PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

June 28 24, 2018 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In Attendance

Present: K'Ehleyr McNulty, Cindy Shirtcliff, Renae Guenther, Kat Cooper, Heather Freilinger, Cherie Barnstable, Karin Hardin, Della Harp

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg, Brian Burke, Susan Stiles-Sumstine, Cynthia Hurkes, Kiera Culbertson

May Minutes Were Approved

Authentic Community Engagement Workgroup Update

K'Ehleyr McNulty gave an update explaining that the Douglas Community Governance Council identified five Douglas County priority zones school catchment areas (from our epidemiologist's data research) that could apply for the Hub's Authentic Community Engagement grant. The components offered by the Hub are to identify a school catchment area and then fund Beth Green at Portland State University (PSU) to lead and evaluate the authentic community engagement process and to have funding available for community members for events and project expenses such as childcare, food, transportation, etc. The Council appointed a small action subcommittee to develop a grant process for the school catchment areas. The subcommittee developed a grant application and requested that Erin Helgren and Gillian Wesenberg visit the five identified school catchment areas administrative representatives to pitch the authentic community engagement approach. All five districts were encouraged to visit with Yoncalla Early Works (YEW) for an in depth understanding of what the approach looks like on the ground and the importance of appreciative listening and family/community input into decision-making. Out of the five areas, two were interested and submitted applications. The two that sent their applications in by the June 15th deadline were Winchester Elementary (Roseburg School District) and Glendale School District. The subcommittee used a rubric to score the applications. After scoring and discussing both applications, the subcommittee decided that both applications receive the grant. The subcommittee asked PSU if they were willing to work with two school catchment areas. PSU agreed to serve two school catchment areas. Administrators from the two schools visited YEW before they submitted their applications to have a deeper understanding of how to involve and engage parents and the community in the decision making process for their children. Members of both sites are excited to begin the work.

The small action subcommittee's project rollout timeline would ideally be to have the planning ready by July/August and the rollout the process with the start of school year.

Partner Updates

Gillian Wesenberg shared that the Oregon Early Learning Council (ELC) is putting together the state strategic plan for the Oregon Early Learning Division (ELD), the Early Learning Hubs and partners across the state that serve children prenatal through five years old. This is a new planning process for the ELC. The Council has invited partners such as the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, housing partners, foundations, K12, etc. to share their current work and ideas how we can all work together to align and coordinate the early childhood system, have healthy, stable and attached families, and have children ready for Kindergarten. The ELC has been listening to all groups in order to build an early childhood strategic plan for the future. The Governor has created a Children's Cabinet of state agencies to explore what they can do together in the future to collaborate to streamline services and avoid duplication.

The ELC is also looking at Home Visiting, Parent Education, and the infant/toddler care crisis. They want to increase the supply of high quality preschool as currently only 30% of children are provided services while 70% are not. The ELC has a vision of increasing infant toddler care through an initiative called Baby Promise. The initiative may include contracting with providers to increase infant toddler care. The EL are also looking at community-based support for home visiting.

The Early Learning Division has twenty-five million dollars in new federal discretionary funds allotted to Oregon and 70% of these funds are for employment related daycare (ERDC). Then, 30% of the funds will go towards the cost of childcare licensing.

The ELD has implemented Preschool Promise in several Hub regions for the last two years. The state is exploring expanding Preschool Promise.

Brian Burke is trying to create a "one stop shop" in South County so that he can share with families how to have access to services. He is currently working out of Glendale City Hall and trying to get his materials into the TANF family support specialists' information packets. Then, DHS Self Sufficiency family coaches have his information to share with families as well. This process is starting out slow. Currently, they have served 70 families that would not have been receiving services otherwise. In the next 6 months, he is looking to add eight partners including more DHS workers and Evergreen Family Medicine staff in South County.

Susan Sumstine-Stiles said that The Take Root Parenting Hub held Make Parenting a Pleasure classes in Oakland. The classes were well received. Take Root also had a Raising Highly Capable Kids class in Spanish with eleven parents attending. Fourteen parents graduated from the Nurturing Parents training session. On July 14th, the Douglas Education Service District (Douglas ESD) will be participating in Costco Safety Days. Susan also shared that Take Root will be sponsoring a no cost lecture by Ross Thompson from the University of California Davis titled "Think like a Baby" on July 31st.

Heather Freilinger stated that there are several early childhood classes taking place through September, including a program management class titled "Working with Difficult People." In August, there will be an "Ages and Stages" questionnaires training and you will leave this event with the tool on a thumb drive.

Ranea Guenther shared that she is working on a healthy families event that will take place on September 20th. She has made a connection with UC Veg and the Tribal Nutrition Department who will be helping to put on the event. She welcomes any volunteers to help with the first year of the event.

K'Ehleyr McNulty currently has a youth summer program that has nine kids attending each day. The kids went to Grants Pass for the day to explore the art museum and wildlife images. Another youth program has 18 kids and studied nutrition and physical lessons this week. The youth programs will be expanding to a new building in Myrtle Creek. This new building will be multi-generational with Preschool Promise and the seniors all sharing the same space.

Cherie Barnstable shared that Compass is working to establish a new psychiatric day treatment center, and they are expanding to Roseburg with an attempt to have 8 staff. The staff will be located throughout the schools with a full time and an additional half time position at each high school.

Kat Cooper shared that OHA is working on their new building on Newton Creek.

Karin Hardin is currently recruiting for a therapist position which will provide home visits. This Options' position is made possible through a contract with DHS Child Welfare.

Della Harp said that SMART finished the program year having served 667 kids. The program gave away over 5000 books to kids. The summer program at YMCA is currently serving 60 kids and these participants will each receive 25 books at the end of the 6 weeks. In a collaboration with KPI, SMART has given away book packets to children that aren't being served yet as they are on preschool wait lists.

Cindy Shirtcliff shared that Advantage Dental finished the school year with Mercy foundation having given 9000 health screens. At Celebrate Children they served 60-70 kids. She also shared that they are working with home visiting nurses and having hygienists go out with nurses on home visits.

Next Year Meetings: Topics to Discuss

The Committee gave some ideas and decided to revisit this topic at the September meeting:

- Hearing directly from state (and new perspective.)
- Work of Governor's Children's Cabinet
- Members' work plans and how they interconnect.
- How to better engage each other in technology (Deb Fitzgibbons.)

Next Meeting Date

Thursday September 27, 2018 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM