

South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub  
Lake County Community Governance Council  
March 21, 2017 meeting Agenda

1:30 to 3:00 pm

Meeting @ ESD Conference room, Call In 1-641-715-3680 Access Code 903411#

Please notice new call in number☺

**1. Introductions**

Present: Gail Buermann (phone), Mike Benson, Will Cahill, Reejen Cooper, Jill Harlan, Amy Hutchison, Bob Nash, Vanessa Pingleton, Brittany Severson, Judy Springer, Vicky Taylor, Charley Tracy (arriving where indicated), Gillian Wesenberg (phone), Cynthia Hurkes (phone).. Brittany Severson is the new Lake County Healthy Families Home Visitor. The program is only open for enrollment up until a child is aged 3 months.

**2. Review Agenda -**

Agenda approved as presented.

**3. Meeting minutes**

- a. February 10, 2017 special meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- b. February 28, 2017 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**4. Bylaws**

Item tabled until April meeting.

**5. Hub Updates**

**a. State site visit report.**

Gillian reported on the state site visit. Overall, things went well with many parties coming together to make the visit work. Gillian will send out the power point file for the updated. Activities and progress were summarized as well as future challenges identified. Vanessa Pingleton and Cynthia Hurkes also felt it went really well. Cynthia reported that gains in parent knowledge from parent engagement activities were very substantial.

**b. FY 2017-18 Budget**

Gillian reported that the EL budget is anticipated to come down at the same time as education budget. Bob reported that current recommendations for building budgets would result in significant budget cuts. It may be August or September before we know what the true funds available for next school year are. PERS is a big issue and making things difficult with budgets and is a sticking point between the parties.

**6. School Readiness Updates**

**a. P-3 Community Planning Session:**

Bob and Cynthia reported the planning for the event is coming along nicely. Event flyers were shared and persons to be invited were

strategized. There will be a phone meeting April 3 at 3 pm with PSU. At least Bob, Vicky, Judy, and Cynthia will attend. The purposes for the event are to integrate services for P-3 through a community planning process and design services based on parent input. Data about the community will be shared and the group will talk about priorities in Lake County for P-3. (Charlie Tracy arrived for the meeting.)

- b. The following action items were assigned:
  - i. Brittney Severson will get in contact with Advantage Dental and Dr. Graham's office about attending.
  - ii. Bob will ask attendees how many children they are bringing when they RSVP.
  - iii. Jill will contact Jennifer Pore from Mental Health to see if she is coming.
  - iv. Please send pictures of local children using P-3 services and at events for inclusion in the PowerPoint to Cynthia.
  - v. Judy will send photos and photo of a flyer to Cynthia.

c. **Kindergarten Readiness**

Judy reported finishing a 3-session series. There are 6 more events to do before school ends. She is planning for another 3-session series in April or May. Amy and Will asked her to email them when they have dates. Judy has also been preparing to use the Ready for Kindergarten curriculum and looking for 10 families to participate. Vicky has the families and is still working out the childcare aspect for Marisa's program.

d. **North Lake School**

Gail reported having increased connection with medical/dental providers who will be present for the K-12 Learning Fair this year. She has also been scheduling vision and dental screenings for fall.

**7. Early Learning Provider Updates**

a. **Summer Food**

Vicky reported the Lake Health District hospital will be doing the Lakeview Summer Food program. Arvinder will be coordinating the program. There will be giveaways and activities each week for the 12-week program, 5 days a week including 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They need a lot of volunteers and are hoping to have various groups help support. Adults do need a food handler's license to volunteer with the food and hospital will pay for it. Several ideas for groups who might help were given to Vicky.

b. **Child Welfare**

- c. Charley reported staff being busy as usual. She has been spending a lot of time in the North Lake area lately.

**8. Health Provider Updates**

a. **Healthy Families Home Visiting**

Brittany has 10 families signed up for Healthy Families home visiting in Lake County. She has room for about another 6 families reserved for north

end of county. She has 1 family in PA and 1 in Christmas Valley already. She has met much more resistance to home visiting north than here and is working on ideas to make more connections and get the program better introduced there. Mike has some families to connect Brittany with in North Lake.

**b. Public Health**

Jill reported they are in middle of grant writing. They hired Judy Clarke and she's helping get reorganized and painted up. Babies First may possibly be going away, and Maternity Case Management wants to focus on prenatal.

**9. Parents/Grandparents Updates**

- a. Vicky reported she had 3 parents comment positively to her about Judy's program.

**10. Other Committee Member Updates**

**a. Library**

Amy reported they are planning for spring early learning baby showers, which are usually held in April and May. Jill will mail invitations to public health clients. Amy will contact the home visitors to follow up on invitations. She asks that people who are working with invited moms please spread the word about the events with their clients. Vanessa Pingleton requested more information about the events as it is available.

**11. LICC meeting/updates Mike Benson**

**a. Program Status**

The program currently has 21 children total on IFSP's. Six children are in the EI program and 15 in the ECSE program. In the past month the program added 1 child to the EI caseload and 1 child transitioned from the EI program to the ECSE program. The program met the 45 day timeline for evaluation and eligibility for the EI aged child as well as meeting the timeline for transitioning the ECSE aged child prior to their 3rd birthday.

**b. Referral/Evaluation**

Currently there are 5 children in the referral/evaluation process at this time. Two children completed the eval process last month; however 2 more already identified EI children were referred for transition evaluations as they will turn 3 years old later this spring. Of the 3 other ongoing evaluations only one is a new child. The other children are already identified. One child will likely exit and the other child will likely have an additional eligibility at the completion of the current evaluation. The last 3 children in the eval process have meetings scheduled already for April to complete the process.

**c. Tracking/Child Find**

The program received a referral for a child in New Pine Creek in mid-March from a local physician. After a brief conversation with the family I found out their physical address is on the California side of the border

making them a resident of CA not OR. I discussed that ongoing services would not be possible as they are not OR residents. I did agree to do a home visit and provide a screening and some consult on ideas to increase development. The program made some materials and mailed them along with parent articles to help increase speech intelligibility. I also suggested that they make contact with the State Line school on the CA side to see if a SLP comes up there for any kids who may be on an IEP.

**d. Transitions**

The transition day with district #7 is scheduled for Friday April 21st. It looks like we will begin around 9:30 am and complete 2 transitions before lunch and 2 after lunch. We should be done by around 2:30 pm in the afternoon.

**e. Surveys**

- i. ODE will be surveying EI/ECSE families in Lake County later this spring. The survey will have questions regarding how well the program has explained and discussed their parental rights. It will also ask how our program communicates their child's needs as well as how we help their child develop and learn. The results will be reported and used in the yearly special education report card that parents receive from our program.
- ii. The ESD will also be surveying parents as we do every year. Our questions also deal with communication, understanding needs, and quality of services. We also ask parents what we can do to help them better understand the process and allow for comments. Our program also surveys other service providers that we work with about the same topics.
- iii. Mike shared some initial results from the parent and provider surveys that have been returned.