

**South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub
Douglas County
Community Governance Council**

Tuesday, April 17, 2017
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Council Members:

- Barbara Johnson, *Chair*
- Steve Schenewerk, *Vice Chair*
- Charlene Stutes
- Dave Gianotti
- Debra Thatcher
- Desta Walsh
- Jan Zarate
- Marta Queant
- Maureen Short
- Michael Lasher
- Bryan Trenkle
- Sherri Vogt
- Tammie Hunt

Committee Chair Members:

- Shawn Lybarger, *Professional Advisory Committee*
- Megan Buckley, *Parent Advisory Committee*
- Trinity Coulombe, *Parent Advisory Committee*

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg, Julie Hurley, Analicia Nicholson, and Vanessa Pingleton

Others Present: Robin Hill-Dunbar, Diane Hazen, and Bob Dannenhoffer

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Welcome/Introductions	Chair Johnson convened the meeting at 4:30 pm. Introductions were made.	
Action Items	<p>Steve Schenewerk made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Bryan Trenkle seconded the motion.</p> <p>January Minutes were Approved</p>	
PRESENTATION: Greater Douglas United Way	<p>Bryan Trenkle the executive director of Douglas United Ways. Each year for the last three years has ran campaigns that have generated over \$1.1 million dollars per year. They run campaigns year round that help the local YMCA, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club, and American Red Cross. The program has raised over \$25 million towards local nonprofits. As well as adding collective impact funding to help the communities, which is an idea that will give a pot of money to a community so they might have the funds to take on bigger projects and make a bigger impact on the community. They have started the Housing Initiative Partnership that by 2020 is hoped to give all of Douglas County access to safe healthy housing that is affordable. This program was brought about to try to help the housing crisis the community is having. They are receiving plenty of backing and had 26 organizations at the table at the last meeting wanting to be involved in this project. They are currently looking into ghost properties (or those tied up and not on the market yet) and ways to get them on the market faster while getting them up to code. The majority of the campaign comes from the working and retirees in Douglas county, 1 in 3 people in the</p>	

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	<p>community will access something that the program offers and only 1 in 10 working members of the community give to the program. They are trying to increase the number of people that are currently giving to the campaigns, even if it's minimal. The program is there to help try to relieve the tragedies that are happening in the community daily, things like children going without food or shelter. The corporations that are matching donations are changing the way they donate, which is effecting United Way immensely, and the community as they are giving to organizations outside of Douglas County. They have a program with a discount prescription costs which has saved Douglas County \$102,00 in the past year. The majority of the money raised in Douglas County stays here. So, the goal for the year is how to get the 9 out of 10 that don't participate, to start giving, and figuring out how to increase the donor base.</p>	
<p>Director's Report</p>	<p>Gillian Wesenberg announced that Portland State University will be in Douglas County May 11th, urging everyone that is able to attend. Preschool Promise is doing very well in both Klamath and Douglas Counties. Klamath has a 5-star rating and Douglas County is working towards their licensing and Oregon registry, and will be having meetings with all of the school sites in the county. Preschool Promise is up to 200% of poverty, and is working with Head Start to try to include the entire community. The funding is only paying for a certain number of spots in each district. Had a site visit and the state reps would like more analysis and utilization of data to decide strategies and wanting to strengthen regionally our governance council. She then announced the regional retreat in Medford on May 15th which is designed to help with finding ways to work collectively as two counties. The state is focusing especially on people of color, having had, and continuing to have</p>	

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	<p>special racism training. Those are teaching how to identify the children who are needing the most amount of help, and trying to get more parent involvement. The state will send a final report in the future.</p>	
<p>Update from Business Champions for Kids</p>	<p>Julie Murray is in charge of regional coordination of parenting hub, and is implementing a new program; Business Champions for Kids. This program is looking to reach out to business to support family friendly work practices, which will be piloting next year. Business and Industry are interested in being involved in Early Education. They have funding from the TFFF and other to others to launch the program.</p>	
<p>General Discussion</p>	<p>Vanessa Pingleton and the Home Visiting Project got approved to have the hub house the coordinated referral and family resource facilitators. They have made a rough draft of the initial referral form and are continuing to build the referral process. The group is hoping for a soft roll out at the end of June possibly July. The Yoncalla Early Works and Children Library have offered to help. The program is progressing very nicely with 85% attendance for each county and leadership at 86%.</p> <p>Charlene Stutes announced that Klamath County is working on putting together the beginnings of an emerging relief nursery.</p> <p>Diane Hazen and the Family Relief Nursery has satellites in Creswell, North Douglas (Drain), and Cottage Grove. North Douglas Betterment Committee is in the process of fund raising to build a new building on Eagle Valley Road in Yoncalla as a part of their multi-phase project. The first phase of which is a building primarily for the Family Relief Nursery, but is also intended to be for the community and to incorporate Yoncalla Early Works Projects and things that are</p>	

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	<p>happening in the entire North Douglas area. The second phase is building a youth center building skills and offering services. The third phase will be an agricultural center and the last phase is a senior housing facility.</p> <p>Analia Nicholson announced that parenting spring classes have started. 20 people attend the class Taming the Tantrum. Business Champions for Kids is progressing well and has received funding form the Ford Family Foundation and some other funders.</p>	
Next Meeting	The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Community Governance Council will be June 18th @ 4:30 PM.	
Wrap-up	Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.	