

# Whatcom County Business and Commerce Committee

## June 27, 2022, 11-12:30pm

In person option details	Remote option details
Port of Bellingham 1801 Roeder Avenue Bellingham, WA 98225  Mt Baker Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor.	<a href="#">Zoom Meeting (click here to enter)</a>  Dial by your location +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 956 5100 8673 Passcode: 499679 Find your local number: <a href="https://portofbellingham.zoom.us/j/abALoinKog">https://portofbellingham.zoom.us/j/abALoinKog</a>

### June Agenda

#### **Introductions / Administrative business / Comments welcome from the Public (5 min)**

- Committee Chair calls meeting to order
- Committee Members introduce themselves
- Approve May 2022 minutes
- Invite public to participate along with Committee members during Q&A sessions

#### **Healthy Children's Fund (30 min)**

<https://whatcom.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=10979584&GUID=D6372E9F-E623-430D-9C30-929E84A22737>

Ray Deck- Skookum Kids

Heather Flaherty- Chuckanut Health Foundation

Emily O'Connor- Lydia Place

Debbie Ahl- Mt Baker Foundation & Committee Member

- Introduction & History (10 min)
  - Intro & Problem Frame- Debbie Ahl
  - Intro & History of Levy Effort- Heather Flaherty
  - Business Case for more childcare- Heather Flaherty
  - Present endorsements & supporters- Heather Flaherty
- Eligible Services, Structure & Accountability (10 min)
  - Fund mechanics- Heather Flaherty
  - Eligible Services- Emily O'Connor
  - Accountability- Ray Deck III
- Hypothetical Impact- If passes, what would happen (10 min)

#### **Q/A Discussion (10 min)**

#### **Affordable Childcare Resolution (30 min)**

<https://cob.org/wp-content/uploads/Whatcom-County-Executive-Memo-re-ARPA-funding-framework-and-uses.pdf>

<https://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/politics-government/article259290269.html>

Heather Powell- Boys & Girls Club / Kids World

- Introduction to ARPA Funding mechanism for Childcare & Funds distributed thus far
  - Experience/process to access ARPA funding for childcare
  - Data, Facts, Costs for providing Childcare in Whatcom County

#### **Q/A Discussion (10 min)**

### **Close**

#### **Next meeting: Monday, July 18, 2022 11am**

Hybrid Meeting- In-person encouraged and Zoom option available!