



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
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Signature Report

April 18, 2000

Ordinance 13811

Proposed No. 1999-0634.2

Sponsors Nickels and Hague

1 AN ORDINANCE expanding and revising the duties of the
2 King County children and family commission; transferring
3 staffing responsibility for the commission; and amending
4 Ordinance 8577, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.010,
5 Ordinance 8577, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.020,
6 Ordinance 10217, Section 3, and K.C.C. 2.50.025, Ordinance
7 8577, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.030 and
8 Ordinance 12075, Section 13, and K.C.C. 2.50.045.

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11 PREAMBLE:

12 In response to the reorganization of juvenile detention and probation
13 services and the adoption of the King County Framework Policies
14 for Human Services, the King County children and family
15 commission has agreed to expand and revise its duties. The
16 commission has agreed to provide advice regarding services for
17 juvenile offenders as a replacement for the citizen advisory group to

18 the former department of youth services as well as to provide citizen
19 oversight for the implementation of Framework Policies for Human
20 Services. The executive and the superior court valued the work of
21 the department of youth services, citizen advisory committee and
22 asked the children and family commission to continue this function.
23 The guidelines adopted by the King County council along with the
24 Framework Policies for Human Services call for the children and
25 family commission to provide advice to the executive and council as
26 part of the review process outlined under the policies. The children
27 and family commission agrees that these additional duties are
28 appropriate and consistent with its mission.

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30 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

31 SECTION 1. Ordinance 8577, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.010 are
32 each hereby amended to read as follows:

33 **King County children and family commission – ((E))established.**

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

39 B. The commission shall seek the opinions and ideas of educators, the business
40 community, children, youth and family service((s)) providers and agency representatives

41 and other interested parties on issues considered by the commission. These persons shall
42 be invited to participate in commission discussions.

43 C. The commission members shall be appointed by the county executive, subject
44 to confirmation by the county council. Appointees should include professionals,
45 consumers of county services, ~~((children/))~~ youth and individuals of color and limited ~~((/))~~
46 or non-English speaking individuals who are concerned about children, youth and
47 families.

48 D. Appropriate county departments which serve the health, recreational, social,
49 economic and criminal justice needs of children, youth and families shall provide
50 resource people who shall serve the commission in an advisory capacity.

51 E. ~~((Once constituted, commission members shall establish terms of appointment~~
52 ~~by lot. Seven members shall serve one year; five members shall serve two years;~~
53 ~~and five members shall serve three years.~~

54 ~~F.))~~ Except for the initial term, all appointments shall be for three-year terms.
55 Once confirmed by the council, commission members shall serve as voting members
56 until reconfirmed or a successor is confirmed. Commission members may serve two
57 consecutive terms.

58 ~~((G.))~~ F. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the children and family
59 commission shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as
60 the original appointments.

61 SECTION 2. Ordinance 8577, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.020 are
62 each hereby amended to read as follows:

63 **Duties.** The King County children and family commission shall act in an

64 advisory capacity to the county executive, the superior court and county council, focusing
65 on recommendations to further define King County's mission, role, and goals in provision
66 of services to children, youth and families. The commission will concentrate on building
67 links between the county's service systems, communities and schools. The commission
68 will provide oversight and review of ~~((the))~~ county~~((s systems that))~~ programs
69 provid((e))ing services to children, youth and families; promote cooperation among
70 departments, and evaluate the effectiveness of programs; and oversee implementation of
71 the King County Framework Policies for Human Services, adopted by Ordinance 13629
72 and any other policies adopted by the council concerning children, youth and families.
73 The commission shall establish a standing committee comprised of commission members
74 that will focus on services for at-risk youth including probation related services of the
75 superior court juvenile department, juvenile detention and the services provided to youth
76 by the department of adult and juvenile detention, the department of community and
77 human services, schools and others as deemed appropriate. This committee, through the
78 commission, shall provide advice and offer recommendations on services for at-risk
79 youth in the community and in the juvenile justice system.

80 SECTION 3. Ordinance 10217, Section 3, and K.C.C. 2.50.025 are each hereby
81 amended to read as follows:

82 ~~((Biennial plan. The commission shall develop a biennial plan for implementing~~
83 ~~a children, youth and family policy plan adopted by the council. The first~~
84 ~~implementation plan shall be presented for council review and approval by July 1, 1992.~~
85 ~~Subsequent implementation plan updates shall be developed on a biennial basis and~~
86 ~~presented for council review and approval beginning March 1, 1994. The biennial~~

87 children, youth and family implementation plan shall include a status report on the health
88 and welfare of children, youth, and families in King County as well as priorities,
89 goals((,)) and strategies to guide annual funding and work program decisions.)) **Human**
90 **Services Review and Recommendations Report.** The commission shall provide citizen
91 oversight for the department of community and human services and other involved
92 county departments in development and implementation of the Human Services
93 Recommendations Report required by Ordinance 13629 and shall communicate its
94 recommendations regarding the report to the Executive and Council. In accordance
95 with adopted policy and any recommendations adopted as a result of the Human Services
96 Review and Recommendations Report ((the biennial implementation plan,)) the
97 commission shall review the budgets of county agencies serving children, youth((,)) and
98 families as part of the annual budget process for the purpose of making appropriate policy
99 and resource allocation recommendations to the executive, the superior court and council

100 SECTION 4. Ordinance 8577, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.030 are
101 each hereby amended to read as follows:

102 **Organizational – ((M))meetings – ((Q))quorum.** The King County children,
103 and family commission shall elect its officers, including a chair, vice-chair and such other
104 officers as it may deem necessary. ((Such)) The officers shall occupy their respective
105 offices for ((a period of)) one year. The commission may organize into sub((-
106))committees as appropriate. The commission shall adopt rules and administrative
107 procedures for its own operation. ((Such)) The rules shall include a definition of conflict
108 of interest issues coming before the commission and appropriate voting restrictions. The
109 commission shall adopt an annual work plan describing how it will fulfill its

110 responsibilities. The ~~((children and family))~~ commission shall hold regular public
111 meetings at least quarterly. Records of the proceedings shall be maintained. The
112 commission shall issue an annual report to the public on its activities. A quorum shall
113 constitute a majority of the commission's membership. Any member of the commission
114 who, without having been excused by the chair, fails to attend three regularly scheduled
115 commission meetings, shall be removed and the position declared vacant by the
116 appointing authority.

117 SECTION 5. Ordinance 12075, Section 13, and K.C.C. 2.50.045 are each hereby
118 amended to read as follows:

119 **Staffing.** The ~~((department of community and human services))~~ office of regional
120 planning and policy shall have lead responsibility, within available resources, for staffing
121 the commission. Staff for the ~~((department))~~ office will respond to the chair of the
122 commission, assisting in the preparation of agendas, securing information and statistics as
123 requested or required for commission projects, keeping members informed about
124 meetings and tasks, communicating with the executive office about appointments of new
125 members as needed~~((;))~~ and working with the commission to insure the intent of this
126 chapter is fulfilled.

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~~SECTION 6. ((Effective Date. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2000.~~
~~SECTION 7.)) Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application
to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or
the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.~~

Ordinance 13811 was introduced on 10/25/99 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/17/00, by the following vote:

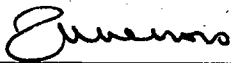
Yes: 13 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna,
Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 0

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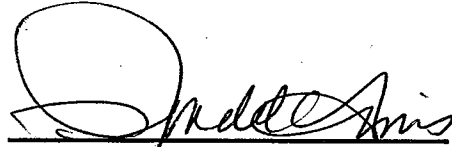
Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 25 day of April, 2000.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None.