

## AFN Disability Partner Space - Notes

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

### I. Welcome & Introductions

### II. Announcement:

- We have exciting news that Yen Baynes, our Disability Justice lead, is out on maternity leave! She welcomed her new baby earlier this month. To support her spending time with her little one, we will be pausing workgroup activities until September. Her leave plans may change, and we will share any future updates once we have them. However, is there interest in holding the space for partners to connect and collaborate with each other?

### III. Group Discussion

- Is there an interest in continuing this work and holding these spaces in a more informal way?
  - Partners express interest to continue holding workgroup space to connect with each other and share community care efforts
  - Would like to share feedback with DOH in a more personal/intimate setting compared to the larger Collaborative, which represents so many communities and perspectives
  - What is our interim goal in meeting? We should let that goal shape the meeting space.

### IV. Is there an interest in topics or suggested topics that you would like to see in these upcoming sessions?

- COVID-19; DOH's plans for post-COVID efforts in respect to people with disabilities?
  - Refer to [Dr. Shah's presentation](#) for more details about this
- Include parents, self-advocates, and people who have disabilities themselves.
- Invite COVID response team for an informal discussion and answer concerns, comments, questions
  - Opportunity for June's Collaborative – check-in with Thought Partners
- Partners suggest upcoming workgroup session highlight partner efforts
  - Sharing what worked from the organization level or personal experience dealing with disability and learning to better our communities

### V. Meeting cadence?

- Group consensus: Monthly meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month, 4-5pm

### VI. Co-lead Workgroup?

- Interested in co-leading workgroup?
  - Let us know – [Vax.Collaborative@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Vax.Collaborative@doh.wa.gov).
  - Role: co-leading workgroup activities, agenda forming, co-planning, facilitating...etc. Compensated opportunity!