

REGIONAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

September 12, 2018 | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Attendees

Rhonda Neighorn	Gwyn Bachtle	Vanessa Pingleton
Dena Haudenschild	Vicky Taylor	Cynthia Hurkes
Miriam Calderon	Tammy Hunt	Danielle Walker
Sue Parrish	Sherri Hu	
Michael Lasher	Gillian Wesenberg	

Meeting Outcomes:

- Share with the Early Learning Division leaders the Hub governance process, regional and local priorities.
- Learn about the Early Learning Division emerging priorities and strategic plan.
- Begin planning for the addition of one or two regional priorities.
- Discuss plans supported through the Meyer Memorial Grant for increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion in our region.

Partner Updates

Klamath County:

- Shared the majority of Early Learning Hub updates at the Appreciative Site Visit meeting.
- County Priorities: Early Literacy and Early Attendance in Life.
- Early Learning Division team visited Klamath County the day before.

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians:

- Purchased an old church to create multi-generational center and include a Preschool Promise classroom.
- Planning for Ready! for Kindergarten classes, one held prior and one to be held on Sept. 24th
- Will host a Virtual Preschool in which the first 15 minutes of the day will be posted to the Cow Creek website so children who are not enrolled will have access to the video feed.

Lake County:

- Held kindercamps in which 60 children attended summer camp in Lakeview to prepare for their upcoming year.
- Lakeview and Christmas Valley received Ready! for Kindergarten courses.
- Will be holding Community Baby Showers in Christmas Valley, Lakeview, and Paisley.
 - Group discussed how to co-promote Klamath and Lake County Baby showers on radio and in newspapers.

Douglas ESD:

- Douglas ESD staff will be moving to office spaces at the Douglas County Library with hopes of turning the ESD building into an early learning center.
- Received a \$300,000 grant from The Ford Family Foundation for Ready, Set, Learn in which interventionists work with families, schools and teachers helping children learn to emotionally regulate. The program has been growing since its pilot two years ago.

Authentic Parent Engagement:

- Working with Children's Institute and PSU to start implementing some parts of Yoncalla Early Works into other Douglas County areas including Glendale School District and Winchester Elementary catchment areas.

Regional Priorities

KPI:

- Offers funds for kindergarten readiness including Ready! for Kindergarten, Play2Learn, SMART – dialogic reading trainings to children on pre-kindergarten waitlists, virtual preschool (Cow Creek Tribe of Umpqua Band of Indians), Culturally Responsive Practice Trainings, All for Math, Growing Early Mindsets (GEM), scholarships for professional development opportunities.
- Funding a portion of the Early Learning Community Needs Assessment in Douglas County for Authentic Parent Engagement and PSU data analysis for Klamath County Early Literacy.

Home Visiting Systems (Community UPLIFT)

- 27 Partners helped create Community UPLIFT
- New Family Resource Facilitator hired in Lake County
- Working with the Early Learning Hub and Douglas ESD to create a data collection tool

Updates from the Early Learning Division

- Miriam Calderon – Director of the Early Learning Division, Gwen Bachtle – Preschool Promise coordinator, and Sue Parrish – Early Learning Hub Manager were visiting for the State Appreciative Site Visit and shared information on:
 - Early Learning Council Strategic Planning process
 - POPs (Policy Option Packages) and the Governor’s budget which comes out in December
 - Emerging state priorities
 - Work force – adequately compensated and adequate supply of childcare providers
 - Supply of childcare (Oregon is a “childcare desert”)
 - Quality of Childcare
 - Housing
 - Strategies for increasing childcare
 - Sliding scale system for families
 - Preschool promise type expansion
 - Contracted preschool slots
 - Workforce retention through adequate compensation
 - Baby Promise – Ways to get ready
 - Communities that are ready for a soft rollout
 - Professionals are ready for providing infant-toddler care
 - Facilities that are safe and ready for infant-toddlers
 - Data dives – where are gaps in care?
 - Transportation
 - Parent voice in planning
 - Removing service duplications and eliminating gaps

Next Meeting

December 14, 2019, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Location to be determined.

Planning for Regional Priorities

Measuring Readiness