South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub
Lake County Community Governance Council
November 28, 2017 Agenda

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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

1. **Introductions**
   Kristi Albertson, Mike Benson, Gail Buermann, Reejen Cooper, Jill Harlan, Cynthia Hurkes, Amy Hutchinson, Jack Thompson, Gillian Wesenberg.
2. **Review Agenda**
   The agenda approved was as presented.
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes**
   The minutes of the October 24, 2017, meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Summer Lunch Project – Kristi Albertson**
   Kristi reported that the 2017 program served 2,373 lunches over 5 lunch sites over the course of the summer and won a Summer Sunshine Award for Excellence in Community Partnerships. The Health District will be the sponsor again for 2018, and Kristi will begin meetings in January to start planning. They want to reach more kids who are food insecure and need help doing that. They have discussed the following possible sites: Head Start, the assisted housing unit with a playground, and possibly the fairgrounds. They also want to have more activities at other sites besides the kiddie pool to remove stigma of attendance. They are working on a model to pay high school kids to serve as activity leaders for the different sites. Amy said the Friends are ready to sign up for another week and there may be some among them who would volunteer for more. She will email Kristi some names. She also offered craft and activity supplies. Kristi mentioned that Summer Lunch is only provided in the southwest corner of Lake County. Amy noted that she talked with a Summer Lunch program at a conference who said the rest of the county does not qualify due to how spread out the population is. Gail concurred. Amy asked if the Music Festival raised money to provide summer lunches, and Gail said the festival raised money to support the Brain Food program which sends backpacks with food home with kids over the weekend during the school year. Jack congratulated Kristi and Jill on the success of the teen health fair. Many kids attended and lots of information was available.
5. **Hub updates**
   a. **Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation**
      Cynthia reported that there is about $160,000 in funds available for the 3-county area and an application is due by 5 pm on 1/5/18. Several members had meetings with Cynthia to plan an application. Jack reported they are looking to expand to include North Lake and have Kindergarten Camps at all of the Lake County Schools. Kindergarten teachers felt these

made a significant difference to the classroom. They are still working on what the parent engagement piece looks like.

b. **Meyer Memorial Trust Grant**
   Gillian reported that the hub received a grant from Meyer Memorial Trust to work on equity, which is an area in which the hub has been the weakest to date. The grant provides $124,000 across three years to achieve the following outcomes:
   i. Increase representation from marginalized communities in hub leadership
   ii. Expand policies and proc to be more inclusive of marginalized communities
   iii. Use the equity lens in program planning to ensure staff is more culturally responsive.

c. Work Plan
   Gillian sent the work plan in to the state and is waiting for their feedback. The state wants to have any changes made and the plans finalized by the end of December. She has also been working on quarterly reports.

d. **Future meetings**
   Gillian reported the statewide collaborative meeting will be February 6-8, 2018. Vicky hopes Ken can attend as she and Jack cannot. The next regional meeting is 12/14/17 and Vicky will attend.

6. **Schools/School Readiness Updates**
   Jack did not have further updates than the KPI above. Mike asked if parent nights are being pursued, and they are not in the same way they have been previously. They are hoping to do the Kindergarten Readiness curriculum with parents when their children are at Kindergarten Camps. DESD has the bags ready for Lake County. They are still looking at bilingual parent curriculum at Head Start. Also, Judy Springer sends her apologies for not being able to be at this meeting.
7. **Early Learning Updates – Head Start**
   Reejen reported that they are working on summer food program with the hospital. They are also working on next year's budget and planning, which will happen in February. Over summer they had no phone or Internet for a time so it was hard to reach them, and waitlist is now low. She handed out community assessment forms to those present and asks everyone to take them to their families to see what they want from Head Start. She needs to have them back by the end of December. Jill said that her clients would really like to see bussing resume. Reejen is working with LCSD #7 and DHS to figure out a solution. For her budget process, she has to have a willing driver in place in order to get the budget for the position. Jack suggests to calling the mills and other local businesses to see if there's any recently retired CDL drivers looking for part time work. Reejen plans to make calls in January.

8. **Health Provider Updates**

    a. **Public Health**
    Jill reported that there may be changes coming to Public Health. There is a meeting with the Lake County Commissioners tomorrow about a potential new relationship between Public Health and the Health District. The state is looking to extend the Cocoon program from 0-5 up to age 21. North Lake has the first Lake County child under this new model. Jill is happy Vicky is ready to start home visiting through Healthy Families.
    Jill also reported they got lots of vaccinations from teen health fair they are following up on.

    b. **Healthy Families**
    Vicky reported that no families came to their Tuesday DHS meetings so she was not able to start visiting yet. There should be 7 coming into the program, and the case load is 10 for part time.

9. **Parent/Guardian Updates – None.**

10. **Other Committee Member Updates**

    a. **Lake County Library**
    Amy reported that Friends of the Library are looking for $5,000 in initial pledges, not donations, to launch the Imagination Library program. They have just started publicity, and already have reached $1,500 in pledges. She thinks the Friends will probably be ready to sign on to the program in in February or March. Mike asked Amy to email pledge forms to the group.

11. **LICC meeting – Mike Benson**

    a. **Program Status**
    The program currently has 17 children total on IFSP's. Six children are in the EI program and 10 in the ECSE program. The program added three children since last meeting and one child moved from the area. We will have 17 children on our December 1 federal census count.

    b. **Referral/Evaluation**
    The program currently has 2 children in the evaluation process both will likely qualify for ECSE services. Two additional children will likely be referred for evaluation before the holiday break.

    c. **Tracking/Child Find**
    The program has also screened several other children at Head Start and is discussing with the teachers and parents about if/when to potentially refer the children for evaluation.

    d. **Building**
    Acoustic sound panels arrived the week before the Thanksgiving holiday break. Jack and I put 2 sound panel pictures up in the classroom on a Friday afternoon and I was able to install the other 6 panels on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

e. **IA Agreements**
   Currently the program has IA's with DHS, Public Health, and KFHS. IA's are a focus of ODE when they look at and review the county plan each EI/ECSE program across the state annually. I met with staff from Lake District Wellness center a couple weeks ago to discuss renewing our IA and talk about services available in our programs. I've since reviewed and updated our old IA and sent a draft copy to them for

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 1:30 PM at the Lake County ESD.