

South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub
Lake County Community Governance Council
May 22, 2018 Minutes

Meeting was held at the Lake County Education Service District conference room.

1. Introductions

The following people attended the meeting: Mike Benson, Gail Buermann (via telephone), Reegen Cooper, Jill Harlan, Cynthia Hurkes (via telephone), Amy Hutchinson, Ken Kestner, Rhonda Neighorn (via telephone), Judy Springer, Vicky Taylor, Jack Thompson, Susan Warner.

2. Review Agenda

Consent agenda approved:

- a. **Approval of Minutes**
- b. **Hub Updates**
- c. **Schools Updates**
- d. **Early Learning Provider Updates**

3. Approve February & March 2018 minutes

Vicky called for any changes to the February 2018 meeting. None were offered. Minutes were approved as presented. March 2018 information-only minutes were presented as there was no quorum at the meeting. No corrections or questions were offered. Amy reported that she will send the April information-only minutes to the group after the meeting.

4. Hub Update

Vicky noted that Gillian is at another meeting, but other hub staff have some updates.

a. **Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation**

Cynthia reported that Douglas and Klamath counties are moving along with their priorities. Jack noted we have not heard back yet on whether our geographic priorities funding request has been approved. Cynthia reported no one has found out about their priorities dollars yet. That is something Gillian is working on and will have to report on.

i. **2018-19 Culturally Responsive Practices**

In 2018 or early 2019 KPI will offer culturally responsive practices training. The training will have a capacity of about 24 seats. Priority attendees are anyone working with kids funded by KPI dollars.

ii. **Early Learning Training**

Cynthia asked the group what early learning training Lake County would like to see for the coming year. After discussion the following was agreed: Vicky will check with Lake County childcare providers and Jack & Reegen will talk with teachers to see what they are interested in and report options back to Cynthia. In late August or early September, Cynthia will

create a survey with the options generated and send link to Vicky. Vicky will send the link out to the appropriate parties. The training will be offered in 2019.

b. Klamath County Update

Rhonda reported that the Klamath county proposal to the hub to focuses on attendance on well-baby visits and other attendance in general. One group is partnering with medical providers. The Early Literacy group is working with OCDC, DHS, YMCA, Head Start, Healthy Families & Childcare Network to do family reading events and provide families with books. DHS workers will have parents take a survey on initial intake. They will work with parents on reading with their kids, provide them with free books, and follow up on home visits and do post surveys. Head Start will do Parent Nights and give away free books and reading materials to kids. SMART will be fiscal agent for training materials, etc. Rhonda will propose the plan to the executive board of Klamath Promise on June 6th and then take it to the regional meeting for the South Central Oregon Early Learning Hub. Both Healthy Families and Head Start both plan to incorporate the Lakeview office. Rhonda will email the proposal to Vicky, and Vicky will share it with the Lake County group.

c. Home Visiting

Vanessa Pingleton reported they have merged the initial referral form with hub's brochure. They have finished the family support informational card and are preparing to do several events in each county. They will be at Dr. Daly days in Lakeview in June. She also plans to meet with North Lake Medical Clinic and Public Health.

5. Schools Updates

a. LCSD #7

i. District Report

Susan reported that they did transition meetings with Mike Benson and will be offering an aide position in the next month for a kindergarten classroom. They are applying for a Response To Intervention grant to target K-2 math skills. They recently received a grant for a 3-D printer at the elementary. They are looking for grant dollars for after school programs for next school year. They are finishing up on their progress monitoring tool and state testing.

ii. Ready for Kindergarten

Judy reported she plans to do Ready for Kindergarten in four sessions of approximately 2 hours each in September, October, November, and December. She will be looking for parents to enroll over the summer. Jill asked the criteria to be a part of the class. Parents need to have a 4 or 5 year old who is not yet in kindergarten. Jill and Mike will check with their clients to see if anyone will be interested. Reejen noted she will have a

new group of parents in the fall who may have English speakers interested. Judy reminded the group there will be child care and food at events. Vicky noted that Marisa had 4 Head Start parents signed up for the Spanish program, but ended up with 8 attending. No Head Start parents signed up for the English program. Vicky will share surveys from Marisa's program with Jack and Cynthia.

b. Plush/Adel

Jack reported that Adel just finished their week-long field trip to the coast. Next year Adel school will do the preschool as all of the preschool students will be from Adel. The preschool has moved back and forth between the schools in the past depending on attendance. Larry Ferguson is retiring and Stacy Martin will be the sole teacher in Adel. They are hiring for an instructional assistant.

c. North Lake School

No updates at this time.

6. Early Learning Updates

a. Head Start

Reejen reported they are moving forward with the first phase of the playground. They received a few grants for sprinkler system, sod, and landscaping. They will continue other phases as funds become available. They will end the school year on May 29 and are preparing to take applications over summer. The Summer Lunch food program will be run out of the Head Start kitchen this summer.

7. Health Providers Updates

a. Healthy Families

Vicky reported serving 3 in Lake County and 1 between Klamath and Lake.

b. Public Health

Jill reported that the possible merger of Public Health with the hospital has been presented to the Commissioner's and there is a workable contract. Anyone interested can attend a public meeting on June 5th at 10 AM. If approved, Public Health will stay where they are and look the same for a while. The hospital thinks they can get closer to breaking even on the service by potentially providing additional services and billing differently.

8. Parent/guardian Updates – None.

9. Other Committee member updates

a. Library

Amy reported that the most recent registration numbers for Imagination Library are 172, and we are over 50% county-wide. The Friends Imagination Library committee is feeling good about fundraising, and will begin to focus on increasing registration further. Susan Warner offered to distribute registrations to parents (425). Amy will provide forms. Amy also reported this summer they will be working on strategic planning and a facility needs assessment for a future

Christmas Valley facility. She asks group members present to consider attending a strategic planning meeting on Saturday, July 13, 2018 in Paisley around lunch.

10. LICC Meeting

a. Program Status

Mike reported the program is currently serving 23 kids. Next year, 8 will be going into LCSD #7, 1 into Paisley, and 1 into North Lake. Almost all transitions with the school are complete. Several kids are transitioning from Early Intervention to Early Childhood Special Education. The program will start with around 13 kids in the fall. They are taking applications for an Educational Aide for the program since Stevie retired.

b. County Plan

The group reviewed the county plan. The calendar follows the LCSD #7 calendar fairly closely. Since the last meeting, he has submitted CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) procedures to Gail Maupin at DHS and is waiting to hear back. Reejen asked if he is using the ASQ2 or ASQ3, and he is using the ASQ3. Mike noted that he added names to LICC council per meeting attendance. The budget section is blank because Oregon Department of Education has not yet provided any budget information to the program. The plan is due to Oregon Department of Education next Friday. The plan was approved as presented.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2018 at 1:30 PM