



## Members Meeting

March 12, 2015

ESD 113 – Grays Harbor Room

(Conference call in via the K-20 system. 206.732.8461)

*The mission of Visions for Early Learning; West Central Regional Coalition, is to promote partnerships and community connections that support early learning.*

- I. Welcome
- II. Opening activity, (Dan)
- III. Select note-taker and discuss system for rotating responsibility
- IV. Reports & Updates –
  - a. **Infant-Toddler Program** (Jean/Connie)
    - i. Jean Hill Miller...Christi asked re getting a center involved. Need to go through state Early Achievers;
  - b. **Early Achievers** (Annie/ Jodi)
    - i. Annie...Olympic Penn...14 people waiting to be rated; 19 rated at 2; 32 rated at level 3 d(quality of excellence); bar has been lowered for rating levels by DEL; thresholds now match national average; 7 getting certificates; 21 enrolled for AA or AS; 4 enrolled for BA;
    - ii. Jodi's numbers—Pacific and Lewis; struggling to get programs to enroll and participate; do not have any programs currently rated.
    - iii. State Child Care aware keeps data on calls 228 calls re child care;
  - c. **Participation request: March 25 & 26 Statewide ELRC, Raising of America Screening and Advocacy Day**
    - i. **March 25/26 Jane, Erin, Shelly, Dallas, Annie attending. Annie will bring AmeriCorps person. Raising of America Screening invitation is separate and need to register if want to attend. 26<sup>th</sup>. Potential meeting with Senator Hargrove/ Reykdal/. Will meet with DEL staff and Gov's early learning staff.**
    - ii. **Updated Schedule is below:**
      - 11:30 a.m. Sen Fraser (District 22, Thurston County; Ways and Means Committee)
      - 12:30 p.m. Sen Hargrove (District 24, Grays Harbor; Ways and Means Committee)
      - 1:15 p.m. Sen Braun (District 20, Lewis/Thurston; Ways and Means Committee)
      - 1:45 p.m. Rep. Reykdal (District 22, Thurston County)
      - 2-3 p.m. Regional Coalition Meeting with DEL Leaders and Governor's Early Learning Staff
  - d. **Family Engagement mini-grant awards and update**
    - i. Letters have gone out to coalitions re awards and corrections that need to be made. No due date for changes.
  - e. **Block Fest Procedures**
    - i. **Annie...attach Annie's handout re accessing procedures. Required to work through local coalition to request. Community organizations can directly**



request if they are going to pay. Information will be given to the relevant coalition to promote partnerships.

- f. Approve Adie Simmons as speaker for May 14 VEL Board meeting.
  - i. Adie Simmons re family engagement/what that means to us/visioning. .. Can add to board meeting time or do as separate Group consented to allocate May meeting time.
- g. Work Team Participation:
  - i. WAKIDS; Home Visiting; Advancing Racial Equity; Advocacy; Family-Caregiver Engagement ; child care reflective practice cohort (support for early achievers, distribution of funds from CMG.). Members from county coalitions should be encouraged to participate.
- V. County Chair/Representative Updates—*“family engagement project sharing”*
  - a. Grays Harbor—Partnering with P2P for summer play groups
  - b. Lewis—Summer camp (4 days) focusing on STEM on college campus child care center.
  - c. Mason—Advocacy luncheon; STEM activities
  - d. North Pacific—Partnering with other agencies that are doing activities, Super Saturday Event at Fairgrounds.
  - e. Thurston—reaching out to all areas of the county.
- VI. Three talking points (to take back to local coalitions)
  - a. 1. Work group opportunities...anyone from any local coalition can participate;
  - b. 2. Dates to participate in...March 25/26; Home visit cohort poverty training 4/17;
  - c. 3. STEM resources
  - d. 4. Block fest procedures
- VII.

## 2015 VEL Board of Representatives Meeting Dates

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3/12/2015	10:30 AM	12:30 PM Grays Harbor
5/14/2015	10:30 AM	12:30 PM Lewis
7/9/2015	10:30 AM	12:30 PM Grays Harbor
9/10/2015	10:30 AM	12:30 PM Grays Harbor
10/8/2015	10:30 AM	12:30 PM Grays Harbor
11/12/2015	10:30 AM	12:30 PM Grays Harbor