

Mason County Early Learning Coalition

Minutes for Thursday November 6, 2014

- Welcome and Introductions (name and agency)
 - Holly Porter- Capitol Region ESD 113 Head Start/ECEAP
 - Teresa Schneider- DEL
 - Allie Perline
 - Tami Stoutnar- Director, Shelton School District
 - Dan Teuteberg – WSU Co-op Extension
 - Kim Smith- Parent to Parent
 - Skylar Carroll- Director, Hood Canal School District
 - Jenny Blumenstein- Sound Learning
 - Annie Cubberly – Child Care Action Council
 - Susan Herrick- Public Health
 - Sara Mead- Parent to Parent
 - Diane Crabtree- Gifts for Special Children
 - Jennifer Williamson- Foster- South Sound Reading Foundation

- Procedure Document (Holly Porter)
 - Changes made under the Decision Making section
 - If \$1000 or more then the decision will be made by a paper ballot
 - Changes made under the Membership section
 - “a parent” to parents
 - A grievance procedure will be added to this document
 - Kim Smith suggested looking at the ICC bylaws
 - Dan Teuteberg has an idea regarding a form that could be used for the process
 - Conflict of interest was brought up but it is already addressed in the document
 - The group agreed to go by Mason County Early Learning Coalition (no longer MCELC/ICC).
 - We will ensure that ICC issues are on the agenda
 - Once per year the gap in needs will have to be addressed (Kim Smith)
 - Monthly reports will be incorporated into agency reports
 - The Procedures document was approved with the proviso that the Exec. Committee will add a section about grievance procedures
 - The document is a working document – revisions will continue to be made as needed

- Proposal Update (Jenny B.)
 - \$500 needs to be spent before the end of November
 - Participants for parenting/networking group for Spanish-speaking families
 - Students from Sound Learning’s morning class will be invited and Eunice will invite her Home visiting families
 - The budget came to just over \$700

- The money will pay for the facilitator's time and materials
 - There needs to be a parenting piece
 - The event will occur the week before Thanksgiving
 - Need to approve the additional \$201
 - Discussion
 - Annie would like to know what the impact will be- is this something that could be on-going
 - Will depend on funding
 - Dan suggested looking for matching funds
 - Kim mentioned a dramatic decline in B-3 Services in this area- need continuation of services- families mentioned waiting for preschool
 - Jenny mentioned that this fits with the strategic plan and compliments what the coalition wants to do anyway
 - Vote taken- passed to approve the additional funds
- Visions for Early Learning
 - Thrive by Five likes to talk to the regional level
 - Competitive grant is in process-it's written and ready to go
 - \$95,000 was requested which is an increase of \$11,000
 - Some private and federal funding
 - WA Kids
 - Home Visits
 - Racial Equity
 - Parent Engagement
 - Documentary of Early Learning coming out in March
 - Screening coming up on November 20, 2014
 - VEL has requested funding in the grant to purchase a copy of the documentary "The Raising of America – Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation" <http://raisingofamerica.org/documentary>
 - The film could be used as part of an advocacy event in Mason County
 - How can we get bigger and better community involvement?
 - You can watch an 11 minute trailer of the documentary at: <http://raisingofamerica.org/preview-series>
 - Advancing Racial Equity- first session was in October – very well received. Participants are eligible to apply for two more sessions. The goal for the first session was to: "Begin a discussion on how to create a culturally competent, inclusive environment in order to advance racial equity in Early Learning." This training was partially funded by the Nisqually Tribe.
 - Early Learning focus – STEM conference
 - Wednesday, December 3, 2014 (Museum of Flight)
 - Tuesday, December 2,2014 (K-12 audience)

- A letter in support of VEL for the grant is needed
 - The group approved sending the letter (to be drafted in Exec. Bd. Meeting)

- Agency Reports
 - Kim Smith- Current caseload update
 - Spanish numbers are down from 13 to 5
 - No new intakes – any ideas?
 - Sensory friendly movie coming up

 - Annie-
 - New transit building
 - Space available to rent- would like to rent to an early learning program
 - STEM Activities- in your own backyard rather than having to go somewhere
 - Crisis Nursery- free childcare available a day at a time

 - Jenny B.-
 - United Way calendars are available
 - Sound Learning event coming up

 - Teresa-
 - Expand Pre-K
 - Early Achievers (ECEAP must join by June 30, 2015)

 - Holly-
 - 45th day of enrollment developmental and health screenings are due due
 - 6 Head Start children in Shelton have IEPs with Shelton School District
 - 5 Head Start children in Belfair have IEPs in North Mason school district

 - Susan-
 - Evergreen Elementary is hosting the Smile mobile until 11/14/14

 - Jennifer Forster-
 - READY Grant- \$22,000 per year for 2 years
 - Class for 3-4 year olds and class for 4-5 year olds
 - Community needs to be involved as well as Shelton School District
 - Tool kits available to families who participate (toys of high quality)
 - Stakeholders meeting needed