



**Helena AEYC and ECC- Early Care and Education Committee Joint Meeting
November 9th, 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: Mary Jane Standaert

3:30 Introductions/Announcements/Updates : Attending were Brandi, Hannah Danzer, Mary Jane, Melissa , Veronica , Mary Pat , Rachel Supalla

3:40 Helena AEYC Chapter Business

- Treasure's Report – We have \$7000 in the bank. Pd Hannah for State EC Conference Door Prizes.
- State AEYC Business
 - Report from September State AEYC meeting – both Hannah and MJ attended & reported that they are considering working with Future Synch for strategic planning and making changes to be better aligned with National AEYC. They had a presentation from Patty Butler – ECSB and Siri Smillie from the Governor's Office.
 - Helena Mini Conference – March 24 in the evening and all day March 25.
 - Topic and presenter conversations....Mary Pat from School district has some thoughts on literacy and networking between preschool and Kindergarten. Brandi and Mary Pat will work out the details but Mary Pat will work with some other educators on three different workshops – Handwriting w/o Tears, other creative strategies, Developmentally Appropriate Practices. Friday pm have an open round table discussion in a “world café” format. Also give away literacy kits and a story book. Could include Social Literacy.
 - March24-25th need to discuss location/ fees, etc. – we settled on St. Peter's and approx.. \$75 a person.

3:50 Early Care and Education Committee

- Action Plan review and update
 - Update action plan for year – we need to do this at our next meeting. Brandi will come with Action Plan updated and we will review and add/subtract. We have to synch with the Community Health Improvement Plan as much as possible as this is required by United Way, which is the oversight agency for ECC.
- ECC Business – some turnover on the Leadership Team, new officers, must report progress in outcomes.

4:00 HAEYC and ECC-ECEC Combination Projects

- Week of the Young Child Events - -This is a priority!!! – National WOYC is April 24-28, 2017. Reading in the Rotunda event in Helena is Tuesday, April 25. This will be our 10th year for this event. Brandi contacts the readers, orders the story books from Scholastic, sets up programs to have WOYC bags and story books delivered to. Resource Fair with the other organizations is a great addition on the Reading in the Rotunda day. She will be coordinating that at a special meeting set up for that. Programs can make new dolls and we have many from the previous year that can be used again and put in windows of businesses around town but need to think of different catchy ways to get more involved and get the

word out more effectively. Brandi suggests increasing bags and books from 2000 to 2500, so this will depend on combined budget from Helena AEYC and the Helena ECC groups. Melissa suggested that storybooks can be ordered from First Books also.

- Provider Appreciation – April 27 in the evening at Exploration Works. Ice Cream social seems to be popular. ExWorks will have their trunks available. Will seek ice cream donation again. Should have membership information and short presentation.
- Building Membership – need to work on this. A few ideas were generated – have a couple meetings a year in the evening so more can attend, have a special training, info on AEYC and ECC, have a pot luck or lunch and learn, offer something fun.

4:50 Follow-Up Tasks/Next Meeting: Next Meeting is: December 14 at 3:30pm at Child Care Connections.

Investigate First Books. Attend Coordination meeting and report back to group. Need to figure out make & take literacy kits and if affordable. Need to figure out budget for WOYC. Delegate various tasks for April events.

5:00 Adjourn