

MASON COUNTY EARLY LEARNING COALITION



OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

9:30 - 11:00 AM, October 20, 2016 | Location: Mason County Public Health Department

Agenda

- Alex Apostle, Superintendent of Shelton School District /Pre-K Early Learning Center
- Introductions, Agency Issues and Needs Discussions - Kim
- Coalition Business
 - Consent Agenda - Kim
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 - Minutes
 - Treasurer's Report - Dan
- ICC Advisory update - Kim
- Ripple Mapping Report Out - Dan
- GAPS Assessment - Kim
- Agency Announcements - Kim
- DDA Update - Rebecca
- Deadline for Early Learning Fun Fest

Attendees

Lacie Jorgensen - Coordinator for Early Learning Coalition of Mason County

Olivia McGuire - Family Resource Coordinator for South Mason County

Jennifer Williamson-Forster - South Sound Reading Foundation

Gary Burris - Child Care Action Council

Tami Stoutnar - Director of Special Education and Early Childhood Education, Shelton School District

Alex Apostle - Superintendent, Shelton School District

Jenny Blumenstein - Sound Learning

Cheryl Woods - Mason General Hospital, Rehab

Kim Smith - South Sound Parent to Parent

Diane Crabtree - Nurse Consultant

Katie de Rose - Mason County Public Health

Lydia Buchheit - Mason County Public Health

Holly Porter - Sound to Harbor Head Start/ECEAP

Shelly Willis - Family Education and Support Services

Matthew Solomon - Assistant Superintendent, Early Learning, ESD 113

Minutes

- Alex Apostle, Superintendent of Shelton School District /Pre-K Early Learning Center
 - Early Learning and preschool is important to all of us. WA state doesn't have the funding to implement preschool, but SSD has made small steps forward. SSD has expanded peer models at Shelton Early Learning Program by 50%, adding an additional 20 peer (typically developing) slots. Graduation Matters starts before kindergarten. Can we all come together collectively for families, students, and community members. Continue to push the state to fund Early Learning. Alex had meeting over Summer 2016 with Matthew Solomon at ESD 113 about grants/funds for staffing, etc., if we can find a location. SSD has no room currently for additional students. SSD is moving forward with the bond and replacement levy in February 2017. We need to come together to brainstorm a location to expand preschool in our community. Any ideas? Old PUD building? Alex also stated that our Spanish-speaking community has no resources for transition into our community. He has looked at this issue district-wide for students and families. Idea of a Newcomer Center. How can we support our families and our kids. It's not an easy challenge, but collectively we can do it. Discussion of collective impact group, bringing Mason Matters, Graduation Matters, MCELC, etc. all together to work towards a common goal. Can we all come-up with a 3-year strategic plan?
- Announcements
 - Kim Smith - Wants everyone to be aware that DEL/ESIT has made the decision to move toward regionalization for local lead agencies. Not sure yet how they are going to form regions, might be around the ESDs. There are currently 25 local lead agencies. Kim will keep the group informed. Welcome Lacie Jorgensen, new coordinator for Coalition.
 - Katie de Rose - Nurse Family Partnership. 40 year evidenced-based program for first time moms. Very supportive, home visits during pregnancy, follows child until two years old. Brought stats today (see handout). Developmental screens with child. Physical and emotional screenings every two months. For every \$1.00 given to NFP, society gets \$6.00 back. Takes a village to raise these babies. Katie will connect with Olivia about the most efficient way to share information to assist families. Could use more STEM activities for children before kindergarten-age. Kindergarten staff state that there is a decrease in math ability when children start kindergarten.
 - Diane Crabtree - temporarily back at the Health Department after retiring six years ago.
 - Shelly Willis - Brought handouts for upcoming events. Divorce class meets at Mason Transit - Community Center, Thursday night parenting class and grandparents support group. Shelly will connect with other Mason Transit groups to see if they are interested in getting involved with the Coalition.
 - Olivia McGuire - will try to connect with DCFS to try to get a meeting to talk about the Coalition and how they can get involved.
 - Holly Porter - have Hank and Harriet computer programs to give away, they are provided by VEL. They are addressed for preschool-aged children. She will be giving them out at the Fun Fest and have a computer there to show families how to use. Discussion of VEL grant (see handout). Gray areas are not finalized and actions/outcomes are marked purple. THRIVE still wants us working on racial equity training via distance learning. Highlights - increasing early math readiness skills, kindergarten transition form, raise awareness about math, helping parents be advocates for children. VEL would use part of their budget to support. THRIVE/Head Start are both excited about this. Can Coalition give thumbs-up on this plan? Home Visitor training coming up on Nov 9th @ ESD (see handout). Handout on bilingual

specialization and workforce earnings.

- Tami Stoutnar - Matthew Solomon and other SSD district admin are meeting on November 3rd from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the district office to discuss bringing more preschool slots to SSD. Asked Lacie to send information to the Coalition. Let Lacie know if any Coalition members interested in attending. Brought 4-H Youth Development Outreach Coordinator Position Description for Dan (see handout).
- Lydia Buchheit - work with Lacie to get Facebook and website access. Suggests group send dates/information to Lacie so she can upload to website and calendar. United Way has early learning resources. Use community time, members to donate time, buildings, etc. to retrofit a building for preschool services. Moving Mason Forward is working on a community improvement plan. Joe Sanchez is working on this. Meet the 4th Thursday of each month at the health department.
- Matthew Solomon - Partnering with school districts in three counties. Looking at funding Early Head Start and preschool in our county. Looking at starting one class here and one in Belfair in the fall of 2017-2018. 1-2 classrooms the first year, build from there each year. Looking for space. Can help with staffing needs. Look at the current models/programs out there and how we can start implementing/tying programs together.
- Jennifer Williamson-Forster - Early Learning Fun Fest is coming-up on November 5th at the Mason Transit-Community Center. Had a committee meeting and about four people showed. See attached handout for the breakdown of costs, STEM related activities and resources and who is signed-up for what. SSP2P will be showing a sensory-friendly movie before the Fun Fest, so there should be good turn-out coming from the movie. Thoughts on tying Moving Mason Forward into Early Learning. THRIVE printed some great handouts about going to the store, etc. to discuss with your child. Shelly will look into getting another copy of these from THRIVE
- ICC Advisory update - Olivia
 - Shelton School District
 - 6 new referrals (2 who have moved back into the area and need to be transitioned in the system)
 - 2 in process
 - 27 active IFSPs
 - 7 Spanish-speaking
 - 2 Native American
 - Pioneer School District
 - 2 new referrals
 - 3 in process
 - 9 active IFSPs
 - 4 Spanish-speaking
 - 0 Native American
 - Hood Canal School District
 - 1 new referral
 - 0 in process
 - 10 active IFSPs
 - 1 Spanish-speaking
 - 2 Native American
 - Mary M Knight School District
 - 0 referrals
 - 0 in process

- 1 active IFSP
 - 0 Spanish-speaking
 - 0 Native American
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- Total 12 Spanish-speaking, but also speak English fluently as well
 - Total 4 Native American families (representing both Skokomish and Squaxin Tribes)
 - Total 64 children being served

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