

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOLS

## MCKINNEY-VENTO MEETING 8/4/17

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** 10 staff from 6 districts, 1 Cocoon House Rep & 1 DCFS Children's Administration, Region 2 Rep.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Meeting was held at Everett Public Schools, Community Resource Center in Everett, WA. Call to order by Amy Perusse, MKV Administrative Assistant, Everett Public Schools.

**Review and Approval of May 19, 2017 Minutes – Minutes were approved as distributed.** [View/Print May, 2017 Minutes.](#)

### **Action Item Reports:**

**Cocoon House:** Safe Place on school buses: Amy to connect with Julio Cortes and also find out whether the district would have any issues with this idea.

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Amy has not yet talked to Julio and mentioned that the concern she has is liability issues that the district might have with picking up youth who are not our students. Nancy (Everett Transportation) clarified that it may work if we used it as a “Safe Place” where our own students (already on our buses) knew that they could tell the bus driver they need a Safe Place advocate to meet them, then we may be able to potentially notify Safe Place of the situation and then keep them on the bus until they could meet with the Cocoon Advocate. This will stay as an action item for next meeting.

Travis reminded us that Cocoon House has many other support services—they are not just a youth “shelter.” And that U-Turn and Advocates can also assist with obtaining legal documents like birth Certificates and State Identification along with get youth set up with support like food benefits and access to shelter. (See [May Minutes](#) for more information about Cocoon House)

**Action Item:** Safe Place on school buses: Amy to connect with Julio Cortes and also look into whether the district would have any issues with this idea.

#### **Shared Drive:**

*See shared Google Drive Folder*

A reminder to check out the Google Shared Drive. Deanna Bashour of Marysville can help with access if you need it; log in and check it out if you haven’t already. Find and Share Templates and Forms here for easy access and idea sharing. (Please DO NOT store any confidential or student-related information on this site only templates and information). *A Link was sent in a direct email to Snohomish County McKinney-Vento/Foster contacts. If your email is not on the list or you need access, email Deanna at [Deanna\\_bashour@msvl.k12.wa.us](mailto:Deanna_bashour@msvl.k12.wa.us)*

**Action Item:** We will continue to review this at future meetings to familiarize the group and encourage use of the shared drive.

#### **Google Doc Training Session:**

Thank you to Arlet Gess, of Edmonds, who hosted a training session in July to create MKV/Foster transportation requests from a fillable Google Doc. By creating an easy to fill in questionnaire; staff, student, or parent (depending on who you send the link to) can fill in the information for liaisons to identify transportation needs, request transportation changes, and could potentially even be used as an initial screening tool to determine eligibility. The data from the submitted form is instantly available in other formats like an excel spreadsheet for tracking purposes, and a pdf to send to the transportation departments for routing and sharing between districts. If you are interested in learning more, please email Arlet [gessa@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:gessa@edmonds.wednet.edu).

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### **Snohomish County districts coordination of Homeless Transportation:**

There has been interest in the past to pursue the idea of a cooperative fleet of buses & drivers to help serve a more extensive service area. It was agreed that there is still interest in this idea and other great ideas came up. Here are a few: Corporate sponsors (Microsoft/Boeing/Community Transit) , possible grant opportunities as a consortium, Cocoon House locations as possible “hub” locations for drop off and pick up of older students. The next step may be to explore whether OSPI or ESD 189 can take on research and development of a cooperative transportation solution. It appears that it would be a part or full-time position just to research and develop. They may have some ideas. Amy will reach out to Anna to see if she has ideas of where to start with this.

**Action Item:** Amy will contact Anna Esquibel for advice. Review this idea at the next meeting to decide whether/how to proceed

### **Foster Care**

Jess Lewis from OSPI answered our question from the last meeting: A student in foster care is not automatically an UHY. The only way that would be the case is if the student met the McKinney criteria (not in the custody of a parent/guardian and couch-surfing or otherwise homeless). When a student is in foster care, they are placed with an individual who is considered their guardian (foster parent, relative caregiver, suitable other, etc.). If the student runs from care, you would consider McKinney just as you would for any other students in that situation.

Jess is also willing to come to a regional meeting to do some training if there is interest. Attendees agreed that more training and clarification is needed. Specific questions that came up today are:

- 1) Are we supposed to separate Foster and MKV on our counts for STARS?
- 2) Is the other district (where the youth is residing) and the district where the youth attends “required” to share the costs or the rides for foster? Are the guidelines the same as McKinney-Vento for this?
- 3) What do we do if the other district refuses to provide for their portion?

**Action Item:** Schedule Training with Jess Lewis. Suggestion was to reschedule next regional meeting to provide a date Jess can attend. Potential dates: 11/14, 11/15, or 12/6. Amy to follow up.

### **Central Pick up coordinated with Boys & Girls Club (Deanna & others):**

No Updates at this time.

**Action Item:** Other districts to explore replicating partnerships with Boys and Girls Clubs or YMCA’s. Report back at future meetings.

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### **Best practices for Start of the Year:**

[Reviewed Slides from last year's OSPI training](#)

[Back to school Checklist for Liaisons](#)

### **Resources:**

- OSPI MKV School-Staff Resource Book:  
<http://www.k12.wa.us/HomelessEd/pubdocs/School-Staff-Resource.pdf>
- **WIN 211** is a very comprehensive online resource for specific and/or general services available in your service area. Food banks, housing, medical, transportation, and mental health resources are just a few of the treasures you will find at this site. You can create your own *personalized*, directory of resources within minutes to pass on to a family or student in need. You can search and print/email/map/export to excel/create a customized directory and view on interactive map. Plus you can *use the translate option* for about a hundred languages AND it is updated regularly by VOA.  
Go to: <https://www.resourcehouse.info/win211/Index>
- <https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/>

### **Other information or announcements:**

- Julie Turner with Children's Administration reminded the group that Treehouse Advocates are expanding into Middle and High schools in Snohomish County. They are developing MOUs with districts and are working to set up check ins and support for our foster youth.
- Amy showed a document that is coming in from some of the providers through their "continuum of care" orders to refer families to McKinney-Vento. They have a pretty outdated list of MKV contacts and the form does not seem appropriate as it clearly indicates on the cover sheet that the family is in no way homeless or at risk of losing housing. If anyone hears where this is coming from or the purpose, please share.
- Post any other summer resources to the Google Shared Drive. Other news, updates, announcements New staff, Staff changes, agenda Suggestions-send to Amy at [aperusse@everettsd.org](mailto:aperusse@everettsd.org)

### **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

*Upcoming meeting dates: All are scheduled at Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center 10:00 – 12:00 in the Board Room*

- **November 15, 2017** (Note this is a **WEDNESDAY**)  
**Jess Lewis presenting on Foster Care Education**
- **February 9, 2018**
- **May 11, 2018**
- **August 10, 2018**