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AN ORDINANCE amending the duties and responsibilities of the King County Children and Family Commission, placing the commission under the responsibility of the office of financial management, budget division and amending Ordinance No. 8577, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and K.C.C. 2.50.010, 2.50.020, 2.50.030 and 2.50.040 and adding a new section.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 8577, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.50.010 are hereby amended as follows:

A. There is established the King County children and family commission, to be composed of no more than seventeen voting members, appointed by the King County executive and confirmed by the council. Appointees shall represent the geographic and ethnic diversity of communities in King County. No more than seven members shall reside within any one municipal jurisdiction.

B. The commission shall seek the opinions and ideas of educators, the business community, children services providers and agency representatives and other interested parties on issues considered by the commission. These persons shall be invited to participate in commission discussions (~~on an ad-hoc basis~~).

C. The commission members shall be appointed by the county executive, subject to confirmation by the county council. (~~Appointees should include community leaders and decision-makers from both public and private sectors who are interested in improving services for families and children. The executive shall request nominations from each councilmember.~~) Appointees should include professionals, consumers of county services, children/youth and individuals of

1 color and limited/non-English speaking individuals who are  
2 concerned about children and families.

3 D. Appropriate county departments which serve the  
4 health, recreational, social, economic and criminal justice  
5 needs of children and families shall provide resource people  
6 who shall serve the commission in an advisory capacity.

7 E. Once constituted, commission members shall establish  
8 terms of appointment by lot. Seven members shall serve one  
9 year; five members shall serve two years; and five members  
10 shall serve three years.

11 F. Except for the initial term, all appointments shall  
12 be for three-year terms. Once confirmed by the council,  
13 commission members shall serve as voting members until  
14 reconfirmed or a successor is confirmed. Commission members  
15 may serve two consecutive terms.

16 G. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the  
17 children and family commission shall be filled for the  
18 remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the  
19 original appointments.

20 SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 8577, Section 2 and K.C.C.  
21 2.50.010 are hereby amended as follows:

22 Duties. The King County children and family commission  
23 shall act in an advisory capacity to the county executive and  
24 county council, focusing on recommendations to further define  
25 King County's mission, role, and goals in provision of services  
26 to children and families. (~~In addition, the commission shall~~  
27 ~~adopt a formal children and family policy plan for council~~  
28 ~~consideration by July 1, 1990 which sets forth the principles,~~  
29 ~~policies and strategies needed to guide King County's efforts~~  
30 ~~on behalf of children and families, provided that strategies~~  
31 ~~should encourage families, schools, educators, social service~~  
32 ~~agencies, businesses, volunteers, youth and children serving~~  
33 ~~organizations, and private foundations to work together for the~~  
34 ~~benefit of children and families. Provided further that~~  
35 ~~primary consideration be given to a goal of increasing~~

1 ~~cooperation with public and private schools to increase the~~  
 2 ~~graduation of youth from high school (or attaining graduate~~  
 3 ~~equivalent degrees). Appropriate strategies to attain this~~  
 4 ~~goal may address youth at risk for social, physical, or~~  
 5 ~~psychological problems preventing success at school.)~~

6 The commission will concentrate on building links between the  
 7 county's service systems, communities and schools. The  
 8 commission will provide oversight and review of the county's  
 9 systems that provide services to children and families; promote  
 10 cooperation among departments, and evaluate the effectiveness  
 11 of programs; and oversee implementation of policies adopted by  
 12 the council concerning children and families.

13 NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. The commission shall develop a  
 14 biennial plan for implementing a children, youth and family  
 15 policy plan adopted by the council. The first implementation  
 16 plan shall be presented for council review and approval by July  
 17 1, 1992. Subsequent implementation plan updates shall be  
 18 developed on a biennial basis and presented for council review  
 19 and approval beginning March 1, 1994. The biennial children,  
 20 youth and family implementation plan shall include a status  
 21 report on the health and welfare of children, youth, and  
 22 families in King County as well as priorities, goals, and  
 23 strategies to guide annual funding and work program decisions.  
 24 In accordance with adopted policy and the biennial  
 25 implementation plan, the commission shall review the budgets of  
 26 county agencies serving children, youth, and families as part  
 27 of the annual budget process for the purpose of making  
 28 appropriate policy and resource allocation recommendations to  
 29 the executive and council.

30 SECTION 4. Ordinance No. 8577, Section 3 and K.C.C.  
 31 2.50.030 are amended to read as follows:

32 Meetings -- Quorum. The King County children and family  
 33 commission shall elect its officers, including a chair,  
 34 vice-chair and such other officers as it may deem necessary.  
 35 Such officers shall occupy their respective offices for a

1 period of one year. The commission may organize into  
2 sub-committees as appropriate. The commission shall adopt  
3 rules and administrative procedures for its own operation.  
4 Such rules shall include a definition of conflict of interest  
5 issues coming before the commission and appropriate voting  
6 restrictions. The commission shall adopt an annual work plan  
7 describing how it will fulfill its responsibilities. The  
8 children and family commission shall hold regular public  
9 meetings at least quarterly. Records of the proceedings shall  
10 be maintained. The commission shall issue an annual report to  
11 the public on its activities. A quorum shall constitute a  
12 majority of the commission's membership. Any member of the  
13 commission who, without having been excused by the chair, fails  
14 to attend three regularly scheduled commission meetings, shall  
15 be removed and the position declared vacant by the appointing  
16 authority.

17 SECTION 5. Ordinance No. 8577, Section 4 and K.C.C.  
18 2.50.040 are amended to read as follows:

19 Staffing. (~~The department of human resources~~) The  
20 office of financial management, budget division, shall have  
21 lead responsibility, within available resources, for staffing  
22 the commission. Staff for the department will respond to the  
23 chair of the commission, assisting in the preparation of  
24 agendas, securing information and statistics as requested or  
25 required for commission projects, keeping members informed  
26 about meetings and tasks, communicating with the executive  
27 office

1 about appointments of new members as needed, and working with  
2 the commission to insure the intent of this chapter is  
3 fulfilled.

4 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
5 day of December, 1991.

6 PASSED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1992

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 *Audrey J. Drueger*  
10 Chair

11 ATTEST:

12 *Gerald A. Peter*  
13 Clerk of the Council

14 APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1992.

15 *Jim Hill*  
16 King County Executive  
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