

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

Date: September 24, 2019
Time: 1:30 PM

Minutes

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

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Welcome/Introductions	Introductions were performed.	
Approve April Minutes	Minutes from April were approved as presented.	
Student Success Act	Jack discussed the Student Success Act (SSA) – see attached document. Discussed Lakeview childcare / preschool barriers: no licensed preschool or daycare, except for Head Start. The 400 million dollars has been allotted for early childhood care and education. Jack expressed concerns for Lake County and the startup costs and long-term sustainability of a facility. Childcare buildings are limited. The church next door would be a possibility for opening a facility, after it was brought to code and renovations were completed. The Hub's early childhood plan is due December 13,	

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	<p>collaboration with parents is required and there are partners who are strongly encouraged to ensure the plan is accurate and comprehensive. Vicky suggested having an open house like the one held a few years ago-possibly at the library, inviting parents to talk and plan for childcare and preschool in Lake County. Currently, the Children’s Institute is discussing helping with the forum process.</p> <p>Gillian outlined where the SSA money is going. Currently, there are no capital expenditures. Vicky suggested that when a parent forum is set up, we need to get the information and flyers out immediately to all clients and parents we work with. Gillian stated we will have county specific data from the state. The Hub contracted with Pacific Research and Evaluation and received data from parent surveys, kindergarten teacher surveys, provider surveys and superintendent interviews, which will be helpful in compiling the plan. Lakeview is #1 on the childcare desert list, which will be included in our plan. The plan will also include what is currently available and what we need in the future. Data used in creating the plan will be quantitative and qualitative. Heather asked if there is a possibility of housing a preschool in the K-12 schools. Jack replied that there are no empty rooms in any of the schools in the district. North Lake has no empty rooms either. North Lake passed a bond levy and will begin construction next summer. There may be some empty spaces in two years. Gail stated that one of them is used in their preschool, which will be replaced.</p> <p>Heather believes we need to bring everyone to the table during the planning process. Vicky stated concerns with childcare sustainability due to costs for childcare caused by income restrictions in Lake County. Additional concerns that grants do not include operational costs were raised. Gillian stated that Preschool Promise does include operations funding. There is a possibility for multiple grants to be requested and utilized. If we wanted to apply for any of these funds, we need to be able to articulate how our plan matches the regional plan. Some other hubs are looking at mirroring the early childhood plan and the K-12 plan.</p>	
<p>Hub Updates: Gillian, Daphne, Cynthia, Vanessa, Julie</p>	<p>Cynthia shared that she is holding a Growing Early Mindsets informational meeting, with Dr. Kendra Coates in room 425 at Lakeview High School, October 15, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. No registration is required. There will be a follow up two day training in January. This is for anyone who works with kids. Cynthia states they are</p>	

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	<p>also in process of planning kindergarten camp, and will get an MOU in place soon. In addition, they do intend to have early learning teams around the region help bring childcare folks together with preschool and kindergarten teachers to discuss what can be done in this area, as well as coordinate a gathering to discuss Oregon kindergarten guidelines and learn from each other.</p> <p>Cynthia expressed a big thank you for the professional development surveys that were completed. Nine people completed the survey in Lake County. Results will be available soon.</p> <p>Julie and Daphne shared that Take Root is looking at collaborating with others to bring a Make Parenting a Pleasure Train the Trainer workshop to Lakeview. Julie is still working on getting funding for this. Training would be November.</p> <p>Francine asked when funding will be available from Lake County Advisory Council (LCAC). Vicky added that up to 15 people could attend this MPAP training. Julie is working on the funding possibilities: currently OPEC, Collins McDonald, and the Early Learning Hub.</p> <p>Arvinder stated that LCAC narrowed down focus categories and as of now, there is no additional funding coming from EOCCO. They said to use incentive dollars, which there is not much to spare at this time.</p> <p>Julie says that Take Root has money to be spent in Lake County. Currently, we have baby showers coming up for Lake County. The Lakeview baby shower will be on Saturday, October 12 and the Christmas Valley baby shower will be on Saturday, November 2. Vicky is also planning to facilitate a Love and Logic workshop after the baby showers this winter. All parents in the community are invited to the showers. Free gifts, will be provided as well as a raffle and a small program. Usually, approximately six to eight participants attend the showers. Donations of products come from the local businesses. Arvinder states that Lake Health District could donate diapers.</p> <p>Arvinder passed out fliers of incentive measures.</p>	

