



MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2019 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Type of Meeting: Monthly Meeting
Facilitators: Lindsay Boswell, Carmen Mendez, Claudette Lindquist, Trissa Schiffner, Peter Finch
Note Taker(s): Luis Gomez
Location: Junior Achievement, 650 WSECU Room, University Parkway, Yakima WA 98901

Present:

Lindsay Boswell, YVCF	Marilyn Van Oostrum, Memorial Hospital
Luis Gomez, YVCF	Monica Rodriguez, CCA/Catholic Charities
Sharon Miracle, YVCF	Sandra Linde, Sunnyside Hospital
Carmen Mendez, JA	Stacy Hackernmueller, YVFWC WIC
Trissa Schiffner, Catholic Charities	Julie McDougall, YSD
Peter Finch, WVSD	Anastasia Sanchez, TSD
Claudette Lindquist, Heritage University	Danielle, Delange, YSD
Amy Gutierrez, ESD 105	Denise Hannon, DCYF
Katherine Bell, Catholic Charities	
Kathleen Aragon, YN CCDF	

Welcome:

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting started at 2:05 pm. Carmen Mendez the Regional Director for Junior Achievement welcomed everyone. Richard Perez the Program Manager provided general information about the services JA provides to the school districts in the Valley. Carmen mentioned the WSECU conference room is available for community members and organizations to use.

Introductions:

Coalition members had the opportunity to introduced themselves and share what they are looking forward in 2019.

Claudette Lindquist gave a brief review of the Coalition's strategic framework attached to the meeting materials.

Governor's Budget Review:

Lindsay Boswell provided a short summary of the Governor's Proposed 2019-2021 Early Learning Budget. A copy of the budget is attached to the meeting materials.

Coalition members discussed the following budget items:

- ECEAP:
 - \$38.5 million increase for slots
 - \$12.6 million increase for rates
- Facilities:
 - State recognizes the need of increasing facilities space for the increase of slots
- Working Connections Child Care
- New Preschool Programs:
 - Extending eligibility for families
- Home Visiting:
 - More than doubling visiting services
 - Initiation of Universal Home Visiting and early learning referral systems
- Family Child Care Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - Unionize childcare providers
- Reach Out and Read
- New DCYF Staff

Budget Activity:

Lindsay asked for coalition members to share what item from the Governor's budget they believe will impact the Yakima Valley and Central WA. Members were given four stickers to vote on white board paper.

Awareness & Advocacy:

Updates from the advocacy and awareness committee included:

2019 Early Learning Advocacy Day

- January 28th – 29th
- Would like lower valley participants in the future
- Meeting with legislators from 13th, 14th and 15th districts are being scheduled

2019 Early Learning Fairs:

- Plan to have three different learning fairs
- Lower Valley, Mid-Valley, and in Yakima
- Committee is looking for members to help with fairs
- Spring time for Mid/Lower Valley and Late summer for Yakima
- Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm

Meeting with Representative Corry (14 District):

Representative Corry meet with the Coalition's Executive Committee in December. The representative asked great questions was looking forward to meeting with us for advocacy day.

Professional & Workforce Development:

Powerful Interactions Book Study:

- The book is available to purchase on Amazon or the publisher's website
- Possible discount for educators
- Facilitators have until April to finish reading the book
- Getting ready for the event in the Fall with one of the authors of the book

Washington Communities for Children Update:

- Working on official website and email
- Thrive WA future "sun setting"
- Advocacy Day leave-behinds
- Continue to have representation in Olympia similar to Thrive WA

Good of the Order:

- Community meeting of the MMIW
- Public Charge Article and event
- Children's Village's CEO Update: Laura Crooks
- Group Health Foundation/Perigee: 501C4 and Health Equity
- YVCF Strategic Grant Round is opening in January 14th

Action Teams:

Action teams were given a couple of minutes to meet.

Meeting ended at 3:45 pm.