

Early Learning Coalition & Interagency Coordinating Committee of Mason County Minutes, Thursday September 4, 2014

- **Welcome & Introductions (name and agency)**
 - Kim Smith- Parent to Parent
 - Sara Mead- Parent to Parent
 - Diane Crabtree- Gifts for Special Children
 - Holly Porter- Head Start/ECEAP
 - Lydia Buchheit - Mason County Public Health
 - Skylar Carroll- Director, Hood Canal School District
 - Camille Curry- OT/Early Intervention, Hood Canal School District
 - Tami Stoutnar- Director, Shelton School District
 - Jordan Marvin-Child Care Action Council
 - Jane Partridge- VEL Project Coordinator, ESD 113
 - Susan Herrick- Public Health
 - Shelly Willis- Family Education and Support Services
 - Jenny Blumenstein- Sound Learning
 - Jennifer Williamson-Foster- South Sound Reading Foundation

- **Introduction of officers**
 - Holly Porter- Facilitator & VEL Rep.
 - Tamra Ingwaldson and Lydia Buchheit - Treasurers
 - Tami Stoutnar- Secretary
 - Dan Teuteberg – VEL Rep.

- **Coming together as an organization**
 - Norms, eg. it's always acceptable to ask for clarification, alphabet soup
 - What participants hope to get out of being part of ELC/ICC
 - Collective Impact
 - Expanded Resources
 - Supporting all Families
 - Parent Engagement
 - Collaboration
 - Information and Communication
 - Website info
 - <http://mcearlylearningcoalition.org/>
 - Meeting agendas & minutes are on website, as well as events
 - Send info to Lydia if you have things to post. If you have photos to share on the website please make sure permission form has been signed.
 - We're also on Facebook & Twitter- like us on FB to allow for more options

- MCELCICC Procedures including collaborative principles – shared draft
 - Looking for feedback, review before adopting (let Holly know of any suggestions for changes). Exec. Board will look at the financial part of the document and bring back suggestions to the Oct. meeting.
 - Strategic plan – shared draft, will seek approval at Oct. meeting for the big picture document.
 - Some changes have been made- what will we focus on this year? What is the specific timeline?
 - VEL- Visions for Early Learning-
 - Liaison added to governance structure- Regional Coalitions
 - Upcoming work: Home Visiting Training & Racial Equity Training
 - Keeping the name the same (MCELCICC) for now- can look into this at a future meeting
 - Task Groups will set their own times for meetings
 - Treasurer’s report
 - \$9638.95 to begin current year
 - ICC didn’t have any money or a budget coming into the merge so the money reflected in the budget is from a grant from Thrive
 - Identify gaps in service
 - ESIT requires this for ICCs on a yearly basis.
The group came up with the following:
 - Sustained parent education (childcare, limited offerings, cost)
 - Play & Learn Group at homeless shelter
 - ESL/ELL services- especially for uncommon languages or dialects
 - Childcare-especially for alternative work schedules/times
 - How to measure parent engagement
 - Mental health services
 - Therapy needs (SLP/OT/PT)
 - Access to transportation
 - Communication of available services
 - Quality preschool for ALL
 - Families falling through the cracks
 - Evidenced-based programs
 - Prevention of child abuse/Shaken Baby Syndrome
 - Serving of Native populations
 - Agency reports – brief news updates from participating agencies
 - Skylar Carroll- preschool para hired who will be amazing; play group at the library

- Jennifer- free books; new AmeriCorps person; hiring an additional staff person; Readiness program in the area for Shelton School District (in the works)
- Jordan- Childcare stats for Mason County; network that could be county specific
- Tami S- preschool in Shelton School District was unable to hire one teacher-still looking
- Jenny- Sound Learning- GED, ELL trained volunteers; parent ed/adult ed/ family ed; funding has been cut by about \$60,000; evaluating what can be done and moving forward
- Kim- Wright's Law conference; stretching funding; mom's group; transition support group
- Jane - October 10th – Advancing Racial Equity in Early Learning; developing regional awareness at the early learning level; home visiting providers meeting; 11/7- preschool expansion discussion at ESD 113; \$500 (Love/Talk/Play) to be spent
- Diane- WAC change in diapering policy; Gift for Special Children- \$10,000 grant from Rite Aid; serve from Birth to 18 years old
- Holly- Resource fair coming up some agencies in this group may be getting a call
- Lydia- fewer direct service programs; nurse family partnership; oral health; early intervention program; Thrive by Five grant
- Susan- Children with special health care needs through age 17 can now be referred by parents, schools, agencies; helps to coordinate medical care; can do home visits
- Shelly- class on divorce is needed to assist families when children are involved; classes being offered: parenting; clean and sober parenting; dynamic dads