

South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub Lake County Community Governance Council

Date: January 27, 2020
Time: 12:00 PM

Minutes

<u>Steering Committee:</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicky Taylor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Hutchinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> Charley Tracy	<input type="checkbox"/> Jill Harlan
<u>Voting Members:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Benson <input type="checkbox"/> Jake Greer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Buermann <input type="checkbox"/> Kadi Estes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will Cahill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arvinder Singh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reejen Cooper <input type="checkbox"/> Niki Taylor
<u>Community Partners:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Arianna Azamar <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Freilinger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Martinez <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Totten	<input type="checkbox"/> Chandra Cahill <input type="checkbox"/> Kendra Holderman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colleen May <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Warner	<input type="checkbox"/> Judy Clarke <input type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Ishida <input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Neighorn <input type="checkbox"/> James Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Melinda Collier <input type="checkbox"/> Ken Kestner <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Springer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Francie Winters
<u>DESD Staff:</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Hurkes <input type="checkbox"/> Athena Wikstrom	<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Hurley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gillian Wesenberg	<input type="checkbox"/> Vanessa Pingleton	<input type="checkbox"/> Danielle Walker
<u>Guests:</u>	Cliff Jones	Alexis Millet		

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Welcome/Introductions	No introductions were needed at the beginning.	
LICC Meeting	Jack reported that the program aide was sick so Mike Bensen is with the kids. Jack shared the following information about the Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education program. Program Status The program currently has 15 children total on IFSPs. Five children are in the EI program and 10 in ECSE.	None.

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LICC Meeting (cont.)	<p>Referral/Evaluation Currently the program has 4 new children in referral for an eligibility evaluation and another child being evaluated for a transition from EI to ECSE.</p> <p>SPR&I The program completed its annual compliance file review and the data has been submitted to ODE.</p> <p>Transitions Currently the program has 9 children who will transition to school age services next fall. The transition IEP day for Lakeview has been scheduled for Friday, 4/24/20. North Lake, Paisley, and Plush all have 1 child each transitioning to school age programs next year. Those meetings will likely be scheduled in May.</p>	
Schools/School Readiness: Jack, Will, & Gail	<p>Jack reported that the ESD has hired Alina Bradbury as a .75 FTE liaison with the Department of Education to assist schools with accessing Student Success Act funding. She is doing a great job already. Mary Woodworth decided to devote more time to the ranch and stepped down as Deputy Clerk for Adel. Chandra Cahill, who is already the Deputy Clerk for Plush, was hired to replace her. Brittany McClary recently completed her bachelor's degree and became certified as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant. She plans to continue her schooling to become a Speech-Language Pathologist.</p> <p>Will reported that School District #7 is working to access Student Success Act funding and noted that Alina has been very helpful. Community surveys were sent out today and a community meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020, at 5:30 at LHS. They will have two concurrent meetings – one in English and one in Spanish. They have the most difficulty reaching the low-income population and appreciate help spreading the word. Enrollment numbers are increasing and classrooms are becoming overcrowded. There is a committee working on going forward with a facilities bond. They are focusing</p>	

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	<p>on fixing the existing buildings, increasing security and science labs, and possibly adding classrooms and a second gym somewhere in the district. Last year they had to turn down a free food grant because they did not have the physical space or kitchen infrastructure. Current school district priorities are reducing class sizes and addressing trauma and mental health. There are a number of children who have moved into the community with trauma in their lives, and there may be a nomadic population that is moving from community to community under the radar. Francie noted that the non-exempt status at DHS is changing for Lakeview, which may lead to some changes in the population. Will plans to retire on June 30, 2020.</p>	
<p>Hub Updates: Gillian</p>	<p>Gillian handed out the Early Care and Education Sector Plan Phase I Deliverables and the group quickly reviewed them. She noted the state was pleased with ours, but would like any state members taken off the roster.</p> <p>Gillian reported that DESD is in the hiring process for a Lake County family representative. The position announcement should be coming out soon.</p> <p>Gillian reported that the State of Oregon recently received a federal grant to explore putting together better preschool systems. She will share more information with the group as it is available.</p> <p>Gillian also shared the Early Learning Division's Student Success Act FAQ updated January 22, 2020.</p> <p>Preschool Promise Gillian reported that the state is taking over monitoring of Preschool Promise and wants the hubs to coordinate enrollment. Jack noted that some educators have sent letters to the Early Learning Division in protest of the plan.</p> <p>KPI Cynthia reported that there were 70 people enrolled in the first day of Growing Early Mindsets and there are 40 people in the cohort. Information</p>	<p>Amy will take any state members off the roster.</p> <p>Gillian will share more information about the federal grant Oregon received for early learning systems. Francie and Arvinder are especially interested.</p>

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	to apply for funding for Kindergarten Camp will be out no later than Friday. They are also promoting quarterly early learning teams for staff to come together and discuss integration. Vicky noted they tried to do this before, but finding a meeting time that worked for everyone was difficult. Gillian suggested that Cynthia may be able to help facilitate at the beginning if a team is created for Lake County.	
Public Health/Health	Heidi had no updates at this time. Francie had no updates at this time. Arvinder had no updates at this time.	
Community Partners	Amy reported that the library is seeing many upper elementary-aged students after school. Some of them are not quite mature enough to adequately supervise themselves, and the dynamic between the students does not always encourage positive behavior. She noted that Francie was helping to convene a work-group among community partners to see if there is interest and capacity for developing some programming for this age. Will suggested that Amy ask Susan Warner about an after school program meeting at the school.	Amy will ask Susan Warner about the after school program at the school.
Early Learning Partners	Reejen reported that Head Start is doing community and parent assessments. More people are over-budget for services, which could create an opportunity for pay as you go. Vicky asked about the population that does qualify but doesn't have transportation. Reejen noted this is a problem, and she does not see the lack of transportation issue being resolved in the near future. There are barriers due to finding a qualified driver and due to safety equipment such as car seats and harnesses. She is gathering data to take to her budget meetings. Other meeting attendees expressed a willingness to help advocate to overcome barriers if needed.	
Discussion with Capacity Building Partnerships	Cliff Jones and Alexis Millett led a group discussion about barriers and equity specific to Lake County. More information will be available from them in the future.	
Next meeting	February 25, 2020	