Feedback on Governance Framework

Coalition members reviewed various elements of our evolving Governance Framework and offered revisions. Some items have been deferred to the 9/16/09 webinar.

Charter

Coalition members reviewed the terms of the Coalition Charter and saw no obstacles to seek endorsement by their organizations. Members suggested that we clarify the commitment regarding how we might decide on which agency/agencies apply for grants to make it clear that partners will bring opportunities to the table for a decision, knowing that the result might be multiple proposals, a collaborative proposal or even a disagreement. The goal is to maximize the opportunity to bring resources to our efforts and to drive toward the Coalition goals. See revised Coalition Charter.

Current Boundaries of Coalition Focus

Coalition members briefly discussed the boundaries of area the coalition is intended to serve. While there is a desire to expand to neighboring communities like Dayton, the Coalition will currently focus on the Walla Walla Valley, including the communities of Walla Walla, College Place, Lowden, Touchet and Prescott.

Names of the Governing Bodies

Coalition members prefer that all three groups be named "teams" rather than "committees and teams". See revised Governance Framework.

Membership of the Teams

Coalition members had a brief discussion about the types of people and organizations that are missing from current Governing Bodies, if we intend to deliver on our efforts. WE generated a small number of ideas. Coalition members with additional ideas should email Samantha Bowen at samantha.bowen@wwcc.edu and cc Garrison at garrison@dovetailing.us See Walla Walla Valley Early Learning Coalition Teams.

We are aware that we might benefit from adding leaders at the City, Hospital and Key organizations that bring along other segments of the community to the Focus and Design Teams. Logistics Team members also indicated openness to additional membership.

Process for Bringing issues to the Coalition

In the interest of time, we agreed to discuss this topic during the 9/16/09 webinar. We will need to address issues of: method of raising issue (agenda, email group, etc.) timeliness of discussion and decision (some things might be able to wait until schedule meetings and some not) and appropriate governing body to which specific issues should be referred.