

Keep Washington Working Work Group Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Paula Arno Martinez, Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs
Cariño Barragan, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
Malou Chavez, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Bre Elsey, Washington State Farm Bureau
Alex Galarza, Northwest Justice Project
Julia Gorton, Washington Hospitality Association
Karen Lewis, Washington State University
Victoria Mena, Colectiva Legal del Pueblo
Monserrat Padilla, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network
Sandra Rodarte, Latino Civic Alliance
Kristin Kershaw Snapp, Washington State Fruit Tree Association
Rich Stolz, OneAmerica
Keelcy Perez Woolley, WA State Commission of Hispanic Affairs

Alejandro Sanchez, Special Assistant to the Governor
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General
Tammy Deets, Commerce
Marie Splaine, Commerce

Absent:

Paul Benz, Faith Action Network
Sam Cho, Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
Antonio Ginatta, Columbia Legal Services
Eric Gonzalez, ACLU

Open Public Meetings

The Work Group is not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. However, for best practices we will open meetings to the public. We will also post meeting notice and meeting notes on the Keep Washington Working webpage.

Public Records

We received a high level explanation of the Public Records Act, [RCW 42.56](#). All records created are subject to public disclosure including email, written and electronic documents, pictures, voicemail, texts and social media. We were encouraged to save all emails about the work group in a sub email file. This separates the documents and makes searching easy. Also note anything Commerce created, we are the record holder and you do not need to keep. As we all know be mindful what we document.

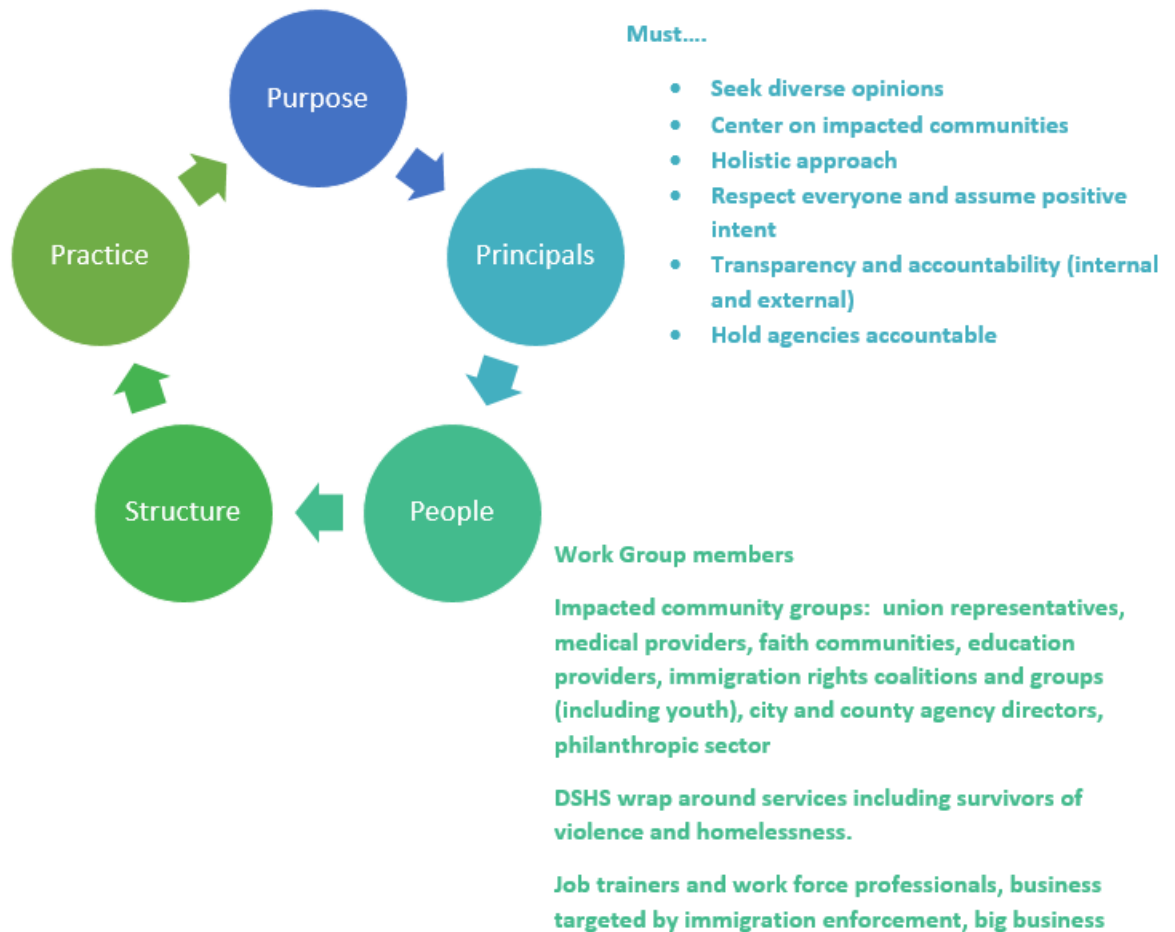
Chair Selection

Everyone in attendance unanimously accepted Rich Stolz, OneAmerica to be the chair. He accepted the role. We continue to seek a Co-Chair. If you are interested let Tammy Deets know.

Defining the Work Group

After group discussion we created purpose, principals and listed members and stakeholders. We will finish it at our next meeting after session.

Support immigrant communities to achieve economic stability for a thriving Washington.



Next Steps

- Next meeting will be held after the legislative session is over. Work group members will decide the dates and locations of the next two meetings? Tammy will send Doodle.
- Members will hold meetings in various locations throughout the state. Kristin and Paula both had offered to host. They are located in Yakima and Wenatchee respectively. Tammy will send Doodle.
- The work group would like facilitation and equity training for the whole group. Marie will look into this.
- Some work group members would like to get help with travel expenses? Tammy will make inquiry with Commerce leadership.
- If members are interested in being the Co/Vice-Chair, please let Tammy Deets know.
- Tammy will work with Rich and Marie to develop meeting agenda for the next meeting.

Items to be Resolved

- What will Communication look like? Will there be periodic meetings set up between the Chairperson and Dr. Lisa Brown, Director of Commerce?
- How will research work? Does everything have to go through Commerce or can the Work Group do its own research?