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	<p>Sue Parrish from the state Early Learning Division spoke on the phone explaining some of the early care and education (ECE) planning coming up. Vicky discussed the possibility of utilizing the church building behind the ESD building and the need for renovations. Sue elaborated on the plan and stated she would send out some slides in the next couple of days. She provided a general outline of the “why” behind the plan. The Early Learning Division will get 20% of the funding for the Student Success Act. The due diligence is part of getting the funds out the door. Early Learning partners have developed a lot of systematic work around parent engagement, providers, early care and education, special education, home visiting, etc. With the funds we are given, we must identify the kids that need it the most and utilize data to show why. Based on what is currently available, what families need, and what providers need, the state will help develop a community profile. The profile will then go into the funding mechanism with the plan.</p> <p>Francine shared that the opioid grant has a lot of information that could be used in compiling the ECE sector plan. Sue stated that there may be pieces of this work that have already happened that could be built on, however, the State would like it in a consistent format.</p> <p>Deliverables-There is a statewide needs assessment using state data to be accountable for your county. There needs to be a deeper dive into priority populations, providers and families. They also will provide a format to develop a mixed delivery profile, adding anything that you know about available services and what families are saying they need. The state will help lead you in this and help generate the information. In addition, we need to consider what other assets and resources are we are aware of that are working in our county, what is working in places already that the state can add to?</p>	
Schools/School Readiness- Jack, Will, Susan & Gail	<p>Gail stated that the year is off to a good start. They have 16 kids in the North Lake preschool program and 13 kids in kindergarten, which is one afternoon a week on Tuesdays. She added that 83% of parents came to their open house and they received lots of good feedback. This was a 10% increase from last year. They are doing all screenings: hearing, speech are completed, dental and vision will be completed by tomorrow afternoon. They are excited about their bond coming up which will help their preschool facility, as they have no extra room at this time.</p>	

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	<p>Jack stated that Paisley had a good start to the year. They are down a bit in their numbers, not as many international kids are enrolled this year. Plush and Adel are also doing well. Their enrollment is at seven and nine students. Plush also has a preschool of seven children.</p> <p>Lake County School. Dist. 7 is not off to as good of a start, as last weekend there was a threat which has shut schools down yesterday and today and they are looking for the person who made the threat. They are taking this very seriously and police are currently investigating. School should be in session tomorrow. They are doing well educationally and interviewing a new math teacher.</p>	
Public health/Health	<p>Heidi states that Lake Wellness Center has begun a Parent Child Interactive Therapy, (PCIT) program and they need more referrals for ages 2-6. Heidi shared they are beginning a parenting class in Christmas Valley next week on Thursdays from 11:30-1 that will include lunch. Parents are welcome anytime in the eight-week program. Heidi stated that they want parents to support each other and discuss how difficult it is to be parents. Flyers were just completed this morning. They also had a parenting class during the summer at the senior center</p> <p>Arvinder shared that the summer food program was a big success as they served nearly 5500 lunches. Dental screenings were conducted at schools last week. They will be doing Adel and Plush in early October, as well as Daly Middle School and Lakeview High School on October 25. The teen health fair is scheduled for 11/13/19.</p>	
Early Learning Partners	<p>Reejen stated that Head Start is fully enrolled at 39 students. They have a 6.5-hour duration class and families love this, yet teachers are still getting used to it. They also have a 3.5 hour class and attendance is wonderful. All screenings - health, vision, and dental are scheduled. Overall things are going well. The first parent meeting will be held in October, and every month after that.</p> <p>Amy stated that story time attendance at the library has declined due to kids starting kindergarten. Story time is every Wed at 10:30, for preschool age kids and siblings. A meditation class may begin and they are hosting an Oregon author tour.</p>	

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	<p>Melinda from Child Care and Connection shared that in Lake County there are currently eight private providers and they are strongly encouraging them to be licensed. They are having trouble getting them to trainings. She sent a provider to Klamath in August and is hoping she will share with other providers how it went. They have a class coming up on Saturday from 10am to 12pm about early childhood assessments</p> <p>.</p> <p>Private providers can only have three kids at once. Licensed providers can have ten kids at once, which would bring more openings.</p> <p>Arvinder stated he will be attending the regional community advisory council meeting and will serve as the Early Learning Hub and LCAC representative. The Community UPLiFT Lunch and Learn will sometime in November.</p>	
Mike Benson, LICC	<p>The LICC program currently has 12 children total on IFSP's. Two children are in the EI program and ten are in the ECSE program. The program completed one EI to ECSE transition evaluation over the summer and two additional EI aged children moved from the service area. These transitions brought our EI numbers to 50% less than last spring.</p> <p>The program currently has no children in the evaluation process. There are two children the program is tracking who could potentially be referred soon. North Lake district has reported that they are getting information on two families in the area with potential communication concerns. The program will also be screening children at the Adel preschool soon.</p> <p>The program hired Kiley Dozier to be the program education assistant. She is doing a great job settling in with the Head Start scheduled and engaging children in our program.</p>	
DHS	<p>Michele Totten shared that Foster Care trick-or-treating will be held at DHS on Halloween from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, all kids are welcome. The library would love to be involved and do something too. Lakeview rocks will be doing trunk or treating, possibly at the fairgrounds.</p>	

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