

Washington Afterschool Networkng  
December 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes

**Welcome & Introductions:** Janet Frieling, School's Out Washington Network Director; Brian Brandt, WAN Co-Chair, WSU Extension Youth Development; Heather Elmore, WAN Co-Chair, NW Community Action Network; Janet Frieling, SOWA; Liz Frausto, PSESD; Ron Asher, Community Schools Collaboration; Mari Offenbecher, SOWA; Jeff Soder, OSPI 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC; Bob McMullen, Assc. Of WA School Principals; Shelley Puariea, Federal Way Boys & Girls Club; Debbie Campbell, Child Care Director; Megan Holyoke, Boys & Girls Clubs WA State Assc.; Matt Watrous, Boys & Girls Clubs WA State Assc.; Racie McKee, Omak School District; Rudi Bertschi, OSPI; Cheryl Iverson, Volunteers of America; Kevin Wright, WSU Extension 4-H; Emily Emerson, SOWA; Jackie Jainga- Hyllseth, SOWA; Patti Curde, Bellevue SD; Susan Yang Affolter, WA State Child Care Resource and Referral; Laura Dallison, DEL; Dan Drischel, Highline Community College; Nicola Crawford, SOWA; Pam Duncan, United Way of Pierce County; Kelvin Caesar, United Way Pierce County; Jack Albaugh, PSESD; Amanda Thomas, SOWA; Elizabeth Devaney, consultant formerly with Providence After School Alliance; Lynn Wirta, School's Out Washington Coach; Christina Murray, WSU Pierce County Extension 4-H; Susan Hall, Seattle Public Schools; Victoria Hollerbach, Bellevue Parks; Hillary Soens, YWCA of Olympia; Laura Dallison, DEL; Terry LeRud, Communities in Schools of Tacoma; Jody Rosentswieg, Raikes Foundation; Meka Riggins, WA State Child Care Resource and Referral Network; Debbie Campbell, Federal Way Boys & Girls Club.

Table activity to identify shared purpose and outcome of being at WAN meeting today.

**Updates & Announcements (including an action item):**

Mari Offenbecher, School's Out Washington:

- Save the Date for the 2012 Bridge Conference on October 8 & 9 at Seattle Sheraton Hotel.
- SOWA is celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012, stay tuned for more information about how we will commemorate our 25<sup>th</sup> year.

Matt Watrous, Boys & Girls Club: On Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, over 300 youth attended a STEM focused day long event at Microsoft. Boys & Girls Club looking at ways to do a similar event in the future in partnership with other youth-serving organizations. Contact Matt if interested.

Amanda Thomas, School's Out Washington:

SOWA is currently working on two complementary projects. First is revising the state plan on afterschool that was initially completed in 2004. We will be working on updating the plan over the next year and turning to WAN members to help us with this process. The second project is through the S3 grant which we received a \$50,000 grant with the goal of moving policy around ELOs. We are narrowing the definition of ELOs to include 3 main components: a focus on academic success; building 21<sup>st</sup> century skills; and enrichment. Through the S3 work and partnership with Rep. Ladenburg and Rep. Haigh who serve on Team Washington as part of S3, we will have a legislative hearing in January on ELOs.

Laura Dallison, DEL:

DEL has been working on family home child care rules for the past four years and the rules were finally filed in November and will go into effect next March. Trainings will start in December on new rules. Some of the new components include: increase in professionalism, required to communicate more information on child care philosophy, increase in health & safety requirements, streamlined background check process, nonexpiring licenses, portable background checks, increase education and training

standards (minimum high school degree). School-age rules are next in the queue to be filed. DEL & SOWA working together on QRIS standards.

Jeff Soder, OSPI:

Through the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program, there are currently 55 grantees receiving a total of \$15 million/year. We are coming up on new grant competition, RFP will come out mid to late spring with due date in summer. Grants will be up to \$300,000 this year if receive anticipated amount from DOE. OSPI will need volunteers to serve on an advisory committee to review grants. For those interested who are involved in WAN contact Jeff a: [Jeff.soder@k12.wa.us](mailto:Jeff.soder@k12.wa.us)

Rudi Bertschi, OSPI:

There has been discussion at OSPI around No Child Left Behind waivers and how that will impact 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funds. Sup. Dorn understands importance of out of school programs so at this point, not serious discussion about requesting waivers. It would be helpful and welcomed to write letters encouraging Sup. Dorn to stay the course: [randy.dorn@k12.wa.us](mailto:randy.dorn@k12.wa.us)

Janet Frieling, SOWA:

WA one of 9 states to receive grant to raise awareness among municipal leaders around the importance of AYD programs. Planning committee is currently planning two events for end of April or May: one here at EX3 Teen Center in Federal Way and second on eastside of state likely in Spokane. Working with Association of Washington Cities, will do all registration and municipal leaders will get credits for attending. Mayor Skip Priest will be hosting event in Federal Way. WAN members will be asked to help promote these events in our own communities, encourage mayors and other city leaders to attend and learn more about the importance of AYD programs and their role in increasing access and quality of programs.

