

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

**Minutes**

Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Council Members:**

- Barbara Johnson, *Chair*
- Steve Schenewerk, *Vice Chair*
- Charlene Stutes
- Betty Wagner
- Debra Thatcher
- Desta Walsh
- Marta Queant
- Maureen Short
- Michael Lasher
- Bryan Trenkle
- Tammie Hunt
- Robert Dannenhoffer

**Committee Chair Members:**

- Shawn Lybarger, *Professional Advisory Committee*

**Staff Present:**

- Gillian Wesenberg, *Early Learning Hub*
- Kiera Culbertson, *Early Learning Hub*
- Julie Hurley, *Early Learning Hub*
- Brian Burke, *Early Learning Hub*
- Vanessa Pingleton, *Early Learning Hub*
- Cynthia Hurkes, *KPI*
- Analicia Nicholson

**Others Present** David Hansen, Yvonne O’Neil, Della Harp, Sandy Henry, Rick Burton, Rick Snyder, Ann Carey, Debbie Foley

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<b>Welcome/Introductions</b>	<b>Chair Johnson</b> convened the meetings	
<b>Action Items</b>	May 2018 minutes were approved.	
<b>Director's Report</b>	<p>Newsletter captures what the South Central Early Learning Hub region is working on.</p> <p>Steve Schenewerk is the newly elected chairman of the Regional Governance Council. The Oregon Early Learning Council has been working on its new strategic plan with all its state and local partners including early childhood, business, foundations, and parents. One goal is to have all of our early childhood goals connected with each other. The Governor has an Early Learning Cabinet with state leaders around the table in discussion about how we can all work together towards all of our goals.</p> <p>All of the early learning hubs met together last week. Miriam Calderon, Early Learning Division Director, shared how the state partners want to focus on more childcare from 0-3 years old. There is a shortage for childcare across the state. Oregon is known as a childcare desert.</p>	
<b>Authentic Community Engagement Projects</b>	<p>In June, the Authentic Community Engagement work group was authorized by the Douglas Governance Council to create a Request for Application process for the five priority school catchment areas to apply for designated Hub funding. Then, the work group, chaired by K'Ehleyr McNulty, was authorized to choose catchment areas that would be working with the Hub (including KPI), Portland State University (Beth Green) and Children's Institute (Erin Helgren) until June 30, 2019. Erin Helgren and Gillian visited with school administrators in the five priority school catchment areas: Glendale, Riddle, Tricity, Myrtle Creek and Winchester to explain the project. The Hub received two applications and after using a rubric and discussion process chose to fund the two applicants from the Glendale and Winchester school catchment areas. Both sites visited with Yoncalla Early Works (YEW) to learn more about their programs.</p> <p>Dr. Dannenhoffer shared that Yoncalla and Glendale are medically underserved areas. They don't have medical help there.</p>	

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	<p>David Hanson, Glendale School Superintendent, and Rick Burton, a Roseburg School District Administrator were present to give reports on their Authentic Community Engagement sites.</p> <p>David has been in Glendale for two years. He started at the Apache White Mountain Reservation where parents valued education. He hasn't experienced that level in any other community. Local families, in general, don't seem to trust agencies. DHS is usually accompanied by Douglas County Sheriff Deputies. There is a large need for mental health services. There haven't been parent/teacher conferences for about ten years. Students aren't coming to their classes. Glendale was fortunate enough to qualify for the chronic absenteeism grant and now, with the Authentic Community Engagement resources, families with children 0-6 for families will have more opportunities to engage with early learning providers and public school. YEW is doing things Glendale needs to do to build confidence in the community and pull together to work for better outcomes for children. Glendale School District has a Preschool program that is 2 days a week with two more on the waiting list. Young families don't have any connections. Dave is excited to have Yvonne on board to help facilitate.</p> <p>Rick Snyder, Winchester Elementary Principal, is excited to be a part of movement that is critical to educate kids. It seems that there are many disenfranchised children and families who didn't have good experiences when they were in school. His vision is that they need to reach out to parents in a different way. There are now wonderful key people in place in the school district. Rick is looking forward to meeting parents where they are. Went to Winchester as a child and understands the logging culture. He was a logger. He is excited and challenged about what lies ahead. It's not easy meeting parents where they are. There's work to be done.</p> <p>Rick Burton, Director of Student Services, acknowledged that in the 2014-15 school year there were significant changes including reduction of school personnel. Forty two percent of students in Douglas County attend Roseburg schools. Some parents won't deal with schools as they weren't successful in school.. They are creating systems of supports for students so they can catch them at their earliest levels before they develop poor outlooks. Roseburg School District has skills trainers and they are focusing on what programs can be enriched.</p>	

