

January TPC Meeting Agenda & Notes

Members in Attendance:

Kristi Slette, Whatcom Family and Community Network

Neil McKay, Whatcom County Library Systems

Vesla Tonnessen, Whatcom Early Learning Alliance

Chris Orr, Whatcom Council on Aging

Kathryn DeFilippo, Whatcom County Health Department

David Roehn, North Sound Accountable Communities of Health

Lisa Sohni, Opportunity Council

Deirdra Brummer, Opportunity Council

Jeff Judkins, Opportunity Council

Judy Ziels, Whatcom County Health Department

Dean Wight, Northwest Youth Services

Stacy Malone Miller, Northwest Regional Council

Heidi Knickerbocker, Opportunity Council

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Connection Activity

Name, affiliation, and one thing we can do in 2021 to increase kindness and connection

UPDATES:

Community-Wide Trainings and Education, Outreach

- Building out [tax website and resources](#)
- Input from group on which resources should be prioritized next:
 - *Basic needs*
 - *Mental health*
 - *Resources for immigrants*
 - *Financial assistance for families with children with special needs*
 - *List of financial resources/support*
 - *Who to contact for additional support for non-English speaking families (how to walk through the process?)*
 - *How to navigate resources*
 - *Parent resources*
- Resource navigation trainings
 - Upcoming trainings for 2 OC departments; will use experience and feedback to shape future community-wide training

CIE

- Updates from the group:
 - *Dean will meet with Chuckanut Health Foundation to see there is interest in taking on a role to facilitate a conversation to move CIE ahead*

- *Dean will also follow up with Greg Winter at Opportunity Council to see his level of interest/commitment*
- *WA invested in a statewide contract for a COVID CIE with CCS*
- *David will look into and report back about a COVID related CIE effort that may have potential to last beyond COVID*

Help Me Grow/ Health Navigation Presentation

- Presentation from Judy, Kathryn, and Vesla
 - *Health Navigation:*
 - *Just one piece of a bigger puzzle*
 - *Came out of 2 initiatives: Health Protection for Immigrant Families and the Children and Family Health Action Plan*
 - *Resources dedicated to 2021 budget for planning*
 - *Elevate what is already happening and support broader, state initiatives*
 - *WC is aware through the needs of immigrant families and Gen Forward efforts that increased access to resources is a need--info and concrete supports. There is a commitment to build up this access and work with families to find missing links, and then work to find solutions for families with young children under 5 years old. Culturally and linguistically appropriate access and resources*
 - *There will be a Request for Proposal from WC for some entity to take on this work. The focus is families with young children. The Help Me Grow model is seen as a framework that can help Whatcom County families in this area.*
 - *Help Me Grow*
 - *A national program in several states, goal is to maximize access to resources*
 - *WA is looking to expand*
 - *The org entity in WA is "Within Reach"*
 - *Whatcom County is looking at how to leverage what we have and how to fit with Help Me Grow*
 - *Statewide Action Teams are now being created*
 - *National System: Child Health Care Provider Outreach; Family & Community Outreach; Coordinated Access Point; Data Collection & Analysis.*
 - *WA State: Equity and Advocacy. The goal is to have this model replicated at a Regional and Local Action Team level.*
 - *Resources HMG is trying to connect families with: insurance, food, developmental screenings and other basics--working to maximize existing resources within a national framework, with flexibility for the local community.*

Resource Database

- Creating a work group

- Will set up demo of Vinculo system
 - Open to anyone interested in participating in this and future demos:
 - *Neil, David, Dean*
- Group input:
 - *This group could create a matrix of current and planned resource database systems and efforts*
 - *Need to be clear on policy and functionality of the envisioned system before we go too far down the road of choosing a technology solution*
 - *Need to understand what current tech is capable of doing at this time: limits and possibilities*
 - *Need to consider the benefit for target/priority audiences*

Case Statement

- Review and edit [outline of case statement](#)
- Propose dates for work group
 - [Doodle Poll](#) for those interested in participating

Next meeting: Friday, February 19, 11am – 12:30pm