

Vashon Childcare Stakeholders

Meeting Minutes

Meeting 1: 3/24/2021

Members:		
Name	Role + Specialty	Updates
Ashlea	Childcare provider	
Molly	Parent + nonprofit law	
Page	Parent + fundraising	
Allison	Parent + DCYF childcare licensing	Allison.krutsinger@dcyf.wa.gov
Belinda	VYFS	
Ginger	Childcare provider + nanny network organizer	
Christina	Parent	
Nicole (Nyn)	Parent	
Mallory	Parent + social worker	

Organization/Housekeeping:

Do we want to vote on things or just run things more casually for now?

- We voted not to vote

Roles for meetings:

- Molly will facilitate meetings for now, others agreed to take turns as well
- Page will arrange Zoom
- Mallory will take notes

Do we want to become a committee of the VMICC? - **YES!**

- Forming a committee requires board approval
- Identify interim chair to apply for formal recognition of the committee
- Gets ratified by Community Counsel President
- Need regularly scheduled committee meetings open to the public
- Some kind of minutes should be taken

Discussion of Childcare Challenges on Vashon:

- There are providers on island, but many are not licensed -- this can be a barrier to low income families who utilize childcare vouchers
- Limitation of care options
 - Most fill up before they can even advertise
 - Part time providers exist - but this is hard for full time working families
- Childcare is expensive
 - Limited options for lower income families

Action Items:

Action Step	Who
Formalize needs assessment	Mallory, Belinda and Allison
Update list of childcare providers	Belinda, Ashley, Ginger
Establish as VMICC Committee	Molly
Explore intergenerational (senior center/daycare) care options	Christina
Explore unused/underused spaces	Christina, Nicole
Red Cross First Aid/CPR for High School Babysitters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can we get an islander recertified to teach? ● Fundraising for CPR instruction on Island <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eagles 	Nicole, Molly Belinda Page will support w/ other fundraising needs Ashlea, Ginger: Eagles

Future meetings/Ideas not completed at this meeting:

- Committee name
- Would Ginger like to present the work she's been doing as nanny matchmaker?
- Would VFYS/Family Place like to present on future plans and needs?
- Scholarship Funds? Maybe run donations through existing 501c3.
 - Families in immediate need
 - Raise funds to overcome costs of becoming a licensed daycare
- Create a webpage/agency for matching nannies/nanny shares/care-seekers
- Help with licensure for daycare facility/family home care
- Help interested parties incorporate as a 501c3 in order to provide sliding scale childcare

Meeting 2: 4/22/2021

Members Present:

Molly Kovite

Mallory Shull

Organization/Housekeeping:

Chairperson designated: Molly Kovite

Initiative Updates:

- Needs assessment is a work in progress. Mallory and Belinda met with a rep from Childcare Resources who provided tools and modules for education about how to establish a childcare center.
 - Mallory is hoping to pass this information on to other parties who will be working more intimately with establishing daycare arrangements.

Next Meeting: Thursday May 6 @ 8:00pm