



MEETING MINUTES September 13, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Type of Meeting: Monthly Meeting
Facilitator(s): Lindsay Boswell, Cindy Carroll, Traci Hoppis, Karla Pezzarossi, Trissa Schiffner, Robin Rankin,
Note taker(s): Luis Gomez
Location: Children's Village, Barn A & B, Yakima, WA

Present:

Lindsay Boswell, YVCF	Maddie Mendoza, ESD 105
Stacie Marez, ESD 105	Marilyn Van Oostrum, Virginia Mason Memorial
Victor Cardenas, Catholic Charities	Mikeal Allenbaugh, Virginia Mason Memorial
Luis Gomez, YVCF	Peter Finch, WVSD
Rebecca Knox, Catholic Charities	Kathleen Aragon, YN CCDF
Traci Hoppis, Children's Village	Monica Rodriguez CCA/ Catholic Charities
Karla Pezzarossi, Children's Village	Stacy Hackenmueller, YVFWC/WIC
Trissa Schiffner, Catholic Charities	Jill Hilmes, Children Village/Early Intervention
Robin Rankin Coffin, Community Member	Dianne Trevino, YVFWC
Linda Eberle, Community Member	Cindy Carroll, YVMH
Sandra Linde, Astria Health	Rondi Downs, Yakima Valley Libraries
Cecilia Gonzalez, La Casa Hogar	
Claudette Lindquist, Heritage University	
Karri Jo Livingston, EPIC	
Leanne Morse, WVSD	

Welcome/Introduction:

The regularly scheduled Investing in Children Coalition monthly meeting started at 2:15 pm. Lindsay Boswell provided an overview of the meeting.

Cindy Carrol welcomed everyone to Children's Village and gave a brief summary of what the Yakima County Interagency Coordinating Council (YCICC) is and the reason for merging and working with Investing in Children Coalition (ICC). Both groups will be combining their meetings and agenda's twice a year.

YC Interagency Coordinating Council (YICC):

Meeting minutes and notes for this portion of the meeting can be found as an attachment.

ELAC/WCFC Updates:

Lindsay Boswell provided a brief summary of what the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) is and Investing in Children Coalition involvement in the council. ELAC updates included:

- Topics discussed in the August ELAC meeting.
- September 11th DCYF webinar.
- Next ELAC meetings dates: October 2nd and December 4th.
- ELAC position rotation from Peter Fintch to possible nominee Minerva Pardo from WVSD.
- 2019 decision packages and push for multi-year early learning funding.

WCFC Charter Update: The Washington Communities for Children (WCFC) is a network of ten regional early learning coalitions around the state of Washington that work together to promote successful families and children. The network charter was signed by all the participating early learning coalitions around the state and will improve funding opportunities from state agencies. WCFC is not a standalone nonprofit but has fiscal lead.

Advocacy and Awareness:

Resource Fair:

Updates from the Early Learning Resource fair organized by the Advocacy and Awareness action team presented by Robin Rankin Coffin included:

- Location was at the OIC Henry Beauchamp Community Center.
- The event provided food for participants and prepared over 100 hot dog meals.
- Total of 16 vendors/organizations.
- About 45 families and 25 identified themselves as Spanish speaking.
- Yakima Herald/Sol de Yakima was there taking pictures and wrote an [article](#) about the event.
- Feedback results from families and vendors was provided and can be found attached to the meeting materials.

2018 Primary Election:

Lindsay Boswell provided and presented the 2018 primary election result sheet that can be found attached to the meeting materials. The sheet included information about election candidates running in districts 13, 14, and 15. Lindsay emphasized the importance of connecting with elected officials to promote early learning on both sides of the state of Washington.

Action Teams & October Meeting:

Action team worksheets were presented to coalition members for them to review and discuss. Lindsay Boswell also presented an [electronic template](#) that can be used to electronically collect and update the action team worksheets.

October Agenda:

The Coalition strategic planning meeting will be on Wednesday October 10 from 1 pm – 4 pm at the ESD 105, Yakima Conference Room. Anbar Mahar Sheikh from [The Giving Practice](#) will be there to help facilitate. Coalition members were encouraged to use the action team electronic worksheet and be able to use it at the strategic planning meeting.

Good of the Order:

- Strengthening Families Workshop will be at Heritage University September 22nd.
- West Valley PreK Workshop will be at Wide Hollow Elementary October 18th.
- Resilience and Empowerment Workshop will be WVHS October 6th.
- West Valley ACEs Workshop: Paper Tigers movie showing will be at WVHS October 20th.