



Early Learning Washington County Parenting Together Washington County



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes *November 29th 2:00 – 4:00pm, 2023* *Location: Zoom*

Vision: Our community works in partnership with families to raise strong, healthy children who are life-long learners, with equal opportunities to succeed and reach their full potential.

Steering Members in virtual attendance included: Lacey Hays, Olga Acuna, Amy Gillett, Jessica Rosengreen, Kristina Kurtz, Donalda Dodson, Rolanda Garcia, Peg King, Bridget Cooke, Danita Huynh,

Staff and Guests present Alessandro Mastrorocco, Amy Henderson-Johnson, Tabria Harrod, Laura Ramirez, Dalila Forbush, Leslie Moguil, Johnathon Pierce, Moises Gutierrez, Ailed Diaz, Jessica Alatorre, Cassie Bruske, Evan Weaver

Organization and Parent Members: Chair members have the list for this meeting

Quorum established: **Yes**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Welcome, Agenda overview, Meeting called to Order - <i>Lacey</i>		
Review Agenda, Conflict of Interest Declaration, Request for Public Comment - <i>Lacey</i>	Does anyone have a comment? Process: Submit public comment to ELWC website	No public comment
Minutes Approval - <i>Lacey</i>		Action: Minutes approved
With Gratitude - <i>Staff</i>	• Leslie – Thank to all community partners who filled out the OSU/OPEC survey for Parenting Together Washington County (see attachments in materials package). • Johnathon – Thank you to partnership with Hillsboro School District in partnering in the Next Generation Science Standards workshop for preschool providers. Over 60 early educators attended • Evan – Thank to Representative Reynolds and office for engagement	Action: Leslie will present evaluation data in January 2024 SC meeting.

	in Omnibus bill around building supports around positive outcomes for vulnerable populations for early life health outcomes. • Lacey – Thank to Olga, Bridget and partners that contributed to the study for Preschool for All study.	
Getting Ready for the 2024 Short Legislative Session – Cassie Bruske	PowerPoint presentation Discussion: • What does the HUB revision look like? Advocating for better tangible guidelines, roles, and responsibilities of Hubs and to better communicate to legislators the roles of the Hubs.	Action: Contact Cassie for any questions and clarifications that arise.
Great News! New Federal Grant: Integrating Culturally Affirming Perinatal Home Visiting Initiative Doula Model - Tabria Harrod	PowerPoint presentation	Action: Will be sending out an invitation to participate on an Advisory Council Action: Will keep committee updated on progress.
KPI 2023 Summer Programs and launching 2023-2024 programs – Tabria Harrod	PowerPoint presentation • Somali Empowerment Circle • OutGrown (formally as Hike it Baby)	Action: None
STEAM Curiosity Kits for Infants and Toddlers update – Johnathon & Laura	PowerPoint presentation	Action: Will keep updating SC on partnerships and opportunities for new partnerships for education and distribution for the STEAM kits.
Brief Summary of meeting with Representative Reynolds - ELWC	Take aways: • Passionate about early learning and health: addressing gaps to families/healthcare professionals in finding information on wrap around services • Better understanding of roles of Hubs • Gave considerable time and consideration to attendees for better understanding. • Expressed frustration on home visiting programs: numerous, lack of coherency, varying eligibility requirements, access to information/clarification	Action: None

Community partners, members & staff updates	• Julie Novakowski is moving for Head Start to the federal office. • Early Learning Fairs for Sherwood School District and Hillsboro School District will be held in January 2024. • Preschool For All: close to submitting the measure to the county for approval to start collecting signatures. • CCR&R received national award for their partnership with WCCLS. Highlights included the Mental Health Summit and no-cost early learning workshop/opportunities	Action: None Action: ELWC staff will be tabling at each event.
Adjourn		4:00 pm