

Mason County Early Learning Coalition & Interagency Coordinating Committee

Minutes for Thursday April 21, 2016

- Welcome and Introductions (name and update):
 - **Lydia Bucheit** – (Public Health) -Elizabeth update; New Director is Dave Windom and he will start in May
 - **Diane Crabtree**- (Gift for Special Children)- will need a new Board Member since Sara Mead is changing job locations, there is a change in how funds will be spent
 - **Gary Burris**- (CCAC)- would like to have a preschool and home visiting conversation
 - **Holly Porter**- (Headstart/ECEAP)- starting to enroll for next year, income based except for those who have IEPs, will enroll 4 year olds first, and 3 year olds will be on a waiting list
 - **Tami Stoutnar**- (Shelton School District)- will be withdrawing as Secretary effective end of this school year, Preschool for All update to come
 - **Kelly Boyle**- (CPS)- will update process for referrals

- Coalition Business: (Lydia)
 - Executive Board Meeting occurred but Holly and Tami were not in attendance
 - Report to be delivered at a future meeting

 - Treasurer's Report
 - To be sent out with the minutes

 - VEL/ELAC – (Diane/Holly/Gary)
 - May 17th training on Home Visiting
 - May 3rd Reach Training- Advancing Racial Equity (all day training)
 - DEL wanted input and had questions
 - Holly had a copy of the questions
 - Quick turn-a-round

- Strategic Plan
 - Renamed Early Learning Coalition of Mason County Action Plan
 - Focus narrowed to 2016
 - This group to support the work of other agencies
 - Cannot do all the work
 - What are the different agencies doing that we can work to capture
 - Early Learning is important but what are the “needs”
 - How do we let the community know all that is being done
 - SSD/ Mason General Hospital in an agreement for Health/Science Academy
 - Please email feedback on the Action Plan
 - Moving Mason Forward is all encompassing

- Agency Updates and Announcements
 - Holly (Headstart/ECEAP)-
 - Fully staffed!
 - Tracking absences
 - Heidi (Library)
 - Teen Mom's Group
 - Something for the moms and for the kids
 - Can something be done to work with Choice High School to include a parent education piece
 - STEM
 - Working with Hood Canal School District
 - How can the school districts work with the library to be creative about what the needs are and what can be purchased
 - Schools are not returning the calls from the library
 - Gary (CCAC)
 - Home Visiting Grant was applied for but not accepted
 - Did make it to the Top 4
 - Only 2 were funded and they were further along in their process
 - Wants to explore getting something off the ground but on a smaller scale (new or continuation grant)
 - Home Visiting Summit coming up
 - PAT (Parents as Teachers)
 - Could the tuition cost be covered by the coalition
 - Curriculum is open to everyone
 - Lydia (Public Health)
 - NFP (Nurse Family Partnership)
 - Need the official vote in the minutes (February)
 - How do we amend the minutes
 - Voted to approve amending the minutes
 - Holly moved
 - Diane seconded
 - Unanimous vote in favor of amending the minutes
 - Breast feeding rates are increasing

- Tami (Shelton School District)
 - Graduation Matters Initiative
 - Graduation is important for ALL
 - Attendance tracked daily at each school
 - Attendance reported out weekly at Principal Meetings
 - Grades monitored closely
 - When students enter high school credit deficient they are more likely to not graduate
 - Core 24 – credits needed to graduate will be requirement soon
 - Currently 22 credits needed to graduate from Shelton High School
 - Preschool For All
 - Alex Apostle wanted this up and running in Fall 2016
 - Timeline is too quick to ensure funding, space, staff, curriculum, materials, transportation, etc.
 - Discussion needed with other providers in the area
 - How will this impact them
 - Plan for 2016-2017
 - Add additional Peer Models in to our Early Learning Program
 - Approximately 20 more
 - Peer models will be screened in the fall
- Kelly (CPS)
 - Differential Response to Investigation
 - Abuse or Neglect
 - Change will be in effect starting in July
 - Will be adding extra positions
 - Looking at FAR (used in other states like Ohio and Minnesota)
 - Happy to talk with folks
 - Phone number is 360-701-1019

Next meeting: May 19, 2016 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- Agenda Item Ideas
 - Hands on Children’s Museum is willing to come and talk about STEM and
 - NFP Presentation
 - Board Officers needed
 - RFP Amended

