PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

December 08, 2017 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In Attendance

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg, Kiera Culbertson, Brian Burke, Vanessa Pingleton, Julie Hurley, Alysha Barraza, Cynthia Hurkes, Danielle Walker (By Phone)

Others Present: Shawn Lybarger, Kris Kelso, Judi Mahoney, Heidi McGowan, Steve Schenewerk, Heather Freilinger, Sondra Williams, Beverly Krystosek, Bill Shobe, Betty Wagner, Cati Strempel, Deidrah Racine, Debbie Foley, Ron Harper, Bob Dannenhoffer, K'Ehleyr McNulty (By Phone),

October and September Meeting Minutes Approved

HUB Update

Gillian Wesenberg briefly went over the priority zone data information by Anna Menon, Epidemiologist, and discussed the added chronic absenteeism information. The South Central Early Learning Hub is using the school district catchment areas for our priority zone data. The State asked for all of the Hubs' focus to be on children and families who are furthest from opportunity. The South Central Oregon Early Learning Hub applied for, and was granted the Meyer Memorial Equity Grant. This Hub was awarded $124,260 over three years, for contracts with Cliff Jones and Gilda Montenegro-Fix to better serve communities of color and families facing financial hardships. Funds from the grant will be used to build on work already in place to serve families in the three counties. The goal is to integrate high quality people who can help make the Hub the best version it can be.

Heidi McGowan started by explaining the framework, and background of Early Learning Hubs. In 2011, the early learning system was placed into statute that the intent was to have sixteen Early Learning Hubs established across the State. Each Hub would have five sectors with parent involvement. The goal of an Early Learning Hub is to bring partners together to improve the lives of children and families furthest from opportunity in three areas: Arriving at kindergarten prepared for success, children are raised in healthy, stable, and attached families, and providing the tools for an aligned coordinated and family centered systems. Heidi explained that the next few meetings would be focusing on finding local priorities, and building subcommittees to carry out the goals made. The members broke into groups to discuss, and vote on what local priorities they may choose to focus efforts on.

Kris Kelso reported that Roseburg School District is giving out bags with their summer and holiday lunch express program. The bags will have a Ready!forK pamphlet, a book, and a Kindergarten activity.

Cati Strempel would like to look at what has been done in different counties in terms of authentic parent engagement so that we can model an idea of what has worked.

Cynthia Hurkes stated that a vital piece of parent engagement is going to be hearing from the parents with parent to parent sharing. A Parent Café might be a good way to build trust with the parents, and amongst themselves.

January Agenda Planning

New Vice Chair is K'Ehleyr McNulty

New Voting Members

Educational Equity Training

Action planning for top 2 -3 priorities

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, January 24th from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM