Lake County Early Learning Committee Council
Minutes from December 19, 2017
1:30 pm to 3:00pm

Meeting was held at Lake County ESD conference room.

1. **Introductions**
   Present: Mike Benson, Jill Harlan, Amy Hutchinson, Jack Thompson, Vicky Taylor
2. **Review & Approve December Agenda & November Minutes**
   a. **Agenda**
      The agenda was approved amended to include Bylaws Revisions.
   b. **Minutes**
      The November 28, 2017, minutes were presented. Amy noted that the header should say "Minutes" instead of "Agenda." Mike noted that the first sentence of item 11. A. should read "The program currently has 16 children…" not "The program currently has 17 children…" Minutes were approved with corrections.
3. **Bylaws**
   The revised bylaws were approved as presented.
4. **Hub Updates**
   Vicky shared the following updates on behalf of Gillian Wesenberg.
   a. **Funding for 2017-18**
      The regional governance council met and discussed the $155, 986.33 funding for 2017-18. If the funding was done by percentages of population, Lake County would only receive 3%. Douglas ESD has instituted a $10,000 floor before percentages are used. Lake County is slated to receive $15,000. Vicky is working with Gillian to see if funds can be pooled to hire a part-time person to do a variety of things: family resource, QRIS, and some administrative.
   b. **Grant Applications**
      Vicky reported that state staff reminded hubs that grant dollars can only be used to target priority zones. In Lake County, the priority zones are LCSD #7 and North Lake School.
5. **Schools Update**
   Jack Thompson shared the following updates on behalf of ESD and the schools.
   a. ESD will be applying for Hub dollars for Kindergarten Camp activities for North Lake and LCSD #7. Since Paisley is not in our priority zones, Vicky and Ken are planning to ask Lake County to fund activities there. They can also pursue funding through Collins McDonald Foundation. They will also be implementing Ready for Kindergarten for parents. Mike asked if Paisley will do their program spread across the summer again and Jack believed they will.

b. Lakeview High School recently received a revitalization grant from the state for $336,000 to redo the shop area. They will be remodeling, getting new welders, equipment, and turning the old auto paint booth into a small engine area. Part of this money will also come to the mentor program to increase community connections.

c. Paisley is almost done with the seismic upgrade project. The school is a little disappointed in the quality of the upgrade work as cosmetic final finishes have not all been complete. Hopefully this will be resolved in the near future.

6. Early Learning Providers

a. Healthy Families

Vicky asked that anyone who knows any people in Healthy Families before to help her connect with those families. They are eligible to come back in the program. Some of the numbers she has are not working, and she is working on letters to send to families. Mike asked about kids in foster care. Vicky says Healthy Families can work with parents after kids return home from time in foster care.

7. Health Providers

a. Public Health

Jill reported that Beth Hadley accepted a position at the prison and is no longer at Public Health. Judy Clarke is the Interim Director. Jill is also full-time in the interim, and has picked up responsibility for Environmental Health, Emergency Preparedness, and Infectious Disease. Public Health, Lake County, and the hospital will meet with the state in January to decide whether or not Public Health will transition to the hospital. With all of these changes Jill doesn't have good program numbers for early learning at this meeting.

8. Parent/Grandparent

Vicky reported Briana McLain will come to future meetings as a parent.

9. Other Community Partners Updates

a. DHS

Charlie Tracy is retiring January 15, but Vicky hopes she will attend as a business representative. We don't know who will replace her at DHS.

b. Library

Amy reported that the Friends of Lake County Library voted to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to Lake County. They are busily working to get publicity ready to begin sign ups January 1, 2018. Amy will send all home visitors registration information with details about how the program works. Even with minimal publicity and fundraising, the Friends were able to open the Imagination Library account with over $2,200. KORV 93.5 The Goose radio station is serving as a premier sponsor and helping solicit donations from local businesses. Friends members will be doing some grant writing. Vicky mentioned that Michael Lasher

from Douglas ESD will be calling her to talk about the program since they are currently without a library.

10. LICC Meeting

Mike Benson reported the following:

a. Program Status

The program currently has 17 children total on IFSP's. Five children are in the EI program and 12 in the ECSE program. Those were our final numbers for the December 1 count.

b. **Referral/Evaluation**

The program currently has 3 children in the evaluation process. One of the eligibility meetings is scheduled for after the holiday break. All 3 children will likely qualify for ECSE services. Two EI aged children have been screened by the EI program and will likely be referred for additional testing.

c. SPR&I

Systems Performance Review and Improvement is our annual process we go through to review our files. We review our own files for multiple compliance standards for the feds and submit the data for review to ODE. I have the required 9 files selected and approved by ODE. The program will review 3 EI files, 3 ECSE files, and 3 files of students who transitioned from EI to ECSE programs. The data is due sometime in mid-February. We are planning as an ESD to have a file review day on January 10th. We will likely get most of the files reviewed that morning.

d. **Transitions**

The program has a transition planning meeting scheduled with District #7 for the afternoon of January 10th. There will be 2 children with higher needs behaviorally as well as academic transitioning for next school year. The needs will be discussed with the goal of having the district plan/budget for the additional costs of the services these children will likely need when they enter kindergarten in the fall of 2018. At this time the program has 6 children in the county that will transition to kindergarten. That number will likely increase over the remainder of the program year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 1:30 PM at the Lake County ESD.