

Minutes for May 19, 2017

Recorder: Micha Horn

Present: Alexandra Auguste-Lewis (PSESD), Heidi Collins (Private Nurse Consultant), Kelly DeBoer (DEL), Nicole DeFrank (Private Nurse Consultant), Adrienne Dorf (DEL), Mary Eddy (PSESD), Jann Finley (Snohomish Health District), Xinying He (PSESD), Jennifer Helseth (Sound to Harbor ESD), Tina Horner (PSESD), Micha Horn (Snohomish Health District), Suzanne Kohaya (PSESD), Minette Mason (DEL), Sheila McMahon (Private Nurse Consultant), Rebecca Muldonado (Public Health Seattle King County), Elizabeth Mull (PSESD), Cathe Paul (Private Nurse Consultant), Alba Suarez (Snohomish Health District), Nancy Tarara (Benton Franklin Health District), Kristi Walters (PSESD), Nancy Wessenberg (Private Nurse Consultant), Heather West (DEL), Sue White (Public Health Seattle King County), Caitlyn Young (PSESD),

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Welcome and Introductions	Introductions Review agenda and minutes	
CSHEL Business	No business to discuss.	
Member/Agency Updates	<p>Snohomish Health District (Micha Horn/Alba Suarez/Jann Finley) – Alba will be leaving her position as the PHN for the program; a new PHN will be hired. Program staff now includes Katy Levenhagen as our program registered dietician/nutritionist, a behavioral health specialist Jann Finley, a public health nurse, and an environmental health specialist, Micha Horn. Our class materials will be posted on the SHD website in June. STARS credit will only be available for those who live or work in Snohomish County; Nurse partnership meet-up will be held May 22nd in Everett – all infant nurse consultants and child care health consultants are welcome to participate in these bi-annual meetings. Online GoToMeeting access available.</p> <p>PSESD (Suzanne Kohaya) – Lots of changes. PSESD is very large (4000ish), recently lost some slots and had to go into recompetition; the structure of the Early Learning department was re-evaluated and in April announced which jobs would stay and which were let go; there were 7 nurses and now only 1 (Janice Heck); Dieticians have lost their jobs as well; 3 Health Nutrition Safety Consultant positions that don't require an RD or Nursing degree were created. Whole model is now a coaching model with coaching teams (manager, education, dual language, family support and HSN person and HSN aides). Policy Team will have an RD, Nurse, etc. Changes were made in order to be fiscally responsible. Put on a school year calendar with weeks of unpaid leave and affects sick leave, retirement, etc.</p> <p>Sheila McMahon – appreciates networking. Independent nurses benefit from sharing of ideas.</p>	<p>SHD website: http://www.snohd.org/Children-Family/Child-Care-Providers</p> <p>For GoToMeeting access to the Nurse Partnership meeting, email asuarez@snohd.org</p>

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	<p>Public Health King County (Sue White) – Best Starts for Kids program – started to hire program managers; trying to define roles – had community meetings. Child care team is not directly associated with Best Starts for Kids, but working side by side. Child Care team is very small. Second mental health consultant. 2 Full time MHC, full time Nutritionist, Sue is full time PHN, 3 PT PHN (Ellen is lead, does some site visits), (Janice Harsella is RD, was with Snap Ed). Megan Holmes, Phala Chea are Mental Health). Lenore is retired but consults on the side. (www.KingCounty.gov/health/childcare)</p> <p>Working on contract for Seattle Preschool program. How that affects SKCPH is still to be decided – role is being defined. Also do ECEAP sites. Everything is changing – hopefully in the fall we will have more information.</p> <p>Sound to Harbor HeadStart/ECEAP (Jennifer Helseth) – new director, in process of consolidating the food program into fewer kitchens and then transporting foods. Continue to cook foods from scratch (not increasing processed foods). By consolidating kitchens, have the ability, with fewer cooks, to raise their salary and hire cooks with increased skill sets. Reduces cost also by minimizing food waste, buying bulk, and staff costs, even with increased transportation costs. Will be taking on a new child care. 35 square foot rule – state rule was reassessed – was 35 square foot per child and now 35 square feet per person (including the staff) so had to add a few classrooms to accommodate.</p> <p>Afternoon group is Health Coordinators for HeadStart – there is no list of health people for HeadStart or ECEAP – had to call individual groups - about 100 contractors who do HS and ECEAP. Continue growing the collaboration group.</p> <p>Benton-Franklin Health District (Nancy Tarara) – Busy with early head start lead screenings. Kennewick ECEAP applied for 64 new slots. Lots of change on this side of state also. I am consulting for a center in Walla Wall Co since Valerie retired. Helping new RN Amanda w/early achievers IT consultation.</p>	
<p>Department of Early Learning (DEL) Update</p> <p><i>Update from Heather West and Adrienne Dorf</i></p>	<p>Reorganization of DEL licensing teams, especially King County. New areas. To view the DEL Regional Licensing Map: https://www.del.wa.gov/providers-educators/information-providers</p> <p>Proposed WACs are on the Government Tab on the DEL website. https://del.wa.gov/proposed-aligned-standards Also a survey around DEL Rules feedback in the community input section.</p> <p>The drafted aligned rules is organized into a chart showing one column of current Family Home WAC language, current Center WAC language and a third and final column showing the drafted rules that align both. Below each section you will see a justification area that includes information reviewed/referenced as part of the development of the aligned standards.</p>	<p>Access DEL updates at http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/communications/#updates</p> <p>Click on the following link if you would like to sign up an receive information about current rules, draft rules and</p>

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	<p>New safe sleep WACs going into effect on May 27th and add Toddler sleep requirements. Very specific. Safe Sleep WAC 170-300-0291 go into effect May 27, 2017</p> <p>Direct link: http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/law/wsr/2017/10/17-10-033.htm</p> <p>DEL link with info on this topic: https://www.del.wa.gov/helpful-resources/health-and-nutrition/safe-sleep</p> <p>Lead and Environmental Hazards, WAC 170-300, will go into effect May 27, 2017. Everyone will be required to test. Initial test tests for presence, then you have to retest to determine where it is coming from. Ecology has a list of approved testing sites. K-12 system has the same requirements. DEL will be putting out a list of approved labs and instructions.</p> <p>Direct link: https://del.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/Rules/final.enviro.hazard.rules.pdf</p> <p>DEL link with info on this topic: https://www.del.wa.gov/providers-educators/laws-rules-and-performance-standards/del-rules-under-development/lead</p> <p>Negotiated Rulemaking has started for the Aligned WACs. Collecting comments as they go along. Weighted WACs – what this means and how it will be used. DEL Policy Proposal Comment page: https://www.del.wa.gov/PolicyProposalComment/Detail.aspx</p> <p>Adrienne would like to have a training organization/Network for child care health consultants. Don't have funding to recreate that. Webinar coming up on Colorado about their system. Maybe use Medicaid dollars.</p> <p>Adrienne's position has been made permanent. Adrienne.Dorf@DEL.wa.gov Would like to hire another health person to work with birth to three. Would like to have a full complement of staff including a nurse and BHS and Adrienne as RD.</p> <p>Still don't know budget information. House Bill went through regarding mental health in child care settings. Maybe fund a position at DEL – not a lot of money.</p> <p>Blue Ribbon Commission – recorded webinars, meeting notes, for merge between Children's Administration and DEL. Website: http://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/health-care-human-services/blue-ribbon-commission-children-and-families</p> <p>DEL is developing a new database system and EA is going to be a part of this.</p> <p>DEL Link for information re Improving Services for Homeless Families, as well as Revising Base Rates & Provider Responsibilities: https://www.del.wa.gov/laws/development/ChildCareSubsidyUpdates</p>	<p>notice of rule changes: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADEL/subscriber/new?topic_id=WADEL_10</p>

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	<p>Legislative bills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrienne Dorf shared an update on HB 1713 Implementing recommendations from the children’s mental health work group http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1713&Year=2017 • Another bill Heather West wanted to share is SB 5357 Establishing a pilot project to license outdoor early learning and child care programs http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5357&Year=2017 	
<p>Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Update</p> <p><i>Update by Trang Kuss</i></p>	<p>Mumps outbreak – as of May 10th, 836 cases of mumps in 15 counties. 407 confirmed and 429 probable, 16% in children under 10.</p> <p>Now also Measles in Minnesota – 60 cases, mostly in Somali population with low immunization rates.</p> <p>State BOH is updating 246-105-040 – update immunization schedule; Trang gave Heidi email for posting on CSHEL way to comment; Update references for 2016 to 2017 recommendations. Changed PASS/FAIL to COMPLETE/INCOMPLETE - standards and policies do not change</p> <p>Technical advisory group for determining if a vaccine should be added to school requirements; meeting scheduled for July</p> <p>Comment from Jennifer Helseth - had an outbreak in a center, children’s immunizations are available, but the problem is that adults are not able to prove immunizations. Many staff were excluded.</p>	<p>If you have questions, email them to Trang.kuss@DOH.wa.gov</p>
<p>Early Achievers Updates and Presentation</p> <p><i>Presentation by Minette Mason, QRIS integration specialist</i></p>	<p>Recent updates since March 2017.</p> <p>Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Timelines (receive state subsidy) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always working to streamline Early Achievers • Existing providers are those who received state subsidy between 7/1/15 and 6/30/16 • Must complete level 2 by 8/1/17 and rate level 3 or higher by 12/31/19 • Providers who received initial payment after 7/1/16 have 30 days to enroll, 12 mo from then to get to level 2 and then 30 mo to get to level 3 <p><i>Comment from audience: Would love to see the research behind the standards – Early Achievers/QRIS has been evolving. Started out as Seeds to Success. To get more info, google “Seeds to Success.” And then 2011 and 2012 look at HS/ECEAP standards to see what aligns. – these are two validation studies that were done. Most recent study and research is in validation study (300 pg) that is found on EA website (https://del.wa.gov/earlyachievers); Are</i></p>	<p>Send Minette email to get a hard copy of standards. Minette.mason@del.wa.gov</p> <p>For questions: gris@del.wa.gov – technical support team. Email with questions.</p> <p>Minette.mason@del.wa.gov 360-407-3685</p>

