

**Early Learning Washington County
Steering Committee Meeting: July 25, 2018
Minutes**

In Attendance: Marilyn Harrison, Marni Kuyl, Sabi Velasco, Renee Bruce, Nancy Ford, Jared Cordon, Olga Acuna, Bryce Kozla

On Phone: Donalda Dodson, Bridget Cooke

Staff: Zeke Thomas, Begoña Rodriguez-Liern, Rebecca Collett, Evan Weaver, Genevieve Ellis, Brittany Geertsen, Janet Avila-Medina, Darla Vang

What was discussed:

Welcome & Introductions

Director's Briefing:

The committee gave some appreciative goodbye thoughts to Zeke and Janet on their departure from ELWC.

- Health Share is leading some work with kindergarten readiness network on how could they align funding with early learning. As part of the process they've engaged PSU and have asked the hubs to help them find research reports that exist around parent engagement.

ACTION: If you have documentation of parent voice regarding early care and education please contact Adam or Evan.

Committee & Workgroup Reports: *Please see summaries attached to email*

- **Steering Committee:** June 27, 2018
- **Parent Advisory Council - East:** June 25, 2018
- **Verbal Workgroup Reports:** Referral pathway group has met and will be providing a draft plan to the Steering Committee for review.

Headlines & Highlights

- **Brookwood Library Ribbon Cutting:** ELWC has been able to expand the permanent collection at Hillsboro Public Library. There are books in Farsi, Hmong, and Vietnamese etc. The Hmong community did the ribbon cutting and a dance performance. It was very touching to see the performance by the Hmong community and hearing the voice from that community of how they want to be present in Washington County.
- **Grant Updates**
 - **Preschool Promise:** *No update*
 - **Black Student Success Grant:** Pending revenue contract

Presentation: Kindergarten Assessment data for Washington County (see attachment A)

- This study was set up by looking at the 25 catchment areas.

INPUT:

- We should share the reflection of these data findings with the department of education (i.e. share that this why using Kindergarten Assessment is not helpful and complicated).

Discussion: Feedback to ELD on draft Early Learning Strategies (see attachment B)

INPUT:

- In our county, we have high employment and we need child care providers to have longer duration sites.
- It is a challenge to qualify for any of the Head Start & OPK services when your family has to meet a certain income.
- Missing cultural responsiveness and culturally specific services.
- Supply of quality infant and toddler care doesn't mention affordability.
- What is a more culturally relevant way to partner with families.
- A need for clear training pathways and flexibility of hiring individuals who are interested in getting a CDA but can't afford it.
- It should state "expand CCR&R to identify providers" and NOT "expand roles of Hubs to identify providers."

Next Step: ELWC will compile all feedback from today, the parent and provider survey and send to the State.

Adjourn