

Attendance

Steve Schenewerk
Michael Carter
Rhonda Janecke
Dena Haudenschild

Analicia Nicholson
Julie Hurley
Gillian Wesenberg
Athena Wikstrom

Danielle Walker

The Budget Committee meeting was held virtually for ease of member access.

South-Central Early Learning Hub Updates

The Douglas ESD response to Budget Committee questions was distributed to Budget Committee members earlier this week. Analicia reviewed the memo and answered committee questions.

The Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC), the Early Learning Council (ELC), and Hubs are working with BUILD to define the role of Hubs. BUILD will also be working to clarify the role of the Backbone organizations.

Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) supervision recently switched from Douglas ESD to the South-Central Early Learning Hub but has always been a part of the South-Central Early Learning Hub.

Pacific Research and Evaluation

The South-Central Early Learning Hub currently does not have a Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) employee. To save staff time and increase efficiency, the Regional Governance Council (RGC) requested a proposal from a research-based firm, to help identify KPI strategies. Hub Staff asked Pacific Research and Evaluation (PRE) to provide a quote to complete regional focus groups throughout the region.

PRE provided a quote of \$36,841 and suggested an additional \$20,000 for ongoing research services for KPI and the Hub for the upcoming year.

Michael Carter made a motion to approve the proposal as submitted. Rhonda Janecke seconded the motion. Steve is in favor of the proposal. No further discussion, no opposition. Motion passed.

Budget

Members of Budget Committee received the South-Central Early Learning Hub Budget earlier this week.

Michael Carter made a motion to approve the budget. Dena Haudenschild seconded the motion. The group requested a focus on reducing costs in the next budget. No further discussion, no opposition. Motion to approve the South-Central Early Learning Hub Budget passed.

Next Meeting

To be determined