

Early Learning Council

AGENDA & MINUTES



December 10th, 2015

Attendees: Suey Linzmeier, Jim Seymour, Jenn Richter, Bonnie Corns, Ian Bergmann, Michael Finlay, Mindy Larson, Lindsey Manfrin, Jordan Robinson, Shannon Vandehey, Dr. Peg Miller, Kristina Sheppard, Kyra Donovan, Tonya Hill

Regrets: Lauren Berg, Danielle Ludwick, Amy Egli, John Gaudet, Marti Hofenbredl

Absent:

Guests: Odi Campos, Criselda Lopez-Vera

Scribe: Miriam Corona

Time	Agenda Item	Detail	Motions/Approvals/ Action Item	Responsible Party
<p>Meeting Purpose: to update the Early Learning Council on recent Hub activities and to get their feedback on upcoming projects</p> <p>Meeting Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review the Library Lending Project 2. To review the OPEC RFP and address what it could mean for our community 3. To review the EL Hub's enhanced strategic plan and 2016 work plan 4. To inform the ELC about the upcoming RFP for Build Forward funds 				
4:00	Introductions & announcements	<p>New application renewal form (Bonnie)</p> <p>-Contact information & conflict of interest forms were distributed to all members to update any changes.</p> <p>-All members who want to renew their ELC membership will fill out form.</p>		Suey Linzmeier
4:10	Review Packet Contents	<p>Review agenda and minutes from 11.12.15</p> <p>-County-wide kindergarten registration date and Indoor Clean Air Act discussions will be on the January agenda when all school representatives are present.</p>		Suey Linzmeier

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4:15	Lending Library Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework for the project was presented. Goal is to develop an effective lending library model for apartment complexes with a high density of children from low income families in McMinnville. • Real reading experiences at home/accessibility to books. • Helps children foster a love for reading. • Findings: The events that have higher family attendance are those in which children have a role and food is provided. • Currently working to establish libraries in Villa West Apartments and Villa del Sol apartments in McMinnville. • Will work with Book Mobile during the summer time and multicultural clubs from Linfield College. • Fostering Hope Community Connector in Villa West Apartments is very supportive. 		Criselda Lopez-Vera
4:25	OPEC RFP	<p>A group of foundations came together about 5 years ago and recognized the effectiveness of parent education and promoting the development of children as an effective tool. As a result, through a series of RFPs, they've encouraged communities to create a collaboration of coordinating parent education in counties (Parenting Hubs). There is a significant amount of money that goes along with this. Lutheran Community Services (LCS) hasn't been successful in their last two application attempts to secure funds for a Parenting Hub in Yamhill County. The next application is due in February. Yamhill County/ LCS needs to look for a partner Hub in another county to apply; we are looking to partner with Polk County's current parenting hub. Many Yamhill organizations currently post parenting classes on Polk's Parenting Hub website: www.parentedtogether.com. LCS and the YCCO are in initial conversations about what a collaboration between Polk and Yamhill County parent education providers/ hub will look like. It has to be a real collaboration and not just on paper. Polk County has had self-interest in sustainable funding and by partnering with us in the past they would actually receive less money and had not been interested in partnering. At this point, how the funding is structured, they see us as a partner to get sustainable funding. What LCS proposes, the Yamhill CCO isn't interested in taking on. There will be a meeting on December 18th from 9-10:30am in Amity with</p>		Jordan Robinson

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		<p>Yamhill and Polk County representatives at the Fire Hall. There is a lot of interest in parent education, and having a single coordinator would normalize parent education; additionally, parenting is a population health issue. A survey was given to parents about thoughts on parent education and what would make them more likely to attend. School districts are encouraged to attend the Dec. 18th meeting where we'll discuss structure and coordination of this collaboration. Funding would be about \$90,000 per year for (5?) years. Money is used for infrastructure-building in the communities. Any ELC members who aren't able to attend the Dec. 18th meeting but want to be involved in the parent education work group are encouraged to let Jenn Richter know and stay in the loop about what was discussed.</p>		
<p>5:05</p>	<p>Strategic Plan/Work Plan Review</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone for all your feedback. The Early Learning Division have given us 26 metrics to meet. We need to avoid duplication of services and overextension of any one agency or individual. The Work Plan and Strategic Plan were shared. Overview of the strategic plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal#1- Prioritize support services for our neediest populations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prenatal to age 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maternal Medical Homes ▪ MDT for home visiting ▪ OPIP partnership • Corrections & addiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop referral system and shared activities with Sheridan FCI ▪ Preschool programming for AA/NA ▪ Support groups for mothers with addiction • Expand the Parent Advisory Council to include parent voice from each school district. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going out to those who can't come in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent leadership development • Goal #2- Partner w/school districts and CCR&R to promote School Readiness Activities for families and providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready! for Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All Yamhill County School Districts 		<p>Jenn Richter</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two series for childcare providers • Upcoming activities/discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Targeted transition activities for Head Start families ▪ Common kindergarten registration ▪ Kindergarten attendance • Support the expansion and accessibility of brain building activities in the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VROOM • Reach Out and Read (select clinics) • Read & Feed • Triple P training • Cross-sector professional development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mind in