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	<p><i>standards in print? Yes – found online and in print that call out standards and what points providers can learn. Also a “Rating Readiness Tool” that was put together in association with UW. (https://del.wa.gov/EarlyAchievers-PreRatingToolkit)</i></p> <p><i>Question from audience: EA requires use of 11 or 12 wipes for diaper change whereas public health does not require this. ITERS (Revised) is what EA uses to score health and safety areas. Book called “All About the ITERS-R” talks about what is required. Coaches should sit down and go through rating with the program.</i></p> <p>Level 2 Application shortened – Participants who are currently on an initial license can now have their Level 2 applications approved. Level 2 requirements include having staff professional records and completing the professional training series. Providers no longer need to complete a facility profile or a facility self-assessment.</p> <p>New Level 2 Completion Needs Based Grant – providers who complete level 2 between 7/1/16 and 6/30/17 can earn \$250; must offer services to families accessing state subsidies and must use for quality improvement.</p> <p>Levels 3-5 are points based – Level 3 = 30-69 points, Level 4 = 70-90 points, Level 5 = 91-100 points. Some points awards have been revised because they have not been correlated with positive child outcomes. Data collectors will mark “books and pictures” as not applicable. Instead EA has partnered with libraries to get information to child cares on collecting books. Starting in July 16, 2017, Participants can reach a level 3 rating by meeting thresholds in ECRs and CLASS Shifting ERS score from 15 to 20 points. Reduced points in child outcomes from 10 points to 9 points (removed points from Daily Individual Child Experience of Quality – LENA) and Separate points for adopting and using WaKIDS assessment tool. Reducing points in Curriculum and Staff Supports – 11 to 15 points.</p> <p><i>Concern from audience – sites are not doing toothbrushing at all since the standard is so hard to meet. Under health practices in ITERS, which also includes handwashing and other items. Some sites brush in a cup whereas EA requires two sinks and some older sites only have one sink. Consultants finding that child care facilities are being told by EA assessors that they should not do toothbrushing since it can bring their score down. Links to drafted aligned licensing rules about toothbrushing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Environment section – subsection (3) on page 56 (and outlined in the justification section on pages 57-58)</i> • <i>Program Administration and Oversight section – subsection (3,p) on page 87 of the draft and in the justification section (items required for health policies)</i> <p><i>Question from audience – where is “health” evaluated in Early Achievers, such as in Child Outcomes? Health is addressed by the ECRs and is covered in the foundation by the WAC.</i></p>	

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	<p><i>Suggestion that health issues should be looked at in relation to child outcomes (i.e. blood lead or anemia) and its effects on learning.</i></p> <p>Data collectors will begin reviewing one-third, but no fewer than three files, rather than 100% of files in the sampled classrooms and determine a score based on that.</p> <p>MERIT is still the source of verification of staff education requirements. 10 pts max. Family Engagement and Partnership is still included in ratings – 10 pts max.</p> <p>Registration links to upcoming Early Achievers Institutes, hosted by the University of Washington (CQEL), are updated here: https://depts.washington.edu/cqel/professional-development/early-achievers-institutes/</p> <p>Direct link to the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI). A wealth of information is provided on this site regarding the use of ECERS-R, FCCERS-R and ITERS-R: http://ersi.info/index.html</p>	
<p>Questions</p> <p><i>From general audience</i></p>	<p>Question – Is there a substitute pool for child cares? There is a substitute pool to be used for trainings. It is not something that DEL regulates. It needs to be in their business plan. The DEL Substitute pool is managed by Imagine Institute – intent is so a provider or lead teacher wants to attend a professional development class (esp. home providers) and they don't have an extra person. The pool is just getting started. Early Care and Education Substitute Pool: https://www.del.wa.gov/substitutepool</p> <p>Who regulates food for 6 hour ECEAP preschool programs? If it is 4 hours or less then they fall under the exemption and do not need a license, unless they accept subsidies (then they need to be licensed).</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next scheduled CSHEL meeting will be September 15, 2017 or October 20, 2017 at PSESD, Renton. Online link will also be provided. Please join us.</p>	