South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub
Lake County Community Governance Council
October 24, 2017 Agenda

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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

1. **Introductions**
   Mike Benson, Will Cahill, Reejen Cooper, Carlos Gomez (via telephone), Cynthia Hurkes (via telephone), Amy Hutchinson, Ken Kestner, Jill Harlan, Vicky Taylor, Jack Thompson, and Gillian Wesenberg,
2. **Review Agenda – additions/approval**
   Vicky Taylor noted that Cynthia Hurkes will be reviewing the *Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership & Innovation Narrative: 2017-19* with the group for feedback during the meeting. Agenda approved with addition.
3. **Approve Meeting minutes for August 2017 – additions/corrections**
   Vicky noted that Vanessa Pingleton should have been listed as an attendee on the September meeting minutes. Minutes were approved amended to include Vanessa Pingleton as a meeting attendee.
4. **Hub updates**
   a. **Governor's Letter to the Early Learning Division**
      Gillian Wesenberg reported on the Governor's letter to the Early Learning Division, which will be sent out to the group. She is committed to local and regional direction from communities to guide early learning. She has strong vision for prenatal to 6 year old early learning services. She wants to see cross systems from health, education, and DHS to work together with local hubs to coordinate services.
   b. **New Early Learning Division Director**
      Gillian reported that the state Early Learning Division has a new director, Miriam Calderon, who worked in the Obama administration as a policy advisor on early learning policy and was involved in BUILD Initiative before coming to Oregon. Gillian and Vicky were impressed by her knowledge and energy.
   c. **Hub Services Handout**
      Vicky noted that the one page hub services sheet is finished and she has sent it to everyone. She will get copies out to doctor's offices, etc., with English on one side and Spanish on the other.
   d. **Proposed Regional Workgroups**
      Vicky reported that the state really wants the regions to work together and share information about their successes and learn from each other. To that end, the hub wants to develop two think tank type work groups where members would share with each other and bring information back to the local councils. One workgroup is P-3 and will check in and work with

Cynthia. The other group is for the common intake and referral form and working with Vanessa on integrating with health providers. Anyone interested in either group should email Vicky. No one felt another meeting would be helpful at this point as Vicky brings information back to the group from the Regional Council meetings. Vicky asked Cynthia and Gillian to share Klamath's and Douglas local council's feedback about the proposed work groups as well.

e. **Working with Health Providers**
Ken Kestner emphasized working with health providers to share information and have complementary services. Jack Thompson mentioned that the Lake Health District will be putting on a health fair on November 15 at Daly Middle School 1:30-3:30. Jill Harlan noted this is a teen health fair and may not have high parent attendance.

5. **Review of *Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership & Innovation Narrative: 2017-19***
   a. **Update on Program**
   Cynthia and Gillian reported that the Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation funds will be pulled into a separate category by the state. The original intent of the grant was to create innovation, and they want to allow more leeway for creativity. Cynthia attended a P-3 learning exchange in Bend this past spring where regional groups were asked to identify a problem of practice in the hub's work and a theory of action for addressing it. This application is based on the problem identified at that meeting.
   b. **Review of Narrative**
   Cynthia went over the hub's application to the state with the group, requesting questions or feedback. The following input was given and discussions had:
      i. Jack suggested that where appropriate in the document, references to OAKS be removed and replaced with 'state standardized tests' and the EasyCBM be added with DIEBELS. OAKS will be going away and a new instrument selected. Cynthia will incorporate those changes.
      ii. **Item 4:** Cynthia asked about what data we can track in Lake as far as assessing interventions as to whether they make a difference on assessment. The group discussed, difficulties with data collection with state changing instruments for 3rd grade achievement measures. Kindergarten assessments generally come out in January, but it will be difficult to assess by intervention as some kids received multiple.
      iii. **Item 4:** Jack asked what Parent Cafes are. Cynthia they parent engagement activities based on accountable advocacy, where parents become an integral part of the early education of their children. Quarterly meetings are held to discuss topics that are

important to parents in community. At each event, there is one question at each table and parents go through 3 or 4 questions per event. It's designed to help building parents as leaders, and to ensure the hub is taking their feedback seriously and acting on it.

iv. **Item 4:** Jack asks about how Growth Mindset would work as he has had staff with experience with it at a former district. He says it can make a very positive impact, especially on students experiencing poverty. Cynthia has been teaching these in Douglas for a couple of years already and the intent is to have her would teach it for parents and early educators. It focuses on process praise vs person praise with a brain development component. She asked if we'd like to bring it to Lake County. The group agreed we would, and Jack suggested holding a session in Lakeview and one in North Lake. Gillian mentioned Dr. Kendra Coates in Bend could be brought in. She is an expert in Growth Mindset as well.

v. **Item 5:** Cynthia and Gillian explained that the funding formula changes at state level took quite a long time to get worked out, so the hub will be calling for KPI applications shortly. The State is looking at reducing costs over time and is investigating ways to economize. Ready for Kindergarten is an expensive curriculum. All of the information shared below is qualified by if the hub's necessity to reapply for second year funds.

