

Washington Afterschool Network Partnership Group Meeting
Friday, September 9, 2011
Hal Holmes Center, Ellensburg, Washington
Meeting Minutes

Next meeting date is Friday December 2, 2011

Location TBD

Welcome & Introductions

Jack Albaugh, PSESD; Kathleen Michael, Leg. Aide to Rep.Dahlquist ; Joanne Benham City of Spokane – Chase Youth Commission; Linda Stone, Children’s Alliance; Danielle Baer, SOWA ; Amanda Thomas, SOWA; Isidra Sanchez, NWCAC; Melanie Willis, NWCAC; Heather Elmore, NWCAC; Lauri Sherfey, WSU Extension; Rudi Bertschi, OSPI; Marge Johnson, Dept. of Defense in WA State; Laura Dallison, DEL; Brian Brandt, WSU Extension Pierce County ; Jessie Rymph, SOWA; Erica Mullen, YMCA of Greater Seattle; Emilia Holbik, YMCA of Greater Seattle; Megan Holyoke, Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County; Jackie Jainga-Hyllseth, SOWA; Sherrie Belt, SOWA; Jill Johnson, Community Minded Enterprises; Caryn Swan Jamero, CDSA; Joan Rabinowitz, Jack Straw Productions; Vic Colman, Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition ; Jeannie Kiehn, NC WRAP Specialist; Sam Burns, SE WRAP Specialist; Jennifer Trott, Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition.

Janet Frieling, Network Director, provided an overview of WAN. We are in the third year of our 3rd round of funding. We again will plan to apply for another 3 years of funding mobilizing around 3 goals of increasing access, quality and building public will for afterschool programs in Washington State. More information about WAN can be found on [SOWA’s website](#).

Updates:

Linda Stone, Children’s Alliance –

- Encourage everyone to join the [Children’s Action Network](#).
- Last year, Congress passed new child nutrition bill which included national authorization of At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program. Some orgs may already have participated in afterschool snack program which had low reimbursement. New program has higher reimbursement to fund a snack and meal and administered through OSPI as part of Child Care Adult and Food Program. Working with SOWA & OSPI to encourage afterschool programs to take advantage of this program. For programs that already have a health & safety permit and a kitchen, this would be easy to get involved in. For others, we are working on figuring out how to make the program work with the eligibility requirements. Visit SOWA’s [Afterschool Meals webpage](#) for more information and to download a fact sheet on the program.

Rudi Bertschi, OSPI-

- Gov. Gregoire will likely call a special session and ask for across the board 10% cut.

- Travis Smith has gone to work for Tumwater School District as math and science coach. At this point, position currently open to oversee 21st CCLC program and hope to fill it in 6-8 weeks.

Melanie Willis, NWCAC-

- [Lights On Afterschool](#) event in Yakima on Monday, October 24th from 4-7pm hosted by NWCAC and Yakima School District. SOWA will be presenting [Afterschool Hall of Fame](#) awards at event. Nicole Yohalem will deliver keynote at event.

Joanne Benham

- Encourage everyone to get involved and plan a Lights on Afterschool event in their community and to be sure to register on the [Afterschool Alliance website](#). They also have a toolkit with planning resources.

Laura Dallison, DEL –

- Staff focused on Race to the Top grant- could be potentially \$60 million over 4 years. Want to get some QRIS standards for school-age care as part of grant, even though it's early learning challenge grant.
- Planning to put together a group of people to advise on what makes sense for QRIS standards for school-age children and youth in licensed programs.
- In need of letters of support for Race to the Top grant. There are sample letters on DEL website at www.del.wa.gov/government/racetotop. Submit letters to ELC@del.wa.gov.

Jessie Rymph, SOWA-

- Update on [Bridge Conference](#) – using a new interactive online tool, [Sched*](#), that provides full schedule of conference. Sort by topic, age range, etc. Can click on different sessions to learn more about them and network with others attendees through various social media tools.

Joanne Benham

- Planning underway for a Mayoral Summit, we recently received \$6,000 grant. Working with Association of WA Cities to connect with elected officials across the state and trying to listen to them about the best way to do this so that they come. Trying to be very strategic about what we put together that will appeal to municipal leaders. Contact Janet if you are interested in being involved in planning – frieling@schoolsoutwashington.org.
- Students in Spokane are involved in candidate forums for Spokane City Council candidates. Students will be engaged in a mock voting process to understand the civic process.

Megan Holyoke, Boys & Girls Clubs -

- Planning TechFest for over 300 youth across the state at Microsoft Campus in Redmond. Want to spread it nationally in the future. Event date is October 27th and currently recruiting volunteers to help for the day. Contact Megan Holyoke for more information

Kate Pickle, EdLab Group

- Heading up Aspiration Awards to recognize high school kids interested in computer science. Applications launched Sept. 15th. Local award for Washington, recognizing 20 girls along with national awards. Kate will send more information to Janet to disseminate to everyone.

Danielle Baer, SOWA

- Quality Enhancement Grant is now available on [SOWA's website](#). Licensed or certified afterschool programs may apply for up to \$3000 to implement a quality improvement project.
- We also have launched a [webpage](#) with other current grant opportunities from local, state and national funders that fund afterschool and youth development programs. Please send Jessie any grant opportunities you know about to post on this webpage.

