

# **Families Task Force**

## **BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft**



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**Thursday, January 5, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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Chair Nancy Barr and Co-Chair Kathy Halas started the meeting

Others in Attendance:

BOL: Legislator Catherine Parker, Legislator Damon Maher, Legislator Erika Pierce, Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson

GUESTS: Terry Kirshner, Carola Bracco, Darlene Reda, Frank Williams, Jan Fisher, Liz Mark, Ken Jones, Maryanne Joyce, Nancy Tunis, John Befus, Rachel Halperin, Stan Sheppard, Shirley Acevedo, Angel Gray, Alice Joselow, Susan Weisman

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

#### **I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Discussion of updates and priorities for the year

The meeting began with a discussion from Blanca Lopez, acting Commissioner of the County Planning Department. She explained the different types of programs of the Planning Department which include eviction protection, assistance for migrants, landlord assistance programs and other property improvement funds such as the septic system rehab program.

Ms. Lopez also mentioned the bus transportation redesign study that is ongoing.

During the rest of the meeting there were issues from members of the Task Force that were circulated as topics of interest for the year. They were disability, legalized marijuana and its accessibility, youth and adult mental health, suicide amongst black men, anti-Semitism, hate incident tracking, immigration, youth needs assessment, school suspensions, access to counsel and housing.

Legislator Barr and Ms. Halas closed the meeting and set a next meeting date of February 2nd.

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 11:30 AM