



MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting: Health & Equity Subcommittee
Location: Teleconference
Date: May 19, 2020

Attendees:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Daniela	Bremmer	Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT)
Brian	Brooke	Sound Transit
Barb	Chamberlain	WSDOT
Brian	Chandler	DKS Associates
Kit	Chiu	WSP USA
Christopher J.	Comeau	City of Bellingham
Heidi	Corcoran	Milligan Partners
Andy	Dannenberg	University of Washington (Chair)
Margo	Dawes	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Blake	Geyen	Disability Rights Washington
Kylee	Jones	Spokane Regional Transportation Council
Francois	Larrivee	Hopelink Transportation Brokerage Services
Patrick	Lynch	Transpo Group
Kyle	Miller	WSDOT
Yes	Segura	Smash the Box
Paula	Reeves	Washington Department of Health, Subcommittee Staff
Bryce	Yadon	Futurewise
Anna	Zivarts	Disability Rights Washington

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND QUICK OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

Dr. Andrew Dannenberg

- The meeting began with a brief welcome from Dr. Andrew Dannenberg, and a round of introductions from meeting attendees.

QUICK UPDATES ON WORKPLAN PROGRESS

Dr. Andrew Dannenberg

- Dr. Dannenberg re-introduced the subcommittee workplan, and took stock of the volunteers who have stepped up to lead action items over last several meetings.
- Subcommittee members were invited to further volunteer for actions that do not currently have leads identified.
- Yes Segura noted that he has engaged in research on policies from other states since 2015, and would be interested in supporting the actions related to developing policy recommendations. He

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would also like to support the communications workstream, and the actions focused on seeking out resources for strengthening subcommittee diversity.

- Kit Chiu volunteered to support the communications workstream, and suggested that we work with Reema Griffith to get an overarching perspective of how health and equity might be communicated to other subcommittees.
- Chris Comeau noted that he has been working with Kyle Miller to seek out possible resources to leverage for promoting greater levels of diversity.
 - Kyle Miller added that a spreadsheet has been pulled together with a number of funding sources by the Infrastructure Systems Subcommittee.
 - The spreadsheet lists about 30 or so grant opportunities.
 - Most are state and national grants, intended for various types of projects.
 - Comments from the subcommittee, including by Dr. Dannenberg and Barb Chamberlain, pointed out that the grants appear different than the types of resources that could support the work of this committee to enable broader participation. Reconsideration of the types of resources being researched under this action was advised.
- Paula Reeves closed discussion of this part of the meeting, indicating that she would reach out to those who volunteered for specific actions, and coordinate meetings with Dr. Dannenberg.

Topic Closed.

DISCUSSION: Shaping Proposal(s) to Exec. Committee – Nov. 2020 Deadline

Dr. Andrew Dannenberg

- Dr. Dannenberg invited Paula Reeves to lead the discussion on potential proposals to the Executive Committee.
- Paula indicated that the subcommittee will be asked if there are proposals for the Executive Committee later this year.
 - For any proposals put forward, a specific format will need to be followed.
 - Proposals for health and equity were put forward last year as part of the Safety Subcommittee, but now that this subcommittee has been established, separate proposals will need to be submitted
 - A prior proposal relevant to this subcommittee had to do with a health and equity review.
 - The subcommittee will also be requested to provide a status review.
 - Initial ideas for proposals include putting forward a goal for healthy and equity, and setting out a formal public outreach process.
 - The due date for submitting proposals is November.
- Asked about the purpose of the proposals, Paula explained that they would be for the operations of the Washington State Transportation Commission. This can include proposals for legislation.
- Proposals contribute to content for the Executive Committee's report to the legislature, and if approved, could potentially lead to funding down the line.
- The proposal submission is only several pages, and should not be onerous to prepare.
- Proposals can be related to funding, laws, or policy direction (i.e. to make policies more equity and health focused). However, given current budget constraints, requests for smaller projects may see better success.

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- Discussion:
 - Barb Chamberlain noted that, recognizing budgets are tight right now, the likelihood of any funding is quite limited. However, within this subcommittee, it's been heard several times that in order to do this well, we can't expect people to do this work for free. This further contributes to the issue of equity. There is a cost to doing this work, and the work can't come for free. Proposals to the Executive Committee are an opportunity to put this need forward.
 - Barb added that one challenge is that the subcommittee currently does not have a product to put forward to the executive committee as a group.
 - Paula reminded the subcommittee that there was general consensus on developing some guiding statement and definition of equity through this subcommittee. While coming up with an evaluation framework might be more difficult, setting out a goal may still be helpful.
 - Barb responded that if the subcommittee is able to pull together the guiding statement and definition of equity, the ask put forward in the proposal might be for resources to support the development of the evaluation framework.
 - Dr. Dannenberg noted that a group has already volunteered to pull together some evaluation materials, and that we might see first what has been brought together.
 - Paula indicated that she will reach out to the leads of each of the workstreams to get an update on what has already been done.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Paula to reach out to workstream leads for an update on what has been done to date.

Topic Closed.

Questions, discussion and next steps

All

- Heidi Corcoran brought up that the FTA TCAP grant might be a way to get funding for assessment on equity, at least for people with disabilities.
 - It is typically agencies that are recipients of this grant, so there are outstanding questions on whether the subcommittee would be able to apply.
- Yes Segura commented that it would be helpful for there to be a collaboration site for the subcommittee to work together, share files, do live editing, and communicate.
 - Heidi echoed this recommendation.
 - Paula responded that Reema Griffith has already set up a shared drive for everyone to work out of, and that she will send out information to the rest of the subcommittee on this.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Paula to send out information on shared drive access from Reema to the rest of the subcommittee.

NEXT TELECONFERENCE MEETING: June 24, 2020 12pm – 1pm

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