South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub
Lake County
Community Governance Council

Date: May 28, 2019
Time: 1:30 PM

Minutes

Steering Committee:	☒ Vicky Taylor ☐ Amy Hutchinson	☒ Jack Thompson	☐ Charley Tracy	☒ Jill Harlan
Voting Members:	☒ Mike Benson ☒ Reejen Cooper	☒ Gail Buermann ☐ Kadi Estes	☒ Niki Taylor ☐ Arvinder Singh	☒ Will Cahill ☐ Jake Greer
Community Partners:	☐ Arianna Azamar ☒ Melinda Collier ☐ Kimberly Ishida ☐ Michelle Totten	☐ Chandra Cahill ☐ Colleen May ☐ Susan Warner ☒ Heidi Martinez	☐ Rhonda Neighorn ☐ Francie Winters ☐ James Williams ☐ Gail Buermann	☐ Judy Clarke ☐ Kendra Holderman ☐ Judy Springer ☒ Ken Kestner
DESD Staff:	☒ Daphne Greer ☐ Julie Hurley	☐ Gillian Wesenberg ☐Athena Wikstrom	☒ Vanessa Pingleton	☒ Cynthia Hurkes
Guests:				

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Welcome/Introductions	Introductions were performed	
Approve April Minutes	Minutes from April were approved as presented	
Chair / Vice Chair Steering Committee	Gail Buermann and Will Cahill volunteered to be on the steering committee. Their terms begin on 7/1/19. Jack volunteered to stay on as Vice-Chair and Vicky will stay on as Chair. All approved.	
Community UPLiFT-Vanessa	Four years ago, the South-Central Early Learning Hub (SCELH) received a grant from The Ford Family Foundation for a Coordinated Intake and Referral System for early childhood home visiting. The Community UPLiFT referral system assists families with small children in finding needed resources in education, childcare,	

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	preschool, parenting, health care, self-sufficiency, etc. This is an additional way for people to make a referral, not to replace any existing systems. It is a closed loop referral system, meaning whoever makes the referral is able to review the outcome. Many CCO's, as well as DHS, Public Health and medical providers collaborated on this project. Referrals can be sent via scan, text, or fax. Currently, most referrals come from medical professionals. Vanessa gave a demonstration on the online data portal. Users must have completed HIPPA and FERPA training.	
KPI Updates: Cynthia	Cynthia discussed the PSU research that was conducted as well as options for generating reports. PSU is creating templates from raw data for everyone to use. DESD has hired another communications person, which will allow them more time to work with KPI, generating reports. These reports will provide quantitative data needed for grant requests. Cynthia and Will have been working on a professional development survey. This will be sent out in September to schools and key partners that work with kids ages 3-8. There has not been any word on 2019-2021 funding allocation yet, but they are hoping to put more funds into professional development including Growing Early Mindsets workshops. Cynthia and Amy are trying to get Dr. Kendra Coates to Medford for a workshop. KPI plans to establish professional learning teams regionally and hold meetings quarterly at various locations.	
EL Hub Updates: Gillian	The Regional Governance Council asked for evaluations and surveys to understand where the region is and where gaps still exist for childcare and preschool. Pacific Research and Evaluation services, LLC (PRE) is collaborating with the SCELH to administer surveys. Many other counties are doing this as well. PRE will be giving $5 incentive cards to providers who complete the survey. This should be coming out in the next couple of weeks. The kindergarten teacher and parent surveys have already gone out. Funding allocations are still in process at the state level. Vanessa will be doing a presentation on Community UPLiFT in Salem on June 5 at the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Café Conference.	
Public Health/Health Providers	Per the Universal Home Visiting RFP, all mothers with babies are to have a home visit. Families will receive three visits from nurses and then will be referred to other resources as needed. Public Health is excited about this more formal approach and is	**Daphne will send out meeting with Heidi, Vicky, Jill and Niki. In July.**

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	hoping to put a positive spin on home visiting for recipients, if they are able to submit a proposal in the short timeframe provided. The Wellness Center received a grant for Parent/Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) for children ages two to six. The grant providers are concerned about numbers and want to be sure there will be enough referrals. Over the next two years, they must serve 80 families and will be needing referrals. A parenting class provided by Heidi Martinez for the Mental Health Department has been going for five to six weeks. They are hoping to offer it again throughout the year. Childcare and transportation for parenting class is a huge issue and many parents are missing out. The curriculum for the parenting class was developed by Heidi Martinez, and covers childhood development, abuse, communication, discipline, blending families, etc. It is for parents with all ages of children. The Wellness Center is hoping to do separate classes covering individual age groups.	
Schools/School Readiness- Jack, Will, Susan & Gail	Plush/Adel schools are all finished. Lakeview schools are out on June 7. Seniors are done this week. They have had a full staff at Lakeview School District, which has been nice. North Lake passed a bond levy and a four-million-dollar match from the state. Lakeview School district is considering moving to a four-day school week. Lakeview School District also has talked about passing a bond measure for DMS renovations as well.	
Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Updates & Provider Needs	There has been a reduction in the number of larger childcare providers, which has affected families and left a provider shortage. Niki (CCR&R) is working with providers, trying to get them to move forward with licensing and continue to take classes. There was a recent two-hour class on making sense of screen time for providers; five providers attended. Lakeview has no registered providers. CCR&R is working on an incentive chart to help providers attend classes. A study will be done on where the children are currently receiving care. Lakeview has a handful of unregistered providers that max out at the limit of three kids and income is stagnant. Melinda wants to try to get these providers to work together and support one another, which will hopefully motivate them and help them move forward. The CCR&R believes learning teams and professional development would aid in creating additional resources and mentorship. Providers will be contacted to assist with childcare in the evenings for workshops, meetings, and other events.	

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Early Learning Partners	Head Start classes end this Thursday. A duration classroom will be added next year, it will be held five days per week for six and a half hours per day for working parents and students. Head Start will also have a three and a half hour class Monday through Thursday. They are looking for a full time advocate for preschool this summer with an AA degree or higher for in classroom and home visiting. In addition, the summer lunch program, Outback Strong will be using Head Start's kitchen again.	
Mike Benson, LICC	LICC is submitting a county plan to the state. Mike is also looking for a new assistant to replace the one has who is leaving. He will be posting position next Wednesday.	
Next meeting	**TBD in the Fall**	