

Mason County Early Learning Coalition & Interagency Coordinating Committee

Minutes for Thursday January 15, 2015

- Welcome and Introductions (name and agency)
  - Holly Porter- Capitol Region ESD 113 Head Start/ECEAP
  - Annie Cubberly-Child Care Action Council
  - Eunice Santiago-First Steps Program/Mental Health Counselor
  - Susan Herrick- Public Health
  - Katie de Rose—Mason County Public Health
  - Heidi Larsen- Timberland Regional Library
  - Sara Mead- Parent to Parent
  - Jane Partridge—VEL Project Coordinator/ ESD 113
  - Jennifer Williamson-Foster- South Sound Reading Foundation
  - Kathy Haigh—Former State Representative, Citizen
  - Lydia Buchheit- Public Health
  - Teresa Schneider—Department of Early Learning
  - Kim Klint—Mason Matters
  
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  - Kim shared the Mason County Community Health Improvement Plan and where the Mason County Early Learning Coalition’s strategic plan fits into this Plan.

See grid below: Colored cell is where ELCMC strategic plan fits

CHIP Priority: Trained and Prepared Workforce & Living Wage Job

	HS Students Graduate & Career & College Readiness	Local Workforce prepared for local jobs	Local Living Wage Jobs
↑	Student’s are ready to learn		
↑	Preschoolers Achieve Highest Potential (kindergarten readiness)		

Kim then shared the Wa Kids (Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills) data for Mason County (please see attached pdf handout) There is more detailed information for further assessment on the OSPI website. This data showed that Hood Canal School had the highest poverty rate but demonstrated the highest percent of children meeting the kindergarten readiness standards. Why is this? What can we do as an early learning organization to utilize data to direct resources toward increasing kindergarten readiness? What kind of system investments should be made in Mason County.

Holly cautioned that data for WA kids can be somewhat subjective.

There was much discussion by the group around known variables that could have impacted the data like the number of kids in headstart programs, districts where there were no or few headstart slots, the percent of children from non-English speaking families and other cultures or races.

Eunice shared about the gaps in training for non-licensed Child Care Providers in non-English speaking homes.

Kathy Haigh suggested the possibility of a focus at Evergreen Elementary to develop a pre-school program that is free.

Holly shared that there is an ESL Evergreen pre-school program and Mt View has one that is only for Special Needs children.

- VEL (Visions for Early Learning)-Regional Report: Holly & Jane
  - Handout of VEL trainings available—Contact June for open slots
    - Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> STEM Early learning Conference--Parents or providers that cannot pay the \$20 contact Jane.
    - VEL Advancing Racial Equity Training: Awareness sessions-Free January 30 and February 27, 2015
    - Home-visiting Strength-based Practices that Work, with Mary Foltz, Monday, Feb 2, 2015
  - ESD 113 applied for 10,000 books which will be distributed. Need to develop a plan to identify where the books need distribution. The purpose is to help families to build a library at home. They are new books, preschool-age 5, bilingual and board books included. Will discuss again at a later date.

Kathy Haigh shared Hood Canal did at least 3 family reading nights and fed people. Invitation was to families but teachers and other organizations could participate.
  - VEL would like participation by local coalition member on their standing committees:
    - Advancing Racial Equity
    - Home visitation Work
    - Advocacy-Local and Regional levels
    - WA Kids Steering
    - Family Engagement

Please contact Jane if you as a coalition member are interested in joining a VEL committee
  - Local Coalition Family Engagement/Advocacy Mini-Grant FY 2015-Counties will be able to ask up to \$2000 and more if there is extra money. RFP is due February 6, 2015.
    - There was discussion about what types of proposals should be submitted. Holly talked about past decisions of the coalition to support various activities around:
      - ~Parent Engagement- including parenting tools; play & learn groups, family learning event, blockfest
      - ~Provider Event- Hispanic/Latino provider event
      - ~Advocacy Event- Community Business EventIt was decided by the group that proposals should fit in one of these areas previously identified by the coalition as being priorities.
    - There was much discussion around how to solicit coalition members for RFP grant proposals. It was finally decided that the RFP would be sent to all

coalition members inviting them to submit a proposal that fits the RFP guidelines. They should be emailed to the ELC email at [elcmasoncounty@gmail.com](mailto:elcmasoncounty@gmail.com) or to Holly Porter [hporter@esd113.org](mailto:hporter@esd113.org). The ELCMC board would review these and then bring them with recommendations to the next coalition meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> for a coalition vote on what will be submitted to VEL.

- South Sound Parent to Parent Report: January 14, 2015
 

Total Number of Mason County B-3 Families	49
Total Number of English Language learners's in Maosn County B-3	4
Numbers by School District:	
Hood Canal:	
Children with IFSP's	5
English Language Learners	1
New Referrals	0
Mary M. Knight:	
Children with IFSP's	5
Pioneer:	
Children with IFSP's	17
English Language Learners	1
New Referrals	0
Shelton:	
Children with IFSP's	26
English Language Learners	3
New Referrals	1
- Events for South Sound Parent to Parent
  - Champions of Courage—fund raising Saturday, February 21, 2015 6:30-9:00 pm \$10/ adult children free Contact: Kim Smith, Executive Director 352-1126 ext 108
  - Skateland—Saturday February 7, 2015 5-7 pm Contact: Sheila Kavanaugh 352-1126 ext 101 or [skavanaugh@ssp2p.org](mailto:skavanaugh@ssp2p.org)