



**Snohomish County Council**  
**Law and Justice / Human Services Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Jared Mead, Committee Chair  
Sam Low, Committee Vice-Chair  
Committee Members: Stephanie Wright, Nate Nehring, Megan Dunn

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst  
Angela Ewert, Legislative Aide  
Elena Lao, Assistant Clerk of the Council

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**Monday, April 25, 2022**

**1:30 PM**

**Jackson Board Room  
& Remote Meeting**

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**PRESENT:**

Committee Chair Mead  
Committee Vice-Chair Low (*remote*)  
Committee Member Wright (*remote*)  
Committee Member Nehring  
Committee Member Dunn  
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff  
Alessandra Durham, Executive Chief of Staff  
Lacey Harper, Executive Director  
Ken Klein, Executive Director  
Jason Biermann, Department of Emergency Management  
Shawn Frederick, Snohomish Health District  
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council  
*\*See name listed below of individual providing public comment.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Mead called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment for both in-person and remote via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL**

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individual provided public comment:

- Cara Whelan, resident of Mill Creek, provided comments and questioned the use of funds collected from sales tax for affordable housing.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 22-019, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Washington State Patrol, Everett Police Department, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and Kitsap County Sheriff's Office to participate in the WSP Interagency Bomb Squad [2022-0377](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the Washington State Patrol Interagency Bomb Squad.

**ACTION:** Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session on May 4, 2022, to set time and date for a public hearing.

2. Motion 22-160, approving Amendment #1 to the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Act (PSTAA) Interlocal Agreement with Northshore School District [2022-0350](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report explaining the amended agreement through August 31, 2022, and moving \$24,264 from Supplies to Professional Services.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on May 4, 2022, for consideration.

3. Motion 22-161, confirming the appointment of Luke Distelhorst to the Housing Authority of Snohomish County Board of Commissioners [2022-0348](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided information on the Commission and the Executive's recommendation for appointment.

Committee Member Wright spoke in support of the nomination.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on May 4, 2022, for consideration.

4. Motion 22-162, approving the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium 2022 Annual Action Plan for HUD Housing and Community Development Programs [2022-0351](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the draft Plan for a total grant allocation of \$6,009,974 for affordable housing, community services facilities, infrastructure projects, homeless programs, and economic development activities. She noted that the 2022 program year runs from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on May 4, 2022, for consideration.

5. Motion 22-163, amending the 2021 Annual Action Plan to add additional 2020 HOME Program income to the city of Everett Community Housing Improvement Program [2022-0229](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, reported on the proposed amendment to the 2021 Annual Action to increase the HOME program income for the city of Everett in the amount of \$174,567.40, for a total of \$247,119.62.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on May 4, 2022, for consideration.

6. Motion 22-164, authorizing the recruitment and hiring of two new Court Reports-Superior Court [2022-0368](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided information on the request to hire two court reporters sooner than the hire date provided in the 2022 budget. She added that the positions are funded in the 2022 budget for three months.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on April 27, 2022, for consideration.

7. Motion 22-170, approving a budget transfer in Fund 130 Grant Control for the Recovery Navigator Program [2022-0369](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided information on the proposed budget transfer of \$512,455 in grant funds for the operation of the Recovery Navigator Program.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on April 27, 2022, for consideration.

8. Motion 22-177, approve and authorize the County Executive to execute the Washington State Department of Commerce Grant Agreement for stabilizing newly arriving refugees from the 2021 Afghanistan conflict [2022-0429](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the grant agreement for \$5,470,000 to provide refugee services and assistance. She further explained the fiscal implications for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

In response to Committee Member Low's question, Alessandra Durham, Executive Chief of Staff, noted that there are no requirements for a County match or contribution to the grant funds.

**ACTION:** Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session on April 27, 2022, for consideration.

#### DISCUSSION ITEM

1. COVID Response: A Retrospective Look at the Partnership [2022-0431](#)

Lacey Harper and Ken Klein, Executive Directors, along with Jason Biermann, Emergency Management Director, and Shawn Frederick, Snohomish Health District Administrator, provided a follow up on the information that has been presented previously by the Snohomish Health District.

Discussion ensued as members expressed continued support of joint efforts in the ongoing response to COVID.

The Committee thanked everyone for their tireless work through the pandemic.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 1:48 p.m.