Lauri Sherfey, WSU Extension/SE WRAP region-

- SE Region teen rally – ready, set, revolution. Curriculum will be taken from Children's Alliance advocacy camp. A two-day event particularly for girls and will get some really great tools on advocacy.

Healthy Youth Healthy Futures Presentations

Joan Rabinowitz, [Jack Straw Productions](#)

- Received HYHF grant in 2011.
- Partnered with Seattle Bilingual Orientation Center, they are working on setting up a health center at their school. Worked in partnership with 21st CCLC program run by Refugee Women's Alliance. Eight kids involved in project working in pairs and creating public service announcements on nutrition. Project incorporated literacy components, collaboration.
- Joan shared some of the PSAs with the group. You can view them on [SOWA's website](#).

Jill Johnson, [Community Minded Enterprises](#)

- Used HYHF grant for a garden project in a low-income community close to downtown on parks department land. Produce sold at farmer's market and given to food bank. Half the garden beds were youth programs and other half were for community members so really incredible sharing land between youth and neighbors.
- Developed messaging, signage for the garden with support of advisory board. Had a garden tour event and had good turnout of local officials in attendance, including Mayor Verner, City Council President, other community leaders. Media coverage in Spokesman Review and local TV station had coverage of the garden tour on the morning news the day of the event.

Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition, Vic Colman & Jennifer Trott

Overview of [COPC's](#) work, Vic Colman (<http://copcwa.org/>)

- COPC and its 43 member organizations advocate for policies that help to build a healthier generation for Washington. COPC's policy agenda can be viewed here. Working across several systems to focus on improving health outcomes.
- Established statewide food policy council by Governor's executive order- council is in planning process until funding available. Hopeful that state council could provide at state level what local food policy councils are working on.
- Big focus on working within child care systems to improve nutrition and decrease screen time, especially in family home child cares.
- Interested in transportation policy- look at it more holistically to include pedestrians, bicyclists.
- Received funding to extend Soda Free Sundays till the end of the year.

Shared or Joint Use Policies, Jennifer Trott

- Share or joint use is a way to refer to a space that two or more entities use.

- A lot of public spaces are not being used after hours. How can we align missions to better share resources such as space. But many challenges, especially around who's responsible for what e.g. who will lock the facility? Janitorial services? Licensing issues and safety inspection issues. Jennifer provided example of a school that stopped providing P.E. and the YMCA came in to provide PE classes after school for the kids.
- COPC will be surveying and finding examples of where shared use is working and developing a toolkit.

Some examples/thoughts on shared use:

- Kathleen Michael – afterschool programs shares space with community center, formerly part of school district. Challenges with licensing/safety issues.
- Janet Frieling- legislation passed last year to set-up group around joint use policies. She will follow-up with DEL to see where they are at with putting together group.
- Joanne Benham- Spokane Public Schools make it very difficult to share space due to liability concerns. Afterschool programs end up using space in other surrounding school districts.
- Melanie Willis, NWCAC – In Yakima County, as facilities get nicer, less access. Afraid of graffiti, wear and tear etc.

P-20 Longitudinal Data System Update, Katie Weaver Randall, [Education Research Data Center](#)

Washington received \$17.3 million 3-year grant to develop P-20 data system developed by ERDC. Primary outcome of grant funds is to build capacity around data.

View the powerpoint for information on which state agencies will be sharing data to include in system, outcomes and process for collecting and tracking data.

S-3 Grant & Statewide Plan, Amanda Thomas, Education Policy Director at SOWA

Received S-3 grant in July (yay!) - \$50,000 to bring together a team of leaders to engage in efforts to influence policy to expand ELO in our state. Washington Team includes:

- Assistant Superintendent Martin Mueller, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Representative Connie Ladenburg, Washington State House of Representatives, 29th District
- Senior Vice President Karen Waters, Strategies 360
- Executive Director Jonelle Adams, Washington School Directors' Association.
- Amanda Thomas, Education Policy Director at SOWA
- Janet Frieling, Network Director at SOWA

As part of this work, we will be creating a new statewide plan to education, inform, promote and support afterschool/youth development programs and expanded learning opportunities in WA State.

As a first step, Amanda facilitated a logic model session with WAN members to ascertain each of the organizations' self-interest, what they could bring to the process and what they would be willing to commit to help shape the process for moving forward with developing the statewide plan. WAN participants provided input on elements of the logic model: inputs, strategies/activities, outputs, immediate outcomes, intermediate outcomes and long-term outcomes.

Inputs

Chase Youth Commission
WRAP
Amanda Thomas
SEAT
Diversified funding
College Success Foundation
Military
Tribal communities
County alliance groups
WA Migrant Council
Funder community
Libraries
Community action agencies
Early learning orgs
Public health
Education associations e.g. assc. for experiential education
Community foundations
Faith-based orgs
Students especially students of color
Alumnae groups

Strategy

Closing opportunity gap as an issue
Social media
Resources & funding
Focus on rural areas
Working towards shared outcomes
Intentional community building
Regional conversations
Looking at coalitions/groups doing this work

Outputs

25 Focus groups
Students produce youth agenda
Surveys
Interviews with key stakeholders

We will work on identifying ideas for other logic model components.

Some additional comments-

- Identify barriers
- Pay attention to developmental level/age groups
- Need to identify benefits to afterschool programs
- Need to have percentage of focus groups for youth and for parents – broad based