



**Helena AEYC and ECC- Early Care and Education Committee Joint Meeting
December 14th, 2016 Meeting Agenda
3:30-5:00 pm at Child Care Connections (901 N. Benton)**

Helena AEYC:

Chapter President: Hannah Danzer
Treasurer: Mary Jane Standaert
Affiliate Board Rep: Shelly McClain
Affiliate Board Rep: Larissa Moe

ECC-Early Care and Education Committee

Committee Chair: Brandi Thomas
Community Impact Coordinator: Trina Filan

Facilitator: Brandi Thomas

Notes: Trina Filan

3:30 Introductions/Announcements/Updates

- Marsha, Brandi, Hannah, Mary Jane, Kelsey, Trina

3:40 Helena AEYC Chapter Business

- Treasurer's Report - \$7000
 - Still OK to support books or some other expense for the 10th Annual Week of the Young Child, within a reasonable cost.
 - **Trina will explore the cost of the roller-lamination machine for literacy kits.**
- State AEYC Business
 - National AEYC is changing the way they do things and their expectations of affiliates. State affiliates need to apply, and we (and most states) did not apply.
 - Thus, in July 2017, we are no longer affiliated with AEYC and cannot call ourselves AEYC.
 - Intent is to apply for next year, but will we (MtAEYC) have the money and numbers that are expected?
 - States with small membership can be a regional group or can stay separate.
 - You have to have a minimum of \$30,000 to be part of NAYEC (as a demonstration of sustainability) and a staff person
 - For this you get technical assistance, advocacy information, discounts, lobbying on a national platform, dues (amount unknown – it changes; membership fee is \$58, we get about half)
 - Other chapters also are struggling
 - **Is it possible to get other communities to merge their local AEYC and ECC? What would be the benefits of this relationship, more deeply explored?**
 - It's a professional membership organization.
 - Brandi can't serve as a vice-president (leadership should be in the hands of a child care provider) We need reps that can attend these meetings and the state meetings at least most of the time.
 - MtAEYC survey – leadership and communication inconsistent, duties of officers are not clear. Good partnerships in state, willing to restructure, recruitment potential is high.
 - Emergency meeting in Jan. or Feb. – how to deal with this new development with National AEYC. Then Ex. Board will complete application and get things moving.
 - Impact on conference – probably none except use of national logo (in future, we won't be able to use the state logo until we are accepted as an approved Affiliate)
 - **What are the different ways of "belonging," to have a membership, and to serve those members? (How to appeal to and engage younger people?)**

- Governor’s proposal - \$6 million per year for two years, filtered through ECSB – school districts, STAR 3 and above, Head Starts, charter schools can apply. Individual grants to programs for up to \$3000 per child. Income guidelines (under 200% of poverty).
 - Probably: school districts with pre-K already in place (like E Helena), Head Start expanding the day
 - Caveats: bachelor’s degree for teacher, plan in place, Chapter 63 (OPI) standards
- Helena Mini Conference
 - Follow-up from last meeting on Literacy topic:
 - Mary Pat Penley brought this up. Jenny Silverman (speech pathologist), Chelsea Segrest, another person willing to help
 - Round-table discussions on Friday evening with each facilitator (2 hours)
 - K-readiness, exploring hard conversations
 - What will the outcome be?
 - New ideas from each other – incorporate play into K-2 – **breaking down barriers between child care providers and school teachers**
 - Connection between preschools and the school district
 - How to meet school expectations and not do watered down kindergarten
 - Saturday break-out sessions on literacy (6 hours) – two trainings per each two-hour segment
 - Literacy and social-emotional development (Hannah)
 - Tara Ferriter-Smith
 - Gail Olelrich
 - March 24 and 25
 - Need registration open by beginning of March
 - \$75 for 8 hours, lunch included, St Pete’s Education Room
 - Partial pricing for Friday? \$15 and \$60 on Saturday?
 - Online payment and registration
 - Delegation of stuff:
 - Mary Jane will call Gail, Tara, and Rachael
 - Mary Jane will call Erica Bowen
 - Brandi will call St. Pete’s
 - All will think about round table topics – what K teachers want and what PVs are willing to give
 - Questions to ask per table/topic?

3:50 Early Care and Education Committee

- Can we record ECC Featured Focus on Facebook, Youtube, so that we can connect providers and teachers and the rest of the ECC (because providers can’t get away from work but might be able to take 20 minutes to watch something interesting and pertinent)?
- K-readiness – assessment is being created by OPI work group – should be a team effort (parents, preschool, kindergarten). **Helena has a kindergarten checklist we could bring back (?)**.
- Action Plan review and update
 - Update action plan for year (Brandi will bring) – not necessary at this time
- ECC Business – can we relate WOYC to ACEs, resilience building, protective-factor building? Yes!

4:00 HAEYC and ECC-ECEC Combination Projects

- Week of the Young Child Events
 - This is still a priority!!! Start planning and delegating tasks!
 - Components of a literacy kit?
 - Pokemons?
 - Prize?
 - Letter to businesses – facts about benefits of parent engagement, literacy

- Coordination of April events is happening on Friday (12/16/16) – invite Megan, DHI?
- Provider Appreciation – My Life in a Box? Other National Guard resources are welcome.
- Building Membership

4:50 Follow-Up Tasks/Next Meeting

- January 11, 3:30-5:00

5:00 Adjourn