

Mason County Early Learning Coalition

Minutes for Thursday February 5, 2015

- Welcome and Introductions (name and agency)
 - Holly Porter- Capitol Region ESD 113 Head Start/ECEAP
 - Tami Stoutnar- Director, Shelton School District
 - Jenny Blumenstein- Sound Learning
 - Sara Mead- Parent to Parent
 - Jennifer Williamson- Foster- South Sound Reading Foundation
 - Lydia B- Public Health
 - Jessica Felix- Infant/Toddler Consultant (Olympic)
 - Heidi Larsen- Shelton Library
 - Annie Cubberly- Child Care Action Council
 - Dan Teuteberg- WSU Extension

- Procedures Document:
 - Major changes are:
 - Rep on VEL Board procedures
 - Re-wording for clarification
 - Document approved as revised

- Treasurer's Report:
 - Nothing has really changed but will be changing soon when money is paid out
 - Website connection fee was paid to "Go Daddy" – reimbursement approved
 - United Way is the fiscal agent and has a 2 year funding cycle which will be up again in 2016 – the money in the account is general funds to support our mission and visions
 - We need to figure out how to sustain... ways to raise money?

- Requests for proposals to VEL- seeking approval
 - Advocacy Event (at Alderbrook?) - approved
 - Engages people in great conversation
 - How do we keep engaging people?
 - How do we focus our very limited resources?
 - CHP-Community Health Partnerships?
 - Prioritized a number of things
 - Narrow focus to 3 priorities
 - Monitors to ensure priorities get done
 - Advocacy Task Group to help organize
 - What do we want people to be advocating for in early learning? Can we link to public health?

- Family Engagement proposal – approved
 - 2 Workshops
 - Parent Education
 - Support for informal childcare providers
 - Possibility of 3rd workshop
 - What about looking for additional donations?
 - What about making additional tool boxes available for other activities?
 - Keep focus on STEM
 - How do we recruit and retain families?
 - We need more outreach...
 - READY! may fit into this already
 - Later budget extensions may be needed and reviewed at that time
 - How can we recruit local Spanish Speakers to train?

- Agency Reports:
 - Annie, Child Care Aware -
 - Elks group had recent training with close to 100 people “Raising a Reader”; Blockfest coming up on March 21st from 11:00 am. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Warm Hearts Fundraiser- for social/emotional learning prior to school- 2/19/15 from 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
 - Important time for Early Learning at the legislature
 - ECEAP expansion is huge in legislature now
 - Jennifer F. Ready grant-
 - READY!
 - For Literacy, Math, and Social/Emotional
 - Still have room available
 - Federal level based on Census data
 - Great and appropriate Tool Kits for FREE!
 - 2 year grant for Shelton School District
 - Read Up
 - Summer Program to “Stop the Summer Slide”
 - 5000 brand new books
 - Can actually start to give away before the summer break
 - Some bilingual titles
 - Heidi Timberland Library-
 - Story time outreach- restructuring the library and working with Hood Canal / Hoodport
 - Tami Shelton SD -
 - Open positions (OT/PT; SLP; preschool teacher)
 - Dan WSU Extension, 4H-
 - Up for tenure and presentation due soon!
 - Holly Head Start/ECEAP-
 - HeadStart gearing up for the next round of Developmental Assessments
 - Wants to follow kids over the summer to see what is up with the “summer slump”

- Jenny B. Sound Learning-
 - GED classes with child care provided
 - Work study volunteers are needed
 - ESL programs are pretty full
- Jessica Infant/Toddler Project-
 - Infant/Toddler Project was on hold waiting for contract update from DEL- now ramping up
 - Access to mental health consultant/ nurse
- Sara M. Parent to Parent -
 - Champions of Courage event and fundraiser on 2/21/15
 - See handout for numbers
- Lydia MC Health Dept-
 - Lost 2 nurses but was able to hire 1 replacement (Katie)
 - Nurse/Family Program continues partnership- lots of referrals right now
 - HCA- really need a nutritionist on staff

Next meeting: March 5th