

PIECES MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2007
WV DEP, Charleston

Members Present: Sandy Murphy, Chair; Mary Frances Bleidt, Community Representative; Randy Bridgette, Director, River Valley Child Development Services; Mary Chipps, Executive Director, WV Community Action Program; Phil Edwards, Director, Infant, Child and Adolescent Health, OMCFH/DHHR; Becky Gooch-Erbacher, WV Head Start Association; Margie Hale, Executive Director, Kids Count Fund; Ginger Huffman, Office of Special Education, WV Dept. of Education; Susan Miller, President, WV Childcare Centers United, Marshall University Early Learning Center; Mary Ann Osborne, AFT WV; Renate Pore, Healthy Kids & Families Coalition; Helen Post-Brown, WV Childcare Centers United, Sunbeam Child Care Center; Lena Rapp, Director, WV Head Start State Collaboration Project Office; Pam Roush, Director, WV Birth to Three; John E. Stallings, Jr., Superintendent, Taylor County Board of Education; Kay Tilton, Director, Division of Early Care and Education, Bureau for Children and Families/DHHR.

Others Present: Melanie Clark, Director, Quality Initiatives/Early Care and Education; Judy Curry, Director, Child Care Program/Early Care and Education; Saun Floyd, West Virginia Department of Education; L. Clark Hansbarger, M.D.; Calvin Kent, Ph.D., Marshall University; Jorea Marple, Ed.D., West Virginia Department of Education; Jim McKay; Barbara Redman, Kanawha County Schools; Kenna Seal, Ed.D., West Virginia Department of Education; Joyce Tucker, ECE Specialist/Early Care and Education; Betty Tyler, Early Childhood Health Project/OMCFH; Lynn Boyer, West Virginia Department of Education; Jennifer Price, Marshall University; Janet Lilly, Raleigh County Schools; Anna Ferrell, PRIDE Head Start; Linda Tweed, PRIDE Head Start; Sally Byrd, Region III Head Start; Janie Cole, ECE Specialist/Early Care and Education; Mack Winter, Raleigh County Community Action Head Start; Barbara Tayman, National Child Care Information Center.

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Welcome and Introductions – Sandy Murphy Minutes from previous PIECES meeting and other subcommittee meetings reviewed.	Mary Ann Osborne made motion to accept minutes. Mary Frances Bleidt seconded. Motion approved.
Sandy Murphy led brief review of Policy Matters efforts and introduced Executive Order. Three committees have been established to facilitate efforts to be reported to Governor by June 30, 2008. Committees are: Quality Improvement System led by Judy Curry and Margie Hale; Financing led by Kay Tilton – first meeting will be October 12; and, Governance led by Holly Clark. Renate Pore made suggestion that an intentional communication process be implemented to keep everyone informed.	Committees, if not already established, are to be set up by end of September with meetings in October. Work plans completed by November 1 st and sent out for all to review. Discussion of work during November 16 th meeting. Clark Hansbarger made motion to accept Executive Order. John Stallings seconded. Motion carried.

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<p>Discussion concerning need for additional meetings.</p> <p>Discussion of needed input from the Dept of Education.</p>	<p>Kay Tilton made motion to have Renate Pore and Sandy Murphy approach Benedum Foundation for funding to establish website to promote communication of efforts. Seconded by John Stallings. Motion approved.</p> <p>It was agreed that meetings will be held on the second Friday of each month starting in November 2007 thru June 2008.</p> <p>Drs. Boyer and Marple will contact superintendents to participate.</p>
<p>Survey for NGA Center for Best Practices reviewed and discussed. Group suggested that Sandy Murphy with assistance from Kay Tilton, Becky Gooch-Erbacher, Lena Rapp, Margie Hale, Phil Edwards and Dept. of Ed. representative respond to survey.</p>	<p>Motion made by John Stallings and seconded by Phil Edwards that the survey be completed by Sept. 21, 2007. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Margie Hale shared efforts of "Telling the Childcare Story" focus groups. Groups in 4 geographic locations consisting of parents, providers and opinion leaders are asked to respond to questions concerning barriers to quality and possible solutions. Good returns from the groups. Information being analyzed and will share results in January 2008. A grass roots effort to support legislation in 2009.</p>	
<p>Judy Curry gave update of work begun with Quality Rating System. Have met 2 times. It will be a voluntary system with 5 quality levels when completed. Suggestion made to add school readiness to vision. Discussion of QRS vs Quality Improvement System.</p>	<p>Dr. Clark Hansbarger made motion to change name to Quality Improvement System. Motion seconded by Renate Pore. Motion carried.</p>
<p>An update of the Quality Initiative and Curriculum Committee was shared by Sally Byard. She presented original charges, progress made, and proposed movement for future.</p>	<p>John Stallings made motion to adopt proposal. Becky Gooch-Erbacher and Helen Post-Brown seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Sally Byard to facilitate process of reconvening groups and selecting chair.</p>
<p>A subcommittee of the above group will be brought together</p>	

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to develop early learning standards for infants and toddlers. Joyce Tucker will be seeking folks to participate on this group.	
Renate Pore gave update on Child Development and Community Health Project. She shared information on upcoming conference with Dr. Edward L. Schor. Monthly meetings will be held to review videos regarding primary care for young children.	
Membership for the WV STARS Policy Council is being updated. Janie Cole discussed need for new input from stakeholders. Letters have been sent out requesting participation with group. Anyone interested may contact Janie.	
Susan Miller shared that WVCCU will be hosting its annual conference on Sept. 27 th in collaboration with Division of Early Care and Education who will offer a one day informational meeting on Sept. 26 th .	
Meeting adjourned.	