

NCELC Combined Notes/Minutes

November 16, 2022

Afternoon meeting 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Evening meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Introductions	
<u>Afternoon Attendees:</u> Janelle Bersch, Jan Dosh, Nancy Spurgeon, Hilary Martinez, Matt Paluch, Selina Sencion, Meagan Anderson, Oralia Banuelos, Stephanie Reynolds, Karla Fahey, Margarita Gonzalez, Rosa Escalera, Lisa Whatley, Rebecca Knox. <u>Evening Attendees:</u> Kate Luttrell, Erin Lewis, Jodi DeCesari, Kim Hatfield, Janelle Bersch	
Review of Group norms	Discussion
Equity Leadership Habits https://www.nationalequityproject.org/frameworks/liberatory-design See and understand the territory you're navigating Engage others to make meaning of your current situation Act on potential solutions to address your equity challenge - and learn from that action Notes: No discussion	
Reports from lead committees	Information
Notes: • Health Provider Voice - Lisa Whatley - o Lisa shared that she really wants something useful to offer medical providers and how to funnel their voice back and forth. Nancy asked about CHI and she attends but not sure how and what information to offer • Policy and Advocacy - Nancy Spurgeon - o <u>Policy:</u> ▪ People are still working on their agendas and proposals now that we know who is in office. The governor's budget will come out in December ▪ WA State Head Start ECEAP Agenda – 20% rate increase; 6,000 new ECEAP Slots, Increase in funding for curriculum, professional development, facilities, and changes for income calculation eligibility. ▪ Discussion about ECEAP and ECLIPSE expansion with Jodi DeCesari. Program is not expanding due to a variety of factors – capacity issues which affect all levels of the program: leadership, teachers, TA, transportation, aides etc. Competition for staff comes from other ECEAP Head Start programs, School Districts. ▪ Link to full report - o <u>Resources on advocacy:</u> ▪ WA Parent Ambassadors now accepting applications, due on January 15. The app is available in Spanish as well. Parent voice is important to DCYF Link to Flyer. ▪ Mom's Rising Learning Symposium: Town hall on Dec 5 11-12:30; free; Spanish interpretation; first 200 people will receive \$50 gift card ▪ Early Learning Grassroots Symposium on January 7-8, 10:00-4:00pm; scholarships available for families. Link to Flyer.	

- **Grant County Lead** – Matt Paluch:
 - o Working on arranging a site visit with representatives on December 12
 - o In the midst of programming a substance abuse town hall. There's a speaker who has available dates in March. Previously we were looking at February. There's a Moses Lake Community Coalition meeting at the Grant County Health District tomorrow at noon where we'll discuss this more. It's also on zoom if you'd like to attend.
- **Okanogan County Lead** - Jodi
 - o Having a meeting tomorrow, Discussion of next steps for the coalition. Working connections reimbursement rates discussion and advocate for higher reimbursement rates. Perinatal Mental Health – Parent has been trained in facilitation. New group starting in Bridgeport and Brewster.

Action items - Review and approve Budget

- Present budget for next 6 months
- Next steps:

Notes:

WCFC Regional Budget

- o Developed a budget for January-June, compared different and historical budgets, and sent it out to NCELC Leadership and now to this group
- o Janelle presented a spreadsheet breakdown of income and expenses
- o Kim is working on other funding resources
- o Questions or comments
 - o Jan: How can we raise the family voice in this group and all counties
 - Brave Warrior Project, Head Start & ECEAP Parents
 - Tasks force
 - o Hilary
 - Reports available for both meetings, would be great to be sent into both meetings so nothing is lost.
- o Budget approval: Consensus of leadership team, and no other concerns with the budget from NCELC group

Planning for the future

- Washington State Early Learning Coordination Plan and Alignment with NCELC pillars
- Planning and prioritizing next steps

Notes:

- Build from different agencies coming together to develop this plan
- Nancy pointed out that Coalitions are mentioned a lot throughout the plan
- ELCP has 5 outcomes and under each are goals and strategies
- Today will be diving into outcome #1
 - o How do our pillars align with the ELCP?
 - o What is missing? Any Action Items that need to be added? Start to Prioritize Action Items.
 - o Jam Board:
 - <https://jamboard.google.com/d/1wXgDHMNIPLpYYdgtY94mC1o3tFBIh3OYZxAuvlQ1tU0/edit?usp=sharing>
 - o Group 1: Action items possibly missing – a directory of people who have a connection that is outside the box of early learning. Strategies: Finding the family voice and not assuming from collected data. Community Resource/Partner Directory
 - Evening ideas: Informal supports include tribal elders, play and learn groups. Family involvement: policy councils, outreach workers at the health centers. Coordination with medical providers

- o Group 2: Action item - Community Resource Fair. Strategies: Mentor and train childcare providers
 - Evening ideas: Increase indoor activities (play gym etc) for b-3 in all communities. OK county health fair, color walk, movie nights etc.
- o Group 3: Action items – Recruit passionate advocates, and train them. Strategies: Know local legislators and staff, create and review regional legislative agenda
 - Evening ideas: Listserv for those interested in advocacy. [WSA – Washington state Head Start and ECEAP Association](#): advocacy training for staff, parents and community members, NCELC creates funding pathways for caregivers to attend advocacy training/conference/travel.
- o Jan shared, “I also think with so many systems involved in Early Learning, we need to understand how to message in a way that shows collaboration and unity.”

Purposes Statement and Game Changer

Purpose Statement:

- Purpose Statement - The North Central Early Learning Coalition will partner and collaborate to
 - (i) expand program options and access,
 - (ii) invest in early learning educators and care providers, and
 - (iii) engage local communities,

to ensure that all children and families have equitable access to quality childcare and early learning options that meet their unique needs.

Game Changer

- Increase the number of affordable Early Learning programs in the region and overall childcare capacity;
- Develop and invest in the childcare and early learning workforce through professional development, certification, licensing, and wage adjustments to ensure family sustaining wages, professional benefits, and stable employment;
- Increase community awareness of programs and services to ensure all families have access to program options that meet their unique needs

Notes: No discussion

Announcements

- [NCESD Early Learning](#)
- [Vroom](#)
- State of the Children report – stories needed

Next Meeting

December meeting? Next meeting is scheduled to be December 21, 2022. Most people said they could forego the December meeting and meet again in January. Janelle suggested for the leadership team to meet in December, Matt requested this for early in the month.

A recording of the afternoon session can be [viewed here](#)