



Region IV Regional Early Childhood Committee Meeting
January 7, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Present: See Agency Announcements for members present

Absent: See Agency Announcements for members absent

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Next Steps
Call To Order	Phyllis	Phyllis Vernon	
Introductions	Phyllis		
Approval of Previous Minutes	Phyllis	Tressa motioned, Michelle seconded. Motion passed. Minutes approved	Approved minutes.
Financial Report	Lindsay	We have \$600 left in our yearly budget. So far this year we have approved purchases for new binder materials and behavior wheels. Reviewed our inventory. Discussed potential purchase of a travelling poster, to be able to display at our agency events. We will review examples and vote on approval of purchase at our next meeting.	Phyllis will send out examples of the travelling poster for the RECC to review.
OLD BUSINESS			
Mission/Vision		RECC Mission: Advise and assist the ITP in the implementation of the early intervention system; Provide information on early childhood development; Coordinate and collaborate with community partners to support at risk young children and children with delays or disabilities.	
Outreach		<p>November Lakeshore event was cancelled, Michelle Cole will look into rescheduling the event and update the committee on a new event date.</p> <p>Deb will follow up on St. Luke’s project and potentially getting our brochure added to the new mom’s take home bag. (Sheri Iverson at St. Luke’s may be able to direct you on who to contact). Deb plans to start with the social worker at the hospital.</p> <p>Planning on attending the Week of the Yong Child in April. Phyllis will find out if there are any registration fees attached to that event.</p> <p>Discussed attending the Strengthening Families Training Institute on March 17, consensus is that it would be a good opportunity for outreach. Michelle G. will reach out to Roger Sherman/the organizers on securing a table at the event. Deb motioned to approve the purchase of a 1-day registration fee at the event, Tressa seconded. Motion approved.</p>	<p>Michelle C. will take lead on Lakeshore.</p> <p>Deb will take lead on hospital bag outreach idea.</p> <p>Phyllis will find out if there is a registration fee.</p> <p>Michelle G. will find out about registering for SFTI. Purchase approved.</p>

Membership		<p>Need to recruit parent for committee as they will offer a different perspective and help add to our committee. Sondra will post our RECC postcard in an effort to recruit a parent member.</p> <p>Discussed recruiting a Health Care representative. Emily will reach out to Treasure Valley Pediatric reps for possible membership recruitment.</p> <p>Lindsay will follow up with Central Office on securing the official RECC recruitment letter for professionals and will distribute it to the committee once she receives it.</p>	<p>Sondra will share our RECC postcard.</p> <p>Emily will reach out to TVP.</p> <p>Lindsay will work with CO to distribute our recruitment letter.</p>
Sub-committees			
NEW BUSINESS	Ann		
Strengthening Families Training Institute		March 17-18, 2020. Tuesday March 17 8am-4pm is the proposed day for our RECC table.	
Week of Young Child		April 13-17, 2020 is Week of the Young Child. Saturday event will be on Saturday April 18, 2020 11 am – 3 pm.	
Agency Announcements:			
Boise School District	Dedra Swanstrom	Not present	
BSU Children’s Center	Chris Zacharias	Not present	
BSU Early Childhood	Patricia Hampshire	Will not be able to participate any more due to job change. She is looking for a replacement.	
Children’s Therapy Place	Sondra McMIndes	Children’s Therapy Place will have a new center that is currently under construction at Allumbaugh and Franklin. They are restructuring the company and are hiring for all positions right now. They are continuing to grow and have recently started providing Aquatic Therapy.	
Family Advocates	Le Ann Edwards	Not present	
FOCAF Head Start	Tressa VanNest	Early Head Start is fully staffed. No news to report, everything is going well.	
FOCAF Early Head Start	Carrie Boock	Not present	
Homeless Representative			
IESDB	Deb Maxwell	Recently had their Signing Santa event on December 19 th . It was a huge success. The event has been growing steadily over the years and this year it was hosted at Scentsy. ELKS Hearing and Balance is partnering with Early Hearing Detection for a big conference dedicated to early identification of hearing loss.	
IPUL	Sarah Tueller	Not present	
Idaho STARS	Michelle Cole	Currently have 12 centers on the waiting list wanting to participate in Steps to Quality. They have 43 sites participating to Step 6 right now.	
Idaho SDE			
Infant/Toddler Program	Lindsay Leyva	Currently have 596 children enrolled. 99 referrals for December. The new average is about 100 referrals each month. All state positions are filled. Mersiha Fullinwider has taken over Sue’s position at Central Office, she will be our new RECC contact.	
Librarian			
Parent Representative			

Parents as Teachers	Michelle Graff	Recently hired a new Developmental Specialist in December. They are now serving families in Elmore County and working with Region 3 to serve families in Bruneau and Grandview as well. They are hoping to eliminate their waitlist when the new DS is fully trained.	
West Ada School District	Emily Malek	West Ada is very full right now. They have offered more para positions 1 part-time teaching position. Managing the needs of the students along with the volume has been challenging. They will be redrawing the boundaries and hope to have 2 more sites added for 12 total.	
WICAP: Head Start/Early Head Start	Phyllis Vernon	They are doing well in Valley County, they have their Center based program up and running. They are not fully staffed yet. They are starting conversations with the school district on how to best provide services. AEYC received a grant and there will be an upcoming planning meeting.	
NEXT MEETING			
Refreshments		Deb & Tressa	
Adjourn	Chair	Phyllis asked for motion to adjourn meeting. All approved. Phyllis adjourned the meeting.	Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 9:00 am
Dept of H&W Ste. D Conference Room B.