



MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2018

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Type of Meeting: Monthly Coalition Meeting
Facilitators: Lindsay Boswell, Anita Quintana, Peter Finch,
Note Takers: Luis Gomez
Location: PNWU Campus, Hyatt Conference Room, Yakima, WA

Present:

Cindy Cholico, ESD 105	Leani Nuñez, Heritage University (Student)
Claudette Lindquist, Heritage University	Emanuel Davon, Heritage University (Student)
Cynthia Juarez, ESD 105	Sabrina Miller, Yakama Nation Head Start
Gloria Jones-Dance, Heritage University	Jasmine Yellowowl, YN Head Start
Karri Jo Livingston, EPIC	Brittany Tyler, Growing Hope
Katherine Bell, Catholic Charities	Brenda Montoya-Roman, Seedlings Center for EL
Leanne Morse, West Valley School District	Connie De La Cruz, Seedlings Centre for EL
Linda Eberle, Community Member	Alejandra Treece, Heritage University (Student)
Lynn Harlington, ESD105	Maria Espinoza, Heritage University (Student)
Maggie Mendoza, ESD 105	Mary Ann Walker, Central Washington Oral Health
Maria Vasquez, Catholic Charities	
Marilyn Van Oostrum, Memorial Hospital	
Robin Rankin Coffin, Community Member	
Sandra Linde, Astria Health	
Stacie Marez, ESD 105	
Victor Cardenas, Catholic Charities	

Phone/Video:

Pamela Juniel, CWU
Kristina Chevy, Heritage University (Student)
Debra Penny Jim, Yakama Nation

Welcome:

The regular scheduled coalition monthly meeting started at 2:08 pm by Lindsay Boswell. Coalition members were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

PNWU:

Anita Quintana from the Office of Scholarly Activity welcomed everyone and provided general information about the University's D.O. program, mission and vision, Roots to Wings Program, and future plans for the university.

Strategic Planning:

Coalition members broke into their action teams and were given time to discussion and fill out their action team template worksheet. (Each action team worksheet is attached to the meeting minutes below).

At the end of the meeting, action teams were given the opportunity to share information from their worksheet.

Good of the Order:

- The Department of Early Learning will host a series of public meetings to gather community feedback on its draft Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan. The corresponding meeting for the Yakima Valley will be May 12, 2018, at Heritage University.
- DSHS will be visiting Yakima in mid-June looking for "bright spots" in the Valley.
- YVCF Census 2020 work
- National conference for Help Me Grow Program Victor Cardenas attended

Advocacy and Awareness



Action Plan Template

Investing in Children Coalition

Resources Needed	Goals	Learn	Share	Collaborate	Advocate
	Advocate for the voices of our communities to be represented in decisions that impact families with young children.				February Advocacy Day
	Leverage relationships with service agencies to increase equitable access for families.		Legislator Appreciation/ Introduction		
	Analyze data to identify needs of families with young children to inform our work and drive decisions.	Use of Data for Business Owners			
	Increase connections to community partners, agencies, local initiatives and the Early Learning Regional Coalition (ELRC) network to build sustainability and a viable coalition.	Items to Discuss with Investing in Children Coalition	List of Organizations to Invite/Participate	Resource Fair	

Family Engagement



Action Plan Template

Investing in Children Coalition

Resources Needed	Goals	Learn	Share	Collaborate	Advocate
	Advocate for the voices of our communities to be represented in decisions that impact families with young children.	Incorporate parent education.	State, local and regional.	State FFN/CCRR	FFN – Family Voice State/National
	Leverage relationships with service agencies to increase equitable access for families.	-Slots needed -ESITL	Share PE model	Dr. Liebe Home initiative	
	Analyze data to identify needs of families with young children to inform our work and drive decisions.	What's the scope of purpose?	-School district -Local		
	Increase connections to community partners, agencies, local initiatives and the Early Learning Regional Coalition (ELRC) network to build sustainability and a viable coalition.		0-5 options 1 pager qualification to EL programs -PAT -NFP -HS -ECEAP -CCA	Mental Health & Peds -DSHS -ECEAP -HS Childrend	



Action Plan Template: Health & Wellness

Investing in Children Coalition

Resources Needed	Goals	Learn	Share	Collaborate	Advocate
	Advocate for the voices of our communities to be represented in decisions that impact families with young children.	Invite an outreach navigator to help coalition members understand the changes coming to dental care around managed care and the impacts it may have on our families. Possibly Joaquin of Community Health of Central WA.			
	Leverage relationships with service agencies to increase equitable access for families.		Provide information regarding early learning opportunities available in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. Clarify types of programs, service providers, how families qualify. Goal is to increase referrals between programs.		

	Analyze data to identify needs of families with young children to inform our work and drive decisions.	Create a survey of mental health services available to families with young children.	Input the data gathered from survey into a spreadsheet similar to the one used by the Home Visiting Workgroup. Share the spreadsheet with coalition members and provide a copy to 2-1-1 to ensure that they have current information. Ensure that data on Spanish language mental health services is part of the tracking log.	Work across programs to understand the barriers that limit access to childhood mental health services and develop goals to reduce barriers and increase access.	
	Increase connections to community partners, agencies, local initiatives and the Early Learning Regional Coalition (ELRC) network to build sustainability and a viable coalition.	Action team member(s) to participate in Help Me Grow meetings and share back with coalition members.		If Help Me Grow is realized, identify activities for collaboration to support implementation.	