

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

May 26, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance, Welcome, Approval of Minutes

Present: Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer, Judi Mahoney, LeeAnn Grogan, Madison Holmes, Michelle Elliott, Shawn Massingale

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg, Danielle Walker, Athena Wikstrom, Cynthia Hurkes, Susan Stiles-Sumstine, Windy Digby

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Cynthia requested a revision to the April minutes. The Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) funding memo will not be issued after the Regional Governance Council meeting in June. A Request for Application will be available in early fall to request funds.

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer shared that Douglas County is experiencing a small surge of COVID-19 cases, likely due to the BA2 variant. While there has been an upsurge of cases, hospitalizations have not significantly increased. BA2 is well protected against with the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Bob expects the surge to last the next few weeks with a reprieve in late June.

Shawn asked how long after the first booster should an individual wait before getting the second booster?

Dr. Bob advised that the second booster is suggested for individuals over 50 or who are immunocompromised. At this time, Dr. Bob does not expect the second booster to be recommended for individuals under 50 who are not immunocompromised as it protects against serious illness which is not expected in those under 50.

Dr. Bob shared that all children five to eleven-years-old can and should get vaccinated. It is recommended that five to eleven-year-olds receive the booster five months after the initial series. Many children and teen patients in his clinic who have had COVID-19 are experiencing long COVID symptoms. One in five Americans are at risk for developing long COVID. Dr. Bob has seen long COVID presenting over six months after the infection even when the illness was not severe. Symptoms of long COVID include, but are not limited to, shortness of breath, fatigue, brain fog, fever, cough, and more.

Dr. Bob concluded by reassuring the group that there is no need to worry about Monkey Pox. It is similar to smallpox and while it looks significant, does not cause a particularly bad disease.

Hub Update

Danielle share the South-Central Early Learning Hub conducts coordinated enrollment for Preschool Promise. This process is the qualification and enrollment into Preschool Promise classrooms for a majority of the providers across the region. The Tribes and Head Start conduct their own qualification and enrollment process. The Hub is currently accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year with the knowledge that the sites may change.

All the current Preschool Promise providers who are meeting certain qualifications established by the Early Learning Division (ELD) will be eligible to return for the 2022-23 school year with an extended contract. The latest communication from the ELD is still stating the Request for Application (RFA) for Preschool Promise expansion will be available this spring.

Gillian is working with Klamath Family Head Start and United Community Action Network (UCAN) Head Start to determine how we can coordinate marketing and enrollment efforts between Preschool Promise and Head Start programs.

The Early Learning Division is working with a national consultant, Erin Watson, to design a Regional Assessment. The Regional Assessment is a series of questions that helps capture a snapshot of the needs, goals, gaps, and barriers the region faces. This year, the Regional Assessment is focusing on Raise Up Oregon Objective Two. The Hub is the shepherd of the process while cross-sector partners will be completing the work. Hub staff is currently gathering data from partners. Data is due to the Early Learning Division the beginning of August. The completed Assessment is due in April of 2023.

The ELD currently has a lot of work they are juggling with the updated deliverables for Early Learning Hubs and transitioning to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC). The transition to DELIC is expected to officially occur July 1, 2023. Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) will be transitioning from Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to DELIC.

Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) Updates

Cynthia shared Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI), in partnership with Care Connections & Education, the regional Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) concluded the Conscious Discipline training series they sponsored which ran from January through May and included ten live, facilitated sessions as well as self-paced, online learning. There were 95 early learning educators and organizations enrolled in the series. Participation declined a bit for the last facilitated session, though all the series was well attended. Cynthia would like to have one more event in the fall with a Conscious Discipline facilitator as a celebratory event.

The Early Learning Gatherings ended for this year in April. They will begin again in the fall.

KPI is working with Creating Community Resilience (CCR), Roseburg Public Schools, Sutherlin School District, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Take Root, and UCAN Head Start for a series of Conscious Discipline activities for families that will go through June 2023. The planning group is meeting today at 1:30. The group will break for summer and begin meeting again in the fall. CCR is excited to offer training around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and resilience for families to supplement Conscious Discipline.

Cynthia will take the funding priorities discussed at previous Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings to the Regional Governance Council meeting Wednesday, June 1. She will suggest a Request for Application (RFA) for partners to complete. The RFA will include all the proposed, county specific activities. The activities suggested in Douglas County were Parent Cafes, a McKinney Vento Liaison group/cohort in Douglas County, language-inclusive activities, Ready for Kindergarten, and Conscious Discipline for families. If approved, the RFA will be out in early fall.

Hub and Partner Updates

Madison – Family Relief Nursery – The North Douglas location is planning summer events for families and is hiring an additional toddler teacher for next year.

Michelle Elliott – Family Development Center (FDC) – There are currently four sites operating in Douglas County. All of the sites are reviewing enrollment for next year including siblings of students who are not currently served by any publicly funded programs.

Susan Stiles-Sumstine – Take Root – Take Root is offering summer workshops this year. The schedule is available on Take Root's Facebook page.

Lee Ann Grogan – Creating Community Resilience (CCR) – CCR is offering trainings for organizations. Anyone can request trainings at [CCRDouglas.org](https://ccrdouglas.org). CCR is hiring for the Coalition Manager position, individuals can apply at <https://douglassesd.k12.or.us/job/creating-community-resilience-coalition-manager-phoenix-school-of-roseburg/>.

Judi Mahoney – Healthy Families – Healthy Families is having a barbeque this summer to celebrate children that turn three and graduate from the program. Typically, this is held annually, though the last couple of years were missed due

to COVID. Healthy Families requested that the City of Roseburg donate the pavilion at Stewart Park for the event and were declined. The barbeque will likely still take place at Stewart Park.

Healthy Families is hiring a bilingual Support Specialist. The position does not require a degree or extensive early learning experience. Healthy Families provides in depth job training.

Staff are meeting with families mostly in person currently. Many visits are being held outside.

Judi's last month joining the PAC meetings will be in June as she is retiring! Judi invited anyone who would like to attend a celebration for her retirement to a party at her house on August 27.

Windy – Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) – ECSE is wrapping up services for the school year and will be closed for summer. Several students are receiving recovery services which are additional therapy services that were missed due to COVID.

EI will have a short break then continue services through the summer.

EI/ECSE coordinated with Care Connections & Education at the Spring Fling to provide training focused on inclusion.

Shawn – United Community Action Network (UCAN) Head Start / Early Head Start – UCAN Early Head Start will continue through the summer. Part Day Head Start classes will end for the school year next week. Full day Head Start classes will end for the school year at the end of June.

Early Head Start and Head Start are accepting applications for next year at UCANcap.org or families can call the office to get a paper application.

UCAN Head Start and Early Head Start have several teacher and staff positions available. Individuals can apply at UCANcap.org.

A new Early Head Start classroom serving children six-weeks to three-years-old will open in Sutherlin next year.

Danielle – Family Resource Facilitators are reaching out to partners to set up meetings and provide information on Community UPLiFT. If you would like to receive more information or have Hub staff reach out to a new partner, contact Vanessa Pingleton (Vanessa.Pingleton@douglas.k12.or.us).

Athena – Preschool Promise Request for Applications (RFAs) have not yet been released. Families with new and returning Preschool Promise students can apply for next year now at SouthCentralHubEnrollment.com.

Future Topics

COVID-19 Updates with Dr. Dannenhoffer

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting June 23 from 10:00am – 12:00pm.