1. The children furthest from opportunity stream will be approximately $150,000 to $160,000 for an 18-month grant period beginning Jan 1, 2018. For this piece, they are asking people to contribute 10% of their own money to move towards sustainability. This match can be from FY 2017-18 or FY2018-19. They are hoping to have the opportunity out in mid-November with a completely online application process.
2. Another stream will be to serve priority zone at-risk kids in our area and will be about $40,000. They are still working out the application process for this stream, and may invite innovative strategies to work with at risk and/or have a competitive process apply. This opportunity will come after the furthest from opportunity application.

6. **Schools/School Readiness Updates**
   Will Cahill reported that kindergarten assessment data comes out in January, but so far the LCSD #7 teachers are very pleased with how Kindergarten Camp has improved the fall transition into school.
7. **Early Learning Updates**
   Reejen Cooper reported that Head Start had doctor and dentist visits last week.

8. **Health Provider Updates**
   Jill Harlan reported that Public Health is busy with flu shots and more home visiting since Healthy Families was put on hold until new staff are trained. She noted that many of cases are being referred by DHS. She asked if we have parenting classes available yet. Vicky noted that she and Jack are meeting with Julie Hurley of the Parenting program tomorrow. Jill would like to speak with her as well.
9. **Parent/Guardian Updates-**
   None present.
10. Other Committee Member Updates: as time allows
    a. **Healthy Families**
       Carlos Gomez reported they are getting busier, and looking forward to common referral intake forms. Jill asked if the families that were previously in Healthy Families can transition back to Healthy Families when new staff is in place. He thinks they may be able to, but is waiting on information back from the State. He will work with Vicky and Jill on to coordinate renewal of Healthy Families service in Lake County.
    b. **Dolly Parton Imagination Library**
       Amy reported that the Friends of Lake County Library are investigating whether to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program to Lake County. This program would mail one developmentally appropriate book to each registered child age 0-5 per month. The cost of the program to community partners is $25 per year per child. The books are of nice quality and also have suggested reading activities for parents. Early research shows that it is successful in increasing the amount of time that parents spend reading to their child. There is an Oregon family foundation willing to underwrite half of the annual cost for rural counties for the first three years. The Friends would need to do start up and annual donation campaigns to fund the program, soliciting individuals, foundations, community organizations. Parents are never solicited for funds. Amy asks if any community partners present would be willing to assist their clients in registering for the DPIL, and if they know of any potential support available for the program. Registration is simple, with name, address, and age being the basics of what is required. Jill, Reejen, Mike, and Vicky offered to assist with sign ups. Will will ask Susan Warner about it. Those present offered Wampler Foundation, Collins McDonald Foundation, and Soroptimists as potential sources of support.
11. **LICC meeting: Mike Benson**
    a. **Program Status**
       The program currently has 15 children total on IFSP's. Six children are in the EI program and 9 in the ECSE program. A family with a child on an IFSP moved into the NL area. The program updated/renewed paperwork last week and services will begin again this week. The program will also

qualify an additional ECSE child later this week in Paisley giving us 16 total on the caseload. So as of this coming Friday we will have 11 children in Lakeview, 3 in Paisley, and 2 in NL.

b. **Referral/Evaluation**
   We have 3 additional children in the evaluation process. Two of those evaluation will be newly identified children and the third current evaluation is and EI to ECSE aged transition.
c. **Tracking/Child Find**
   Head start has 3 children that the program is checking in on and monitoring their development and potential need for referral. 11 speech/language/hearing screenings were completed last week at the NL preschool. One child will likely be referred for an eligibility evaluation for speech. The program and family have not made contact to discuss screening results to date.
d. **Building**
   Acoustic sound panels are ordered but shipment may take a little time. Company stated approximately 4 weeks for delivery. I ordered them about 2 weeks ago.
e. **Intergovernmental 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. Purpose of the IA's is to increase collaboration between agencies for referring families, increase identification, increase services etc. The program has not had an IA with Mental Health in several years. I've contacted the new director for the Lake Wellness center and have a meeting set up next week to review and revise the old IA as well as learn more about services or programs can provide.