## STAFF REPORT

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| **Agenda Items:** | 7 | **Name:** | Renita Borders |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2018-0213 | **Date:** | August 21, 2018 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2018-0213 confirming Executive appointment of the Jessica Werner to the King County Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB).

**SUMMARY**

The Executive has forwarded for Council consideration and approval the appointment of Ms. Jessica Werner, who resides in council district one, for a partial term expiring January 31, 2020. Proposed Motion 2018 would confirm this appointment to the CYAB.

**BACKGROUND**

The Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB), created via Ordinance 18217[[1]](#footnote-1), has a stated goal of improving the “health and well-being” of children and youth through use of a collective impact model[[2]](#footnote-2) to implement prevention and early-intervention-focused strategies.

**Board Duties.** The CYAB serves two purposes, with responsibilities relating to Youth Action Plan (YAP) recommendations and Best Starts for Kids (BSK).[[3]](#footnote-3) Under Ordinance 18217, as recommended in the YAP and as required by Ordinance 18088 (BSK levy ordinance), the CYAB was created to act in an advisory capacity to the Executive and Council to:

* Assist King County policymakers as they consider outcomes, policies, and investments for children, families, youth and young adults; and
* Serve as the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) 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.

In addition to duties pertaining to having participated in the development of the Best Starts for Kids Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative Implementation Plan, the Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan, and the Best Starts for Kids Evaluation and Performance Measurement Plan, the CYAB's duties include:

* Make recommendations to the Executive and Council regarding children and youth services, consistent with the recommendations in the YAP.
* Receive and review King County outcomes and data, recommending improvements and modifications to achieve outcomes and support strong data collection and indicator protocols.
* Assist the Executive and 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.
* Recommend policy, budget, and other findings to the Executive and Council, ensuring alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that have outcomes identified for children, families, youth and young adults.
* 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.
* Be a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas in response to emergent needs, promising practices, and continuous improvement.
* Consistent with a collective impact model:
  + 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;
  + 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 (MIDD) 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;
  + serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved in improving the health and well-being of children and youth; and
  + coordinate and share information with other related external efforts and groups.

**Board Membership.** CYAB membership criteria and term limits are as follows:[[4]](#footnote-4)

* Consist of no more than forty members, at least three of whom must be no more than 24 years of age;
* Include a “wide array of King County residents and stakeholders with geographically and culturally diverse perspectives”; and
* Be appointed by the Executive and confirmed by Council.

The terms of initial appointments to the CYAB were determined by lot, including:

* 13 positions with initial terms of 2-years;
* 13 positions with initial terms of 3-years; and
* Remainder of positions (up to 14) with initial terms of 4-years.

After initial terms have expired, all terms are for three years.[[5]](#footnote-5)

**ANALYSIS**

The application materials for Ms. Jessica Werner notes that she is the Executive Director with the Youth Development Executives of King County, Inc. where she leads a coalition of youth-serving organizations that work to improve outcomes for young people. She states that the increased focus of work at YDEKC incorporates identifying and dismantling issues of institutional and structural racism within organizations. Throughout her experience of working in the youth development field, Ms. Werner has incorporated issues of cultural competency, diversity, equity and inclusion. Ms. Werner has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Washington, Evans School of Public Administration, and a Bachelor of Arts from Occidental College, Los Angeles.

**INVITED**

* Jessica Werner, Appointee, King County Children and Youth Advisory Board
* Kerry Wade, Program Manager, Department of Community and Human Services

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2018-0213 (Attachments are available upon request)
2. Transmittal Letters

1. Ordinance 18217, adopted by Council on January 11, 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ordinance 18217 defines collective impact as “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.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Motion 14378, approved by Council on June 15, 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. K.C.C. 2A.300.510.I.1., 2., and 3. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. K.C.C. 2A.300.510.J. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)