



Board Members Meeting

October 15th, 2013 - Mason Room, ESD 113

In attendance: Ryan B., Cristi H., Chris M., Mary P., Erin S., Jeanette S., Dan T., Shelly W., Annie C., & Betzy M.

- I. Dan T. opened the meeting with an activity that produced consideration and dialogue about the various stages and needs of each county coalition and the methods the region might put in place to support each county.

- II. **Reports**
 - a. County representatives provided updates. Current work is as follows;
 - i. Grays Harbor - will host their monthly meeting today, the County Health Dept. has applied for grant monies to provide home visiting, the county will target families with young children, a focus group will take place at the end of month, with the proposal due Nov. 15; Aberdeen Timberland Library and Aberdeen School District are collaborating to offer READY! for kindergarten classes, and county play and learn groups are starting up once again
 - ii. Lewis - plans have begun on a community engagement project, the project will see large signs posted in various community agencies and public frequented businesses with verbiage (questions or statements) that increase the engagement of parents and/or caregivers with their children, the coalition takes on this project with excitement, looking to increase the awareness of the impact all adults have on early learning; a report on the 3rd annual Autism Conference held in Chehalis saw over 200 attendees and approximately 25% of participants from each of the counties in the region (Mason, Thurston, Pacific and Grays Harbor)
 - iii. Mason - the coalition has established a consistent meeting date each month, they are in the 3rd stage of their FEL grant, work is tied to Community Health Improvement Plan -- CHIP -- using a collective impact model which engages various agencies collaborating on the work within the county
 - iv. North Pacific - fall projects focus on ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) training and Compassionate Schools information, the coalition is looking at grant applications for financial support, Nov. 22 marks the kick-off for a county-wide book drive



v. Thurston - current focus is on hosting of Oct. 23 luncheon and evening speaker events by the author of Nurture Shock; a reminder that Block Fest coordination continues to be available through Child Care Aware Child Care Action Council, and opportunities for training in Block Fest will be offered.

b. Early Achievers report provided by Annie Cubberly gave the number of facilities enrolled in Early Achievers program, the numbers for each county are, Grays Harbor of 60 sites, 18 have enrolled; Mason 12 of 41 programs are participating, Thurston 79 of the 238 sites have enrolled, Lewis finds 19 of 51 participating sites and Pacific has 2 sites of 10 total sites in the county enrolled. The recruitment goal (set for Dec.) has already been met, getting trainings in place will be the next step in the process

c. Infant Toddler Project reported 120 sites diligently working through the project

d. ELAC - Dan Teuteberg reported on 2-day meeting, info centered around lobbying vs. advocacy, operating rules and bylaws were reviewed; three questions will go out via email to local coalitions for responses and due dates

e. Nisqually Grant Proposal - Visions Executive committee approved an application to this grant, Betzy will email a copy for viewing and helping familiarize ourselves with the proposal

III. Community Needs Assessment and Community Momentum Grant - work began on the grant proposal, members were encouraged to think collectively about region as work ensued, a majority of last year's grant can and will be used with modifications.

The whole group worked on the home visiting piece of grant which allots up to \$15,000 for home visiting in regions, the monies is specified to be used to support existing home visiting programs. Discussion ensued and consensus was to state in proposal that work will be done to support and strengthen home visiting programs within counties and the region will use the strengths of those counties with strong home visiting programs to guide others, particularly counties needing capacity building (counties with little existing home visiting programs); small group work then began on two subsequent areas of the grant proposal, L.T.P. and WaKIDS. Overviews were given on each area prior to group work. Once small group work time ended, reports were offered to the group at large and ideas given to proposal writers Dan, Sandy and Betzy.



IV. Announcements

- a. *Email or phone calls may have urgent note attached, respond as quickly as possible as work moves forward on writing the grant*
- b. **Betzy announced her resignation from the Regional Coalition as of Nov. 1 to work full-time with Head Start/ECEAP as Early Childhood Educational Coach... wants to finalize the grant prior to Betzy's departure**
- c. The Advancing Racial Equity grant proposal will receive a response by Oct. 17 from Thrive.
- d. Next meeting: November 19th in the Pacific Room ESD 113- f or conference call or K-20 please contact Betzy 15 days before the meeting.