

## Mason County Early Learning Coalition & Interagency Coordinating Committee

Minutes for Thursday June 16, 2016

Present: Dan Teuteburg, Kim Smith, Diane Crabtree, Gary Burris, Lydia Buchheit, Jennifer Williamson-Forester, Holly Porter, Jenny Blumenstein

- Introductions and Agency Updates
- Coalition Business:
  - Agenda reviewed and updated
  - Minutes
    - May Minutes not yet received, will be reviewed with June minutes at next meeting
  - Treasurer's Report
    - (Dan) Staff ill so report not available but no money was distributed since last report.
  - Fiscal Agent Vote
    - There was a discussion and explanation of the plan for our local United Way office to become the fiscal agent for the Mason County Early Learning Coalition as well as safeguards to avoid previous challenges. Lydia moved and Holly seconded a motion to have United Way become our fiscal agent and transfer funds that were previously handled by WSU Extension office.
  - ELCMC Update
    - Staffing--Jennifer shared plans in the works to secure an AmeriCorps staff that could support some of our staff needs. The South Sound Reading Foundation in partnership with 4H (Dan) who would oversee and manage the staff. Goal to have them start in October 2016.
    - RFP from Visions for Early Learning need some final changes made. Will use our July ELCMC meeting to do a workgroup meeting to address each of the RFPs. It was agreed the July meeting will be changed for the workgroup to be on July 12<sup>th</sup> 10-12 noon at Mason County Public Health.
  - VEL/ELAC – (Diane/Holly/Dan)
    - There has been no meeting since the last ELCMC meeting. The next meeting will be with THRIVE. Items for discussion include, insurance for coalition events, more upfront lead time for RFP's, funding for coalition sustainability, capacity building and coordinator funding.
    - Dan shared about Grays Harbor Community Foundation's support of the "Great Beginnings" initiative. The goal is to expand pre-schools in Grays Harbor County. A one million dollar pledge was made by the foundation. More information to come.
    - Focus was around the Early Achievers standards alignment state initiative.
  - Ripple Mapping (Dan)
    - Reported out on success of meeting. Preliminary data is still be coded. Results so far have confirmed—ELCMC does meaningful work, we are making a difference, have started a strong foundational work that has lead to success today.

- Election of Officers for Executive Committee
  - Nominations & Election results for 2016-2017 ELCMC Executive Committee are:  
Co-Chairs—Jennifer Williamson-Forester & Kim Smith  
Chair Elect-Gary Burris  
Secretary-Lydia Buchheit  
Treasurer-Dan Teuteburg
  
- Agency Updates and Announcements
  - Gary (CCAC)
    - Shared some thoughts about the Great Beginnings initiative and sustainability
    - Shared about professional development for early learning staff and compensation, increasing early learning action alliance. Del and Thrive have convened a state group, thrive looking for an early learning compensation emphasis.
  
  - Holly (Headstart/ECEAP)-
    - Discussed Shelton SD's superintendents' desire for pre-school for all. Suggested we invite Alex Apostle to speak about his plans for pre-school for all in Mason County at our October 2016 ELCMC.
    - FRC staff changes—Olivia Olsen (McGuire will be returning)
  
  - Lydia (Public Health)
    - New departmental director—Dave Windom from NE Tri Health District
    - Have Public Health Nurse position needing to fill to replace Susan who is retiring. We will accept a 2 year RN that is in a RN to BSN program.
  
  - Jennifer (South Sound Reading Foundation)
    - Books by the Bay will take place in Olympia on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
  
  - Jenny (Sound Learning)
    - Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 6 pm Annual Meeting at the Civic Center

Next meeting: July 12, 2016 10 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. This will be an RFP workgroup meeting.

There will be no meeting in August.

Next coalition meeting: September 22 9:30-12:00 noon Mason County Public Health Meeting Room