



Washington State Department of  
**Early Learning**

**Professional Development Consortium Meeting Minutes**  
**March 17, 2010**  
**Puget Sound ESD/Renton**

**Purpose**

The Professional Development Consortium, convened by the Early Learning Advisory Council, was created in response to the Early Learning Partnership Resolution between the Department of Early Learning, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Thrive by Five Washington. House Bill 1943 directs the Department of Early Learning and the Professional Development Consortium to report the Governor and appropriate committees of the Legislature with recommendations for the creation of an integrated system of preparation and continuing education for early learning and the school-age program workforce.

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**In Attendance: Cynthia Juarez, Lexi Catlin, Jackie Jainga Hyllseth, Mari Offenbecher, Elizabeth Bonbright-Thompson, Hannah Lidman, Rachel Kim, Molly Boyajian, Joel Ryan, Jim West, Lorrie Grevstad, Katy Warren, Retta Main, Erica Watson, Mary Fisher, Sue Winn, Sheryl Garrison, Karen Healy, Char Goodreau, Sangree Froelicher**

**1. DEL Update**

- Deputy Director Bob Hamilton shared the Department's enthusiasm regarding the new structure of the Professional Development Consortium and provided an overview of the new organizational structure at DEL.

**2. Core Competencies Update – Cynthia Juarez and Lexi Catlin**

Cynthia and Lexi shared their progress on the Core Competencies, including a literature review. The Infant and Toddler component is complete and they are

beginning to merge this document into the Kansas/Missouri Core Competency framework. They have started to revise the introduction and have started to develop a Glossary of Terms.

Char shared the Draft Core Competencies Timeline which included time for vetting both externally with the early learning community, stakeholders and partners and internally with DEL Leadership. The Timeline also includes tentative benchmarks for publication and distribution.

- Discussion

The role that Core Competencies play in the larger early learning professional development system as well as measurable impact was discussed.

The PDC agreed to develop a Power Point describing the role of Core Competencies as well as develop a plan to embed the Core Competencies into existing training/professional development opportunities. As the current Professional Standards work group will dissolve on March 31, 2010, this task will move to the Core Knowledge, Qualifications, Credentials and Pathways work group led by Jackie Jainga Hyllseth and Cynthia Juarez.

- Tasks assigned

- Develop Plan to Embed Core Competencies into existing training and professional development opportunities
- Develop Core Competencies Power Point

- Who responsible

- Core Knowledge, Qualifications, Credentials and Pathways Work Group – individual(s) to be determined
- Core Competencies Power Point - DEL

### **3. Work Group Meetings**

- Discussion

The new Work Groups identified at the February 24, 2010 PDC Meeting met for the remainder of the meeting to design their meeting timeline and prioritize tasks using the NCCIC PD Systems Elements Template developed by Char Goodreau as their framework.