

**Department of Early Learning
Negotiated Rule Making Meeting
April 21, 2007
10:30-3:30
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was facilitated by Debbie Rough-Mack a facilitator hired by the Department of Early Learning (DEL).

Recommended meeting protocols were presented with suggestions made. The voting members agreed that the recommended meeting protocols would be accepted and implemented for all future meetings.

The following items were discussed in detail

- The agenda for the meetings will be set at the end of the previous meeting
- These meetings will have a set start and end time with the group deciding to have a working lunch
- Meeting dates were set for 2007. The dates will be posted on the DEL website once meeting locations are determined
- Using listserv all providers will be informed about the Negotiated Rule Making process and where to find information on the DEL website. This will be done using a standard statement that can be linked to by R & R, SEIU and WSFCCA
- DEL will work at making changes to the Negotiated Rule Making web page allowing for easy access to WAC and other necessary information

Discussion began regarding the proposed WAC section “Family and Community Partnerships”. Some members discussed concern that this should not be a part of the regulations for Family Home Child Care. There was suggestion that it may only require what the intent should be but not how to regulate this. It was also suggested that it shouldn’t be in WAC but should be in QRIS. This discussion was tabled until more information can be shared.

Much discussion on ways to address the work that needs to be done. Various suggestions were presented with no decision being made at this time.

Proposed agenda items were presented which include

- What might be our dream about how we could organize the WAC **
- Definitions
- Family and Community Partnerships (continue the discussion)
- Language used in WAC congruent with other early childhood programs
- Review RCW and understand what are boundaries and what are allowed to be regulated **
- QRIS (Quality Rating and Improvement System) **
- ELC (Early Learning Council)**

** Indicates these items will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next meeting is May 19, 2007 in Ellensburg, WA