted that 12 sites were piloted last year, and that staff is continuing to increase marketing and communications to parents. In addition, Ms. Tuttle noted that staff is hoping to have registrations run through the Family App managed by Tacoma Public Schools rather than using various websites. It was noted that this helps with data collection.

Chair Bonbright inquired how accessible this program would be for licensed childcare providers that are not large enough to enter this web of support. Mr. Sylvia noted that these providers are being brought in and being met with so relationships can continue that were built during COVID. Chair Bonbright voiced her concern about taking the funding bases away from family childcare providers locally. Mr. Sylvia acknowledged the concern and noted that staff is working with family childcare providers and that their inclusion could very well be a part of the next phasing of this project. James Neil of the Tacoma School District commented on his passion for this work. He noted that the data shows that kids involved in after school athletics are healthier, have better attendance and better relationships with adults; that is why this work is so important moving forward.

Mary Tuttle continued the conversation by informing the committee about program format and related funding. She noted that there will be five sessions between September 2021 and June 2022 running from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Sports leagues will be offered at $85 (half off for free and reduced lunch students), clubs and activities will be free to $85 (half off for free and reduced lunch students) , and field trips will be priced between free to $35 (half off for free and reduced lunch students). Ms. Tuttle commented that licensed childcare will also be available September 2021 through June 2022, 5 days a week from 3:30 to 7:00 pm. Ms. Tuttle also indicated that the program hopes to use a universal fee of $450 (half off for free and reduced lunch students) with the opportunity to apply state vouchers and subsidies.

As it relates to funding for *Beyond the Bell*, Mr. Sylvia stated that pending requests are being made through the American Rescue Plan the Elementary and Secondary school Emergency Relief Program, as well as leveraging current funds from Tacoma Creates , Metro Parks Tacoma, grants, PASTAA, and the philanthropic community.

Mr. Sylvia concluded the presentation by noting that next steps include looking at program opportunities for grades 6 through 8 at middle schools, early learning and preschool, and continuing to look at licensed childcare reform provisos, as well as sharing this work and learning more through the Summit of 60.

Chair Bonbright stated that she appreciates this collaborative work.

Councilmember Mello inquired if staff envisions guaranteed spots for kids on free and reduced lunch. James Neil commented that this question has been asked and been a discussion point. He noted that the current registration system is not capable at this point of making that consideration. He continued by noting that current planning is calling for schools and the boots on the ground in the schools that have relationships with these families to get them registered early.

Dr. Anthony Chen commented that he is excited about this work. He did note that it is challenging to expand the work, but it must be done to connect with those decentralized from the childcare system.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2021, 8 to 9:30 am. This will be a quarterly meeting with CEOs. Agenda items will include a report back from work groups in preparation for the Summit of 60.

Dr. Chen thanked Councilmembers Mello and Campbell on a resolution they advanced related to an equity index and outcomes. Dr. Chen suggested a future meeting discussion to learn more from Councilmembers Mello and Campbell on how they achieved this as other JMAC agencies may choose to consider something similar as it is aligned with the committee’s JEDI initiative.

**ADJOURNED:**

Chair Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 9:19 am.