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	<p>Ann Carey, Winchester Child Development Specialist, loved what is happening at YEW. Ann is working on a K-1 transition classroom as there has been a major influx of behavior challenged students at the kindergarten level. She is developing relationships with parents. She noted that it helps to support kids with the taught skills, then put back in. There needs to be a strong connection to parents. They want to know what parents' needs and concerns are. How can they connect with what is happening in preschool?</p> <p>Rick Burton added that when people feel confident, you get confidence.</p> <p>Gillian shared that Glendale and Winchester want to work together and learn from each other. They would both like to have parent leadership groups like YEW has. She shared how priority areas were chosen using available county data.</p>	
<b>Agenda planning</b>	<p>Shawn will give the Professional Advisory Committee report in October. Is there anything the PAC can do to help with Glendale and Yoncalla?</p> <p>We'll share the Early Learning Council strategic plan when we receive a copy.</p> <p>Reports about how Pre-K camps went in schools throughout Douglas county.</p> <p>Update on Preschool Promise in general – how it went.</p> <p>Update from regional meeting in September.</p>	
<b>Planning updates</b>	<p><b>Michael</b> – Douglas ESD is moving main operation to library which is currently being renovated – scheduled to be completed sometime in October. Douglas ESD will move in just before winter break – EI/ESCE is staying and ELH, parenting Hub – anyone to do with early learning. Imagine and board has approved idea to turn this building into an early learning center. Don't want to compete with head start. A lot of unmet need around early learning in community and would like to see how much we can fulfill with this. EI money. DESD money fundraising. Contact Analicia with any comments and community needs. And what could do with this building. A lot of extra space towards benefit of children and families in the community.</p> <p><b>Analicia</b> updated that KPI is working on getting MOU's ready for 18-19 funding. Hope to have them out by the end of the month. Cynthia is out for now, but when she returns in September, she will be reaching out. She took a piece of the authentic parent engagement and is working with Beth Green. PSU is behind all the surveys.</p>	

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	<p><b>Dr. Dannenhoffer</b> shared that public health increasing recognition that health is impacted by activities we have. Certain areas of state – equity survey and how to reduce equity – some mid 80s and poor areas in 60s – will be going to different communities in area and doing health survey.</p> <p><b>Debbie Foley</b> reported that Sutherlin Preschool Promise will go from 13 to 19 enrollments. They increased the instructional assistant to full time.</p> <p><b>Gillian</b> shared that the Hub has expanded our slots for Preschool Promise without more resources. The first year the Early Learning Division funded 100 slots and they asked the hub to expand in the second year to 120 slots. Now, the Hub has 150 slots. These efficiencies are helpful as the state is thinking of expanding the statewide rollout. We have wait lists. Thirty percent of eligible children in the state are being served.</p> <p><b>Vanessa</b> – The Community Uplift data system is being developed to enter all of the data for the project. Brian is focused on south county partners.</p> <p><b>Brian Burke</b> reported that the Family Resource Facilitator and Community Uplift have had 89 referrals in Douglas County since the program started. Included in these 89 referrals are 120 kids that have been served that otherwise may not have been served. There are 10 families that he hasn't been able to be connect too. Referral satisfaction questionnaires have been sent to all providers to see how the process is going. Currently, he is connecting with Glendale and Myrtle Creek communities.</p> <p><b>Maureen Short</b> reported that UCAN Head Start broke ground this month and are beginning the early learning center. They are one of 5 Head Starts in Oregon awarded a duration pilot grant to extend the hours to a full day for two Head Start classrooms. They are receiving extra funds to run this pilot project. One class will be permanent and the other depends on forecasting for state. WIC and the nurse home visiting program have moved to the Riverside Building (in front of DMV). The Healthy Families program moved to the UCAN Martha Young service center.</p> <p><b>Shawn Lybarger</b> discussed that UCAN Head Start is moving into Winchester with two half day classes. They are also working on a preschool collaborative with Roseburg School District. Head Start sent staff to the Sutherlin Conscious Discipline training in August. She met with Erin, Kelly and Brian from Yoncalla. There was a community focus group that met and is moving towards</p>	

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	<p>serving the 0-3 age group. They are asking for Early Head Start to be classroom driven. Early Head Start has sites in Glendale and Winchester.</p> <p><b>Betty Wagner</b> shared that she is no longer with Umpqua Health. She will still serve on the Governance Board as a community member. She will be providing behavioral health services in the community. Currently, she can take Oregon Health Plan open cards but is not currently contracted with Umpqua Health.</p> <p><b>Rick Burton</b> shared that the Roseburg district has an increasing amount of students with emotional disturbances just as other school districts in the county are experiencing. They are partnering with Douglas ESD to open a therapeutic learning classroom to serve youth that qualify. Sandy Henry talked about the tribal education department moving aggressively to complete the tribal community center renovation project. They have a preschool teacher hired who is currently looking into menu planning for preschool meals center.</p> <p><b>Della Harp</b> shared that SMART is getting ready to roll out for the year with 16 sites, which will serve over 700 kids. SMART will give away close to 11,000 books. Out of school model that would go along with summer program. Every kid involved in program would get 25 books. Possibly working with library to do summer reading or do an evening program. Summer food program. Riverbend live may be a good opportunity.</p> <p><b>David Hansen</b> shared that Glendale provided food in the Summer food program and had 70 children attend. This program ran from the day school got out to the day school starts up again. This year it will also include Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring breaks as many of the children that live in the school district simply don't enough food.</p> <p><b>Analicia</b> – acknowledged the county Conscious Discipline training summit held at Roseburg High School. The training taught adults how to respond differently to children for better outcomes. Douglas County is the first rural place to have summit. She encouraged everyone who went to Ford Family Foundation, to thank them for everything they do for education.</p>	
<b>Wrap-up</b>	Will meet again October 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	