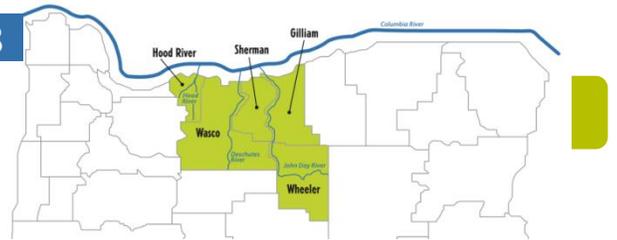


FOUR RIVERS EARLY LEARNING HUB

Chairs Meeting



Wednesday, February 3, 2016

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Spooky's, The Dalles

Present

Terri Vann, Keeping Families Together

Brooke Ansotegui, NCESD EE

Matthew Solomon, MCCC

Jen Heredia, OCDC

Nancey Patten, Child Care Partners

Amber DeGrange, Sherman County

Tori Vaughn, CGESD

Cindy Johnson, CGESD

Christa Rude, CGESD - 4RELH

Strategy:

The intention and function of the Chairs group is to create a shared Agenda for the county Early Childhood Committee's that would be a foundation for the Regional Early Childhood Committee and then go to the Governance Board.

Topics could be identified by the Governance Board, Early Childhood Committee meetings or Early Childhood Leaders. The Hub Coordinator proposed a framework for developing a shared agenda (see attached). Using the framework handout, agenda items could be identified by:

- Topic
- Context – answers: what? why?
- Questions – what do we need to learn?
- Reply – information would come back to RECC

The group noted that the proposed structure is a supportive way to structure the ECC/ECAT. Along with the local topics it would make up the agenda.

Discussions about the proposed model and possible shared agenda items were held:

- Does each county have a charge? Why are we here and what is our function? How do we tie it to the system? What do you think your roll is?
- Who should be at the meeting? Is this a place to talk about the strategic plan? The general consensus is yes. When programs implement things from the strategic plan there is a ripple effect.
- Parents have good information to share. How do we engage parents? Are we allowing them to say what they need and recognizing differences among families? What do we want to learn from parents?
- Toolkit: The idea is for every child in the region to receive a toolkit. Who should decide what goes into the toolkit? If it is to be meaningful to the family it would be worth the time and effort to ask parents what would benefit them.
- Collective Impact. How we are doing the work and sharing the information.

The Coordinator reminded the group that the goal is that children are coming from stable and attached families and that children are ready for kindergarten.

Five agenda topics were identified and agreed upon by the group:

- Collective Impact
- Creating a “charge” for our local ECT
- Participation in Early Childhood Meetings
- Engaging Parents through local ECC
- Our Kids Toolkit

In this first try of the new model, questions will be the same for all local ECC/ECAT, but the answers will be different for each region. It was determined that some type of form should be created with recommendations and solutions to agenda items.

The Hub Coordinator will create a shared Regional agenda for the local ECC/ECAT meetings and will include supporting documents:

- Collective Impact document and framework
 - Toolkit document
 - Examples of “charges”
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- The Regional ECC will meet on March 14, 2016. A grant update will be included on the agenda.
 - The next Chairs meeting will be April 6, 2016 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Spooky’s.

PROPOSED MODEL FOR ECC Chairs meeting for creating a shared agenda:

Topics

- Identified by the Governance Board
- From RECC
- ECC Leader Identified

Goal and/or Question

- Has a goal been identified (by the board or by the strategic plan)?
- If yes, engage inquiry process.
- If no, engage Inquiry process

Inquiry Process

For creating a Shared Agenda for County ECC meetings
(to be utilized at "Chairs Meeting")

