



**Snohomish County Human Services
MEETING MINUTES**

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
EARLY HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL**

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84858665081?pwd=LFoarVIsxgBsCelpOIKrGA1dmtKEaf.1>

Passcode: 936410

**Monday, February 23, 2026
1:30 – 2:30 PM**

Attending

- County Staff Present: Kristina Saunsaucie, Karen Matson, Mellissa Hiatt, Margarita Ferrell (providing interpretive services)
- Policy Council Members Present: Nipada (Nikki) Long, Yuri Ochoa

Called to Order

- Yuri Ochoa called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM.
 Quorum met Quorum not met

Welcome and Introductions

- Kristina welcomed new member, Nipada (Nikki) Long.

Orientation to Policy Council

- Orientation to Policy Council moved to the next meeting agenda due to low attendance.

Family Involvement

Purpose to share information from Parent Committee.

Kristina opened the floor for sharing.

- Parent Committee share out
 - Policy Council members shared a thank you to the EHS Program for the supportive resources such as food baskets, cooking kits, and laundry baskets.
- Ideas for Summer Family Events (Socializations)
 - Kristina shared possibility of socialization sessions via zoom. These sessions would be "in addition to" already scheduled socializations and would not "take the place of" in person socializations and would focus on music and movement.
 - Policy Council members shared they were open to zoom activities and suggested polling the families. If families are not interested or unable to attend in-person events, then this would give them the opportunity to connect with other families.

- Harvest of the Month- Parent Choice
 - February's vegetable is parsnip.
 - Kristina invited the attending members to select the next Harvest of the month vegetable. The choices provided were brussel sprouts, carrots, or potatoes.
 - Action: Attending members selected potatoes as the March 2026 Harvest of the Month vegetable.

Approval of Minutes

- October 2025
 - Action: Approval of October minutes moved to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.
- November 2025
 - Action: Approval of November minutes moved to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.
- December 2025
 - Action: Approval of December minutes moved to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.
- January 2026
 - Action: Approval of January minutes moved to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.

Orientation to EHS Budget

Required Annual Training for Policy Council members

- Orientation to EHS budget moved to next meeting due to low attendance.

Program Financials

Snohomish County Human Services Admin/Finance Division ensures all EHS expenditures are consistent with and allowable under EHS Grant and EHS Performance Standards

Program financials and credit card reports were not shared as there was not a quorum.

- September, October, and November, and December 2025 Program Financials
- September, October, and November, and December 2025 Credit Card Reports
 - Approval of receipt of the September, October, November and December 2025 financials and the September, October, November, and December 2025 Credit Card Reports moved to the next meeting as there was not a quorum.

Management Report

Kristina presented the Management report.

- Enrollment Update including vacancies over 30 days
 - Program is fully enrolled at 82.
 - There were no vacancies over 30 days.
 - 19 Families (children or pregnant mothers) currently on waitlist

- Staffing updates
 - There is currently one vacant ITS full-time position.
 - Interviews in January to fill the vacant position did not result in hiring a successful candidate.
 - Interviews from a new pool of qualified applications will happen over the next two weeks.
- Program Information Data (see below)

This Report shows data about families enrolled during 2025-26 Program Year. If there are questions, contact Kristina.

Update – Office of Head Start

- Kristina shared information about a potential upcoming release of new performance standards.
- There were no official updates from the Office of Head Start this month.

Continuation Grant Application -Year 3

5-year grant award with annual continuation application with budget (2025-2029)

Kristina shared information about the status of the Year 3 Continuation Grant Application with budget.

- The program is currently in Year 2 and planning for Year 3.
- A survey for families to complete will be sent out. EHS Program staff along with families will have an opportunity to review data from other community needs assessments. The data will be used to inform the program about the community's needs, culminating in a self-assessment of our program which will help in determining and setting priorities for the EHS program for the upcoming year.
- Parents and Policy Council members will also be invited and provided with time to review the current enrollment process and help to decide eligibility factors for upcoming enrollment.
- Date yet to be determined.

Announcements

- Tentative: March 23, 2026, is next meeting date.
- Kristina and Infant Toddler Specialists will work with home visitors to decide future meeting days/times.
 - Comment from members-there is a possibility that families might not be receiving emails and it is helpful when home visitors send reminders via text.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Note: If you have questions, please contact Kristina Saunsaucie at 425-388-6439 or Kristina.Saunsaucie@snoco.org

PROGRAM INFORMATION REPORT

Program Year 2025-2026 –Data as of January 31, 2026

Program Enrollment and Attendance

Early Head Start program enrollment as of January 31, 2026

Total Cumulative Enrollment:	<u>100</u>
Total Current Enrollment:	<u>82</u>
• Under 100% FPL:	<u>20</u>
• Public Assistance:	<u>48</u>
• Foster Care:	<u>5</u>
• Homeless Families:	<u>22</u>
• % of Over-Income Families (100-130% FPL):	<u>6%</u>
• % of Over-Income Families (> 130% FPL):	<u>1%</u>
• % of Children with an IFSP:	<u>21%</u>
• Current Waiting List:	14
• % of Completed Home Visits	<u>70%</u>
• Vacancies over 30 Days:	0

Demographics and Health Data

• Pregnant People:	<u>7</u>
• Children Under 1 Year:	<u>23</u>
• Children 1 – 2 Years:	<u>25</u>
• Children 2 – 3 Years:	<u>27</u>
• Families with home language other than English:	<u>56%</u>
• Children with a medical home:	<u>100%</u>
• Children with a dental home:	<u>98%</u>
• Well-Child Exams Completed:	<u>89%</u>
• Dental Screenings:	<u>74%</u>
• Immunizations Up to Date:	<u>79%</u>