

WSA/WSTC Executive Director's Report

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Joel Ryan, Executive Director
DATE: April 27th, 2009
RE: Directors Report February-May 2009

Top Eleven Accomplishments of WSA - February 2009 to May 2009

1. Put together first webinar on Dual Language Learners. Developing webinars on Early Head Start expansion as well as additional topics.
2. Held high quality Interdisciplinary Conference.
3. Recruited new CLI class and held first CLI face to face training.
4. Assisted Region X Head Start Association in putting together their conference and taking over the bookkeeping for the organization.
5. Helped to develop new Head Start Partnership for Quality in collaboration with Head Start Collaboration Office and the new state Head Start t/ta providers.
6. Participated in two DEL initiatives including:
 - a. Professional development consortium and
 - b. Head Start Collaboration office strategic planning.
 - c. (Also had initial meeting with Dr. Bette Hyde)
7. Met with Executive/Finance Committee to draft new fiscal procedures, new job descriptions, and provide oversight of the budget.
8. In process of putting together Summer Institute training at the end of June:
 - a. Met with chair of Quality and Training Committee to develop sessions for conference.
 - b. Completed comprehensive survey of membership.
9. Successfully launched new Parent Ambassadors Program. Ambassadors were helped to educate and organize parents at the state level. WSA is being invited to renew grant for the following year.
10. Played instrumental role in Head Start being included in the economic stimulus package.
11. Successful advocacy in Olympia and accomplished the following:
 - a. Minimized cuts to ECEAP budget;
 - b. Helped to included early learning (ECEAP) within the definition of basic education;
 - c. Helped to restore some funding for the Council for Children and Families and home visiting programs; and
 - d. Ignited a positive and thoughtful conversation on how to reform the state's child care subsidy system.