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CDHL Information Sheet

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1879 was signed into law May 7, 2009. This law establishes the Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (CDHL) and maintains the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) as a residential school located in Vancouver, WA. The law expands the roll of the agency (CDHL) to research and identify existing strengths and gaps in the current statewide service delivery model for children who are deaf/hard of hearing or deaf-blind. Furthermore, it authorizes CDHL to establish pilot sites, one of which must be in eastern Washington, to provide educational service for these children regardless of communication modality.

To accomplish these goals, a core group has been formed and stakeholder meetings will be conducted in each ESD. Information will also be gathered through on-line surveys. All findings and recommendations generated through the process will be reviewed by the CDHL Board of Trustees. The Board will present its final recommendations to the legislature December 1, 2010.

The CDHL has hired a consultant to facilitate our statewide effort. We are very pleased to have Cheryl Johnson, Ed.D., join our team. Cheryl has a rich background in deaf education and has worked with groups across the nation to strengthen services for children who are deaf/hard of hearing and their families.

Core Team and Stakeholder Meetings (Section 34, E2SB 1879) **Meeting Schedule 2009-2010**

Core Meetings

October 14, 2009 – Seattle, Hearing Speech and Deafness Center (HSDC) 10am – 4pm
December 10, 2009 – Tri-cities Area
June 3, 2010 – Spokane Area
October 7, 2010 – Olympia Area

Stakeholder Meetings

January 12, 2010	Anacortes Area – ESD 189
January 13, 2010	Seattle Area – ESD 121
February 2, 2010	WSD
February 3, 2010	Kelso-Longview Area – ESD 112

Washington School for the Deaf - "Go Terriers"



March 2, 2010	Olympia Area – ESD 113
March 3, 2010	Bremerton-Peninsula Area – ESD 114
April 19, 2010	Spokane Area – ESD 101
April 20, 2010	Tri-Cities Area– ESD 123
May 4, 2010	Yakima Valley Area– ESD 105
May 5, 2010	Wenatchee Area – ESD 171

All dates subject to change and will be posted on our website and published.

Mandatory Participant	Core Group
CDHL	Rick Hauan Jane Mulholland Kris Rydecki Board of Trustees Rep
Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction	Doug Gill/designee
Washington Sensory Disability Services	Carol Carrothers
Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Eric Raff (ODHH) Steve Roldan (DVR)
ESD superintendents	Molly Baasch ESD 101 Stakeholder meetings
School district superintendents	Stakeholder meetings Nancy Fitta, Fife School District
Parent of school aged children (parent organization representative)	Michael Rocke (Parent/Teacher, Hands and Voices) Dean Kelly (Parent, Hands and Voices)
Students (d/hh)	Stakeholder meetings
Adults (d/hh)	Stakeholder meetings
Non-governmental entities	Suzanne Quigley (Listen and Talk) Maura Berndsen (Listen and Talk) Ann Curry (Family Conversations)
Department of Health	Debra Lochner Doyle
Department of Early Learning	To be named

Activities

1. Stakeholder meetings to include three sessions
 - a. School administrators/superintendents – morning
 - b. Teachers and direct service providers – after school
 - c. Parents, students and community members – evening
2. Survey data (on-line and phone) collected from stakeholders
3. Demographic information from statewide student management system (CEDARS) compiled for review by core group at the December 10, 2009 meeting
4. Report draft reviewed by the Board September 10, 2010
5. Second draft reviewed by the Board October 1, 2010

6. Board approval of the final report November 5, 2010
7. Report submission to the legislature December 1, 2010

Anticipated Outcomes (subject to additional stakeholder input)

- Report to legislature (due December 1, 2010) on statewide service availability and gaps.
- Establish pilot programs; at least one must be located in eastern Washington.
- Create a resource guide for parents of programs and services available in Washington State.
- Establish a statewide system to collect demographic data of students who are deaf/hard of hearing and deaf-blind including location, current services, communication modality (when known).

We need your help...

1. Can you suggest a no cost/low cost location for stakeholder meetings in your region?
2. Who in your agency could help us find the d/hh and deaf-blind students/families?
3. Who in your agency can provide information of the services offered in your area?
4. Do you have a designee you would prefer we work with on this project?
5. Is there a conflict with the date the stakeholder meeting is scheduled in your region?
6. Do you have any unique needs or other information we should consider when setting up the meetings and gathering data?
7. What is the best way to collect information from students in your region?

If you questions or have information you would like to share, please contact:

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