



Alternative Dispute Resolution Section - January Meeting

Meeting Called By: Paula Emery, Chair

Date: Thursday, January 12th

Time: 12:00 PM to 1:15 PM

Topic: *Developing the Next Generation: Youth Peer Mediation and Restorative Justice in King County*

CLE Credit: 0.75 Other – Improving the Legal System - CLE Credit – A/V Approval #1235255

Agenda

12:00 PM Introduction

12:10 PM Presentation: “Developing the Next Generation: Youth Peer Mediation and Restorative Justice in King County”, by Fergie Rodriguez, Sharon Moon, and Alexis Mburu

As the county has expanded investments to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline, dispute resolution in area public schools, including peer mediation programs, conflict resolution training and coaching is expanding to meet the needs of vulnerable communities. This session will discuss the past, present and future ambitions of the Dispute Resolution Center of King County as it serves its mission and the legislative intent for dispute resolution centers (DRCs) to "encourage continuing community participation in the development, administration, and oversight of local programs designed to facilitate the informal resolution of disputes between and among members of the community." [RCW 7.75.010\(2\)\(b\)](#)

1:15 PM Adjourn

Speaker Biographies

Fergie Rodriguez – Interim Youth Development Program Manager, Dispute Resolution Center of King County

Fergie has been with the Dispute Resolution Center of King County for 2 years. She attended Washington State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to her current role she worked in housing as a Case Manager and Program Leader in work the Dispute Resolution Center of King County does through the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program and with the Seattle Housing Authority working through tenant and landlord disputes and neighbor to neighbor conflicts.

Sharon Moon – Youth Development and Restorative Practices Lead, Dispute Resolution Center of King County

Sharon has been working with the Dispute Resolution Center of King County for 8 years. She has served as trainer, mediator (family, foreclosure, neighborhood, anti-harassment and Small Claims Court), coach, conciliator and Small Claims Court Lead. She loves seeing Middle School Peer Mediators build their confidence and skills, helping their peers find a way to move forward from conflict together.

Alexis Mburu – Foster High School Student, Senior, Peer Mediator

Alexis is a Senior at Foster High School and is one of the first peer mediators from the program at Showalter Middle School.
