

Mason County Early Learning Coalition

Minutes for Thursday March 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
 - Kim Smith- South Sound Parent to Parent
 - Jennifer Williamson-Foster- South Sound Reading Foundation
 - Jessica Felix- Infant/Toddler Consultant (Olympic)
 - Dorothy Peterson-DSHS/ DLR
 - Annie Cubberly- Child Care Action Council
 - Dan Teuteberg- WSU Extension
 - Susan Herrick- Mason County Public Health
 - Rebecca Roadman- DDA
 - Penny Michel- Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence
 - Jane Partridge- VEL

- Feedback from VEL on proposals- slight revisions needed
 - Advocacy Group
 - Family Engagement

- Exec Board-
 - Chair needed (3 year term- Chair /Elect; Chair; Past Chair
 - Co-Chairs are a possibility
 - Chair Elect needed
 - Secretary- Tami Stoutnar is interested in continuing
 - Treasurer- Lydia B no present today, need to find out if she's interested in continuing

- Need to spread the word on this group
 - Members please encourage other agencies to see who may be interested (Brainstorm ideas)
 - Pioneer School District
 - Mary M. Knight School District
 - Skokomish Tribe
 - Squaxin Tribe
 - Preschools & child care centers
 - Good idea to have a parent of a child with special needs be involved in this group

- Task Groups- (~10:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)
 - Blockfest- (Holly, Penny, Rebecca, Susan)

- Possible locations were brainstormed
 - Library
 - A school (possibly Evergreen Elementary)
 - Civic Center
 - Squaxin Island gym
 - Timeline
 - Spring or summer
 - Resource Fair
 - Tables set up for individual resources
 - Training
 - Kim Shorten is Blockfest Coordinator
 - Have Interpreters available
 - Free books! (if event is held in Shelton proper)
- Family Engagement- (Kim, Dorothy, Jessica, Jenny)
 - Proposals discussed (possibly two workshops)
 - Keep parent-focused
 - Informal child care provided
 - Spanish speakers
 - Need lower level literacy materials
 - Follow up with families
 - Better descriptions needed
 - Need feedback form
- Advocacy- (Annie, Tami, Dan, Jennifer)
 - Look to event being in February 2016
 - Breakfast or lunch activity
 - Need sponsors for food
 - Need space
 - Alderbrook is first choice
 - What will focus be besides awareness?
 - Invite 75 – 100 people
 - Award for champion in Early Learning filed
 - Kathy Haigh may be able to assist
 - Timeline
 - Firm up in November
 - Send “Save the Dates”
 - Electronic invites are helpful
 - Could show clips from the documentary, [Raising America](#)
- *** look at revised proposals at next meeting in April... get Holly a week prior to the meeting

- Agency Reports:
 - **Kim Smith** (P2P)- Applied to be Lead Agency again- Pilot project Parent Satisfaction/ Child Outcomes Survey- New Dad to Dad group forming
 - **Jane Partridge** (VEL)- Advancing Racial Equity- Train the Trainer model-April 16th meeting with the Governor
 - **Penny Michel** (Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence)- Will start trainings soon in this community
 - **Jennifer Williamson-Forster** (Reading Foundation)- READY! for Kindergarten classes have begun- Next class is March 19th- free to Shelton School District families- READ Up Summer Program gearing up- Readers are Leaders April 16th
 - **Rebecca Roadman** (DDA)- Revisiting the topic of outreach- clients are served from birth to death-April 7th a geneticist is speaking at the Thurston County Fairgrounds- free and open to the public
 - **Susan Herrick** (Public Health)- staff is changing- recently hired one staff person and another will be hired soon
 - **Jenny Blumenstein** (Sound Learning)- Annual fundraiser coming up on May 8th- Spell-a-bration which is a lot of fun!
 - **Jessica Felix** (ESD 114)- 2 toddler rooms- 1 infant room in Mason County Child Care
 - **Annie Cubberly** (Child Care Aware)- need to improve quality for providers training- need enrichment and higher level- lower threshold coming into play to more align with what other states do-brochures on training handed out
 - **Holly Porter** (Head Start/ECEAP)- Just completed second round of developmental assessments for the year.
 - **Dan Teuteberg** (WSU Extension)- Gray's Harbor restructuring leadership
 - **Tami Stoutnar** (Shelton School District)- still looking for staff (OT/PT/SLP/ teachers)

Next meeting: **April 2nd**