Jackie Jainga-Hyllseth, SOWA:

- Report back on PTE, completed 4-year project. Developed replication manual for people to implement PTE model. At Bridge, brought together 12 groups from across the country who went through training on PTE model. We are also in the midst of conducting a post-survey of year 4 participants to find out if they are still using tools from the project and to find out the impact of tools and give them general feedback about the project. The replication manual will be posted on SOWA's website. If interested in having a copy, email [jhyllseth@schoolsoutwashington.org](mailto:jhyllseth@schoolsoutwashington.org).
- Links on SOWA & DEL websites to core competency documents for early learning and child & youth. SOWA is developing module to train on core competencies using new trainer approval process for trainers in Washington.
- Jackie has transitioned to her new role as Quality Initiatives Director. SOWA is working with Raikes Foundation to launch hubs across the state to scale out quality efforts. Cohort will be launched in King County and one in Pierce county as hubs – SOWA will deploy hubs and make sure trainings available for programs involved through Weichert center, assessors, etc. We will create space on website for people to go and get information on quality work. Will be launching a quality advisory statewide committee and putting ask out to recruit people for that committee.

Danielle Baer, SOWA:

- SOWA continuing involvement in workgroups to end childhood hunger: Summer meals workgroup and afterschool meals workgroup. We are focusing efforts now on outreach to

ensure afterschool programs are aware of the expanded at-risk afterschool meal program which reimburses for both a meal and a snack. Visit SOWA’s webpage on the meal program for more information and to connect with folks at OSPI who can help determine eligibility and sort through the application process.

- Feed Your Brain grant application will be available on SOWA website mid-January. Schools or CBOs in rural areas of Washington may apply for up to \$5,000 to fund a summer program focused on literacy and serving as an open site through the Summer Feeding Service Program. We are recruiting volunteer grant reviewers to help review grants in April. Contact Danielle if interested in volunteering to review Feed Your Brain grants.

**Preventing Bullying**

Brain Brandt and Kevin Wright with WSU Extension in Puyallup led 2 discussion groups on preventing bullying. Some issues/takeaways from the discussion groups:

- Legislature mandated all school districts to adopt anti-bullying model policy as baseline. Information on the legislation and model policy is available on [OSPI website](#), school districts can have stronger policy but must at least use OSPI’s model policy.
- Relational aggression as a form of bullying that providers may need more information on, especially prevalent among girls. A WSU professor is doing research on this topic and could potentially come to a future WAN meeting to do a more in depth presentation.
- Importance of building community in preventing bullying
- Importance of role of afterschool programs in addressing bullying. Afterschool providers often have more contact with parents, where they pick-up their kids after school, may have small staff to child/youth ratio. Already have trainings on this topic that in-school teachers could tap into.

Another resource with information for youth, parents, educators and community is:  
<http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

**Making the Case for Quality Standards**

Presentation by Elizabeth Devaney, formerly with the Providence After School Alliance and now working as a consultant based in Tacoma. Powerpoint presentation is available on SOWA’s website.

Discussion around already existing quality standards- what do we as a state want to value. What are the concerns and barriers to developing quality standards.

Values	Concerns
Common language with school day across organizations	Connection to education
Common measure for parents – what to look for	Incorporating existing standards- duplicative?
Monitor improvement	Resources/incentives
Professionalize field – raises the bar	Applicability across varied programs

Some other issues to consider in developing quality standards raised by the group:

- Who's interest is being served?
- US DOE afterschool standards
- Standards broader than tool
- Keep it simple
- Get on the same page from the outset
- Know the research
- Consider tiered system

### **Brain Rules Video**

Viewed [video](#) from Brain Rules and broke into small groups discussion.

### **Legislative session update**

Priority this session is protecting and maintaining what we have e.g. child care subsidy program, resource & referral network. The WAN 2012 legislative agenda is being finalized and will include support for other groups/coalitions working on children and youth issues such as Excellent Schools Now, Children's Alliance, Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition. We are interested in tracking legislation or budget items related to achievement gap such as discipline issues, drop-out prevention.

In order to protect services, we need to look at revenue raising options. The Rebuilding our economic future coalition has put together some interesting pieces that show how much different revenue options would raise and what they could buy back.

School's Out Washington is also creating a document for WAN explaining how we identify our issues and our role as a network to more formalize our policy work and engagement with other groups and individuals in doing this work.

Visit SOWA's website later in December to view finalized legislative agenda. If you have any suggestions or comments about the draft agenda, contact Janet at [Frieling@schoolsoutwashington.org](mailto:Frieling@schoolsoutwashington.org) or by phone at 206-323-2396.

### **Possible Topics for next WAN meeting:**

- Update on S3 project, legislative hearing and state plan with more specific details on the role of WAN members in helping with state plan
- Achievement gap – equity
- Culturally sensitive training
- OSPI bullying policy
- Impact of budget cuts on families
- Collective impact