



**Mason County Early Learning Coalition & Interagency Coordinating Committee** Minutes for Thursday October 1, 2015

- Welcome and Introductions (name and need):
  - Lydia Bucheit- Public Health- working towards graduation for all students; having jobs available for students once they graduate and/or enter the work force; having community members assist with this
  - Holly Porter- Capitol Region ESD 113 Head Start/ECEAP- still looking for qualified staff at Headstart; looking for teaching assistants; ECE or CDA beneficial; Headstart does follow the school district calendar
  - Tami Stoutnar- Director, Shelton School District- need a bilingual Spanish para at the Early Learning Center at Mountain View Elementary
  - Kim Smith- South Sound Parent to Parent- Positive Behavior class will have a Spanish Interpreter; fliers distributed in the community; Transition Fair at SHS was not attended by any students
  - Diane Crabtree- Gift for Special Children- shared VEL meeting info
  - Elisabeth Custis- Nurse Family Partnership- needs referrals (age 16 -24 for first baby)
  - Sara Mead- South Sound Parent to Parent- new MMK kid; 56 students at this time
  - Heidi Larson- Library- fully staffed at this time; EVG school visits are common
  - Kim Shorten- Child Care Action Council- Gary B. is new to the department; more interest in Early Achievers is needed
  - Allie P-
  - Jenny Blumenstein- fall classes just began; Career and College pathways are a focus
  - Carrie Lemon- United Way- campaign season underway; focus is education, income, and health
- Consent Agenda: passed
  - Treasurer's Report
    - No changes to mention
  - VEL- Visions for Early Learning (Diane shared)
    - Fliers will be sent with the email later this month
    - Talking points
      - Thrive by Five
      - Options for community grant
      - Action Plan needed by October
        - Need preliminary ideas by next week
        - Who is responsible for liability insurance- recommend this is VEL
- Goal Document:
  - Develop home visit plan for those prior to age 3 who do not qualify for service
  - Help build capacity
  - Parenting skills
  - Racial equity
- Strategic Plan Discussion:
  - Lydia passed out the document from the Early Learning Coalition
    - Review and narrow the focus

- Work with the United Way
- Advocacy Event Discussion:
  - Dan's request was shared by Kim re: spend the money for the booking fee (\$3500)
  - \$500 for gift
  - Secure other funds to "repay"
- Family Engagement Classes: (Jenny B.)
  - Eunice will now only be minimally involved
  - Budget needs to be adjusted
    - Not the amount but how it is utilized
  - October 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Update at next meeting
- Block Fest:
  - Kim Shorten is the coordinator
  - Shelton Valley will still be hosting one but no date is set at this point
- Old Business:
  - Procedure document needs to be reviewed and approved at an upcoming meeting
    - Lydia will send out a draft copy of the Strategic Plan via email for additions
- Agency Reports:
  - **Diane Crabtree** (Gift for Special Children)- curious about what is needed for VEL
  - **Holly Porter** (Headstart/ECEAP)- Also looking for teachers

Next meeting: November 5, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.