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AN ORDINANCE establishing the King County children and youth advisory board; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 2A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. In 2014, the county enacted Ordinance 17738, establishing the youth action plan task force and providing policy direction regarding the development of a youth action plan.
2. In April 2015, the metropolitan King County council approved Motion 14378, adopting the Youth Action Plan. The Youth Action Plan recommends that King County create an advisory board to support the county's system wide accountability for serving children and families and youth and young adults. The task force recommends this be "an inclusive body comprised of a wide array of citizens, stakeholders, and entities that can draw upon experience, knowledge and information to assist King County policymakers as they consider outcomes, policies, and investments for children and families and youth and young adults."
3. The specific tasks for an advisory board envisioned by the Youth Action Plan are:
  - a. Receive and review King County outcomes and data, recommending improvements and modifications to achieve outcomes and support strong data collection/indicator protocols;
  - b. Assist with the comprehensive review and analysis of King County government's programs, services and outcomes for children and families and youth and young adults for alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children and families and youth and young adults;

- c. Recommend policy, budget and other findings to the King County executive and council, ensuring alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children and families and youth and young adults;
- d. Participate with, track and report on efforts of partnerships, coalitions, and networks throughout the region to inform the development of an aligned, region wide response that leads to improved outcomes; and
- e. Be a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas in response to emergent needs, promising practices, and continuous improvement.

4. In July 2015, Ordinance 18088 submitted to the voters of King County a proposition known as "best starts for kids levy," authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation for six consecutive years, commencing in 2016, at a rate not to exceed fourteen cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value in the first year and an increase of up to three percent in the five succeeding years, for the purpose of funding prevention and early intervention strategies to improve the health and well-being of children, youth and their communities. The youth action plan task force members helped shape the best starts for kids levy proposition.

5. Ordinance 18088 also directs the executive to transmit to the council by December 1, 2015, a plan relating to an oversight and advisory board for the portion of the best starts for kids levy proceeds related to children and youth strategies and a proposed ordinance identifying the duties and composition of the oversight and advisory board. Ordinance 18088 requires that the oversight and advisory plan be consistent with the recommendations in the county's youth action plan and that the oversight and advisory board shall be comprised of a wide array of King County residents and stakeholders with geographically and culturally diverse perspectives.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this ordinance should constitute a new chapter in K.C.C. Title 2A.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2.

A. For the purposes of this section:

1. "Best starts for kids children and youth strategies" means those strategies that are eligible expenditures as defined in Ordinance 18088, Section 5.C.1., 2., and 4;

2. "Collective impact" means a process for achieving meaningful and sustainable progress on complex social issues that involves convening stakeholders across sectors and communities, who share a common vision and a shared agenda for assuring accountability and measuring results; and

3. "Youth Action Plan" means the Youth Action Plan approved under Motion 14378.

B. As recommended in the Youth Action Plan and as required by Ordinance 18088, the King County children and youth advisory board is created to act in an advisory capacity to the executive and council to:

1. Assist King County policy makers as they consider outcomes, policies and investments for children and families and youth and young adults; and

2. Serve as the best starts for kids children and youth strategies oversight and advisory body, including making recommendations on and monitoring the distributions of levy proceeds described in Ordinance 18088, Section 5.C.1., 2. and 4.

C. The goal of the board is to improve the health and well-being of children and youth by utilizing a collective impact model to implement strategies that focus on prevention and early intervention.

D.1. The board shall make recommendations to the executive and county council regarding children and youth services, consistent with the recommendations in the Youth Action Plan.

2. The board shall receive and review King County outcomes and data, recommending improvements and modifications to achieve outcomes and support strong data collection and indicator protocols.

3. The board shall assist the executive and the council with the comprehensive review and analysis of King County government's programs, services and outcomes for children, families, youth and young adults for alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children, families, youth and young adults.

4. The board shall recommend policy, budget, and other findings to the executive and the council, ensuring alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children, families, youth and young adults.

5. The board shall participate with, track and report on efforts of partnerships, coalitions and networks throughout the region to inform the development of an aligned, region wide response that leads to improved outcomes.

6. The board shall be a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas in response to emergent needs, promising practices, and continuous improvement.

E. The board shall, to the maximum extent possible, collaborate with the executive on development of an implementation plan relating to the best starts for kids youth and family homelessness prevention initiative to be transmitted to the council by March 1, 2016. The plan must be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.

F. The board shall work in collaboration with the executive to develop an implementation plan for the portion of the levy proceeds pertaining to best starts for kids children and youth strategies to be transmitted to

the council by June 1, 2016. The board shall:

1. Make recommendations for the plan consistent with Ordinance 18088;
  2. Make recommendations for the plan so it is consistent with other adopted county plans and policies such as the King County Strategic Plan, the Youth Action Plan and Ordinance 16948, which transformed the county's work on equity and social justice from an initiative to an integrated effort that applies the King County Strategic Plan 2010-2014's "fair and just" principle to all the county does in order to achieve equitable opportunities for all people and communitiest;
  3. Advise on development of indicators and targets for best starts for kids children and youth strategies for inclusion in the plan;
  4. Make recommendations that ensure the work of the county's steering community to address juvenile justice disproportionality is taken into consideration in development of the plan, to the maximum extent possible;
  5. Make recommendations on and monitor the distribution of best starts for kids levy proceeds; and
  6. Make recommendations on an annual reporting process to the council and community that demonstrates transparency regarding the expenditure of levy proceeds and the effectiveness of the best starts for kids children and youth strategies in meeting the goals and outcomes established in Ordinance 18088.
- G. The board may establish standing and ad hoc work groups focusing on specific components of children and youth services and best starts for kids strategies. Individuals or representative from entities whose work is closely related to children and youth prevention and early intervention strategies may be invited to participate in work groups as nonvoting members.
- H. Consistent with a collective impact model, the board shall:

1. Review and advise the executive and council on emerging and evolving best and promising practices to improve the health and well-being of children and youth;
2. Coordinate with other county boards and groups including, but not limited to, the steering committee to address juvenile justice disproportionality, the mental illness and drug dependency oversight board, the regional human services levy citizen oversight board and the veterans levy citizen oversight board, to maximize the impact of the county's children and youth services;
3. Serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved in improving the health and well-being of children and youth; and
4. Coordinate and share information with other related external efforts and groups.

I. The board shall adopt rules governing its operations at its first meeting, which may be revised in subsequent meetings.

J.1. The board shall be composed of not more than forty members, at least three of whom shall be youth age twenty-four or under.

2. As required by Ordinance 18088, the board shall be comprised of a wide array of King County residents and stakeholders with geographically and culturally diverse perspectives.

3. Members of the advisory board shall be appointed by the executive and confirmed by the council.

K. The board shall establish terms of appointment by lot. Thirteen positions shall have initial terms of two years, thirteen positions shall have initial terms of three years and the remainder of the positions shall have initial terms of four years. After the initial terms have expired, all terms shall be for three years.

SECTION 6. A list of the executive's intended appointments to the inaugural King County children and youth advisory board appears as Attachment A to this ordinance.