

VEL Board of Representatives Meeting
September 10, 2015
ESD 113 – Grays Harbor Room
(Conference call in via the K-20 system. 206.732.9411)

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

In Attendance: Jane Partridge, Sandy Nelson, Justin Montermini (Dept. of Early Learning), Mary Perkins, Diane Crabtree, Shelly Willis, Jean Hill-Miller and Rene Toolson. Via K-20: Jodi Wall, Princess Klus, Jenny Penoyar, Amy Nelson

- 1) Opening Activity, Jane led us in Triad Sharing.
- 2) Reports & Updates –
 - a) Infant-Toddler Program (Jean provided VEL Board members with a report on the Infant-Toddler Program.
 - b) Early Achievers (Rene provided VEL Board members with a report on Early Achievers and reviewed contract to ensure VEL Board membership structure meets DEL contract requirements.
 - c) VEL (Jane)
 - i) Statewide Meeting, Sept 30. Spokane: Mary Perkins, Shelly Willis and Jane Partridge will attend
 - ii) Liability Insurance for events: Question regarding who is required to provide proof of insurance for events funded by VEL mini-grant dollars. In the past, events have been covered by the insurance held by the organization or site of the event. Coalitions are encouraged to discuss and confirm outside insurance coverage before scheduling events. Visions for Early Learning does not provide coverage.
 - iii) Community Momentum Grant 2016: local coalitions were asked to review draft document from Thrive and be prepared to give input as to where local coalition work fits within the grant proposal, as well as input regarding continuing/adapting/expanding work done with the \$2000 Family Engagement Mini-Grants.
 - iv) Standards Alignment Convenings: Our VEL Board of Representatives met today and discussed capacity for holding Regional Community Standard Alignment Meetings, a new body of work at the request of Thrive and DEL that would need to occur between mid-Oct and mid-November. Currently, VEL has the capacity to subcontract out the work, provided that forthcoming additional resources are sufficient to do so. We are in preliminary conversations with ESD 112/Child Care Aware to subcontract holding a convening for Lewis and North Pacific Counties, and with Family Education and Support Services to hold two convenings, one in Elma and one in Tumwater. As much as I regret not having additional hours to devote to this project, Sandy and the board are agreed that my hours need to remain dedicated to completing projects funded through our CMG15. Local coalition partners are encouraged to contact Jane with interest in subcontracting and for more information.

3) Leadership Opportunity:

- i) VEL Board of Representatives Secretary – deferred to Oct. 2015 meeting
- ii) Exec. Committee elections, representation were named as follows:
 - (1) VEL Executive Committee Co-chair, 2 year term through 6/2017-not filled
 - (2) Mason County Representative, 2 year term through 6/2017-Holly Porter
 - (3) Gray Harbor Representative, 1 year term through 6/2016-Mary Perkins
 - (4) North Pacific Representative, 2 year term through 6/2017-Amy Nelson
 - (5) Thurston Representative, 1 year term through 6/2016-not filled

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4) Three talking points (to take back to local coalitions)

At the September 10th VEL Board Meeting, local coalition representatives were asked to bring the following three talking points back to their local coalitions, so that they will be prepared to bring input back to the Oct 8th meeting:

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