

REGIONAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

June 7, 2019 | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Attendance

Steve Schenewerk
Rhonda Neighorn
Cliff Jones
Analia Nicholson
Michael Lasher

Dena Haudenschild
Rhonda Janecke
Barb Johnson
Gillian Wesenberg
Cynthia Hurkes

Heidi McGowan
Vanessa Pingleton
Danielle Walker

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Supporting Your Leadership

The Regional Governance Council engaged with Cliff Jones in regional conversations about supporting leadership and leveraging engagement in our communities.

Questions Cliff Posed to the Council include:

- What do you need on your own DEI journey to position yourself to lead more effectively?
- Do you view yourself as a leader around DEI?
 - No? What would support you to view yourself in that way?
 - Yes? What would support you to step more solidly in that role?
- Step into leadership in a way that you can engage other people
- What do you feel like you need to know or understand about DEI that may support you in your leadership role? We're all on the journey.
- What do you need to do on your own DEI journey to position yourself to lead more effectively?
- Where might you develop your leadership to be able to make a strategic request from your community that will make a difference and magnify an impact?

Director's Report and Legislative Update

- The funding for Early Learning Hubs is currently based on SNAP data, but the state is looking into new ways to distribute funding that better gauges: poverty, race and ethnicity, children with disabilities, and geographic distance, for example. This will not affect the funding for 2019-20.
- Distributed article from Children's Institute – *What does passage of the Student Success Act Mean for Early Childhood?*
- State Leaders are excited for the passage of the Student Success Act; no changes have been finalized. This will not affect the 2019-20 year.

ELH Initiatives

Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation (KPI)

- Cynthia Hurkes distributed KPI regional handout for biennium activities (2017-19).
- KPI offers scholarships for Professional Development opportunities for conferences such as the COSA Statewide Early Learning Conference.
- KPI is bringing Dr. Kendra Coates to the region (one presentation in each county) this fall to speak about Growing Early Mindsets (GEM).
 - Target Audience: Early Educators and Preschool Teachers
- KPI is planning to help facilitate Early Learning Teams in each county of the region to examine:

- KPI is planning to help facilitate Early Learning Teams in each county of the region to examine Oregon's Early Learning and Guidelines. Meetings are hosted in the evening around 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm to accommodate working individuals. Dinner is included and participants receive some form of payment including evening rates for teachers.

Community UPLIFT

Community UPLIFT is focusing on four buckets of work:

- Coordinated Intake and Referral
 - There have been 269 referrals to the region
 - 195 families have been connected to services
 - 79 individuals did not answer or were already connected to services.
 - Community UPLIFT launched the new data portal to assist in tracking families and the data our community partners have asked for.
 - In addition to fax, referrals can now be sent via URL, Text, and QR codes.
- Internal Communication
 - Working to improve how programs are communicating with each other.
 - Current partners are building relationships with other programs.
 - Example: UHA was looking for a bed for a family who was not sleeping safely. They were able to send an email to the UPLIFT team and were able to find six beds available for families.
- External Communication
 - Work in this area is just now starting.
 - Highlighted a new survey that was completed by The Ford Family Foundation where people firmly believe that Home Visiting programs are important.
 - How do we get the word out to our communities?
- Professional Development
 - Gathering information with PSU – what do Home Visiting programs want and need for professional development?
 - Experimenting with Lunch and Learns in Douglas and Klamath Counties. We are working to bring a Lunch and Learn to Lake County.

Douglas County

- Authentic Community and Parent Engagement
 - SCELH partnered with Children's Institute, Portland State University, and KPI to focus on two data-identified communities in the county: Glendale and Winchester
 - Gillian shared information regarding current projects geared towards gathering parent and community voice and engaging parents in leadership roles and as decision-makers.
 - Kindergarten Surveys
 - Parent Surveys
 - Community Cafés - Winchester
 - In-Service Day – Glendale
 - A representative from Glendale is attending the National Family and Community Engagement Conference

Klamath County

- Early Literacy
 - Pre and post surveys have been handed in and initial pre-survey results were distributed. Post survey data is being entered and PSU will analyze and share the overall results of the project; this information will be available for our next Regional Governance Council Meeting.
- Early Attendance

- Distributed referral information from Cascade Health Alliance (CHA) that showed 221 families missed well-child visits from one clinic in a three-month period. CHA will reach out to these families and offer information on the importance of well-child visits and offer incentive items for attending their well-child visit.
- Distributed examples for well-child info cards and magnets that the ELH created.
- Final results of the Early Attendance Project will be shared at our September meeting.

Lake County

- Lake County partners were unable to attend meeting; no update was provided.

Regional Planning

- Regional Plan needs to align with Raise Up Oregon
- We are being urged by the state to create a regional plan, and are being asked to focus on:
 - Early Care and Education
 - Professional Development
 - Parent Engagement
 - Gathering parent voice and choice
 - Moving parents into decision-making roles
 - Equity
 - Focusing on children furthest from opportunity
 - Special focus on race and ethnicity

Strategic Planning Process

- Research is underway through Pacific Research
 - First step is to complete a “landscape analysis”
 - Will conduct a Kindergarten Survey, a Provider Survey, a Parent Survey, and Superintendent Interviews
 - Designed to understand preschool and child care location and costs; what parents want; what schools want, etc.
- Data collection to be completed this summer
- Should have data ready for review at the September Regional Governance Council meeting

Next Meeting Date

September 18, 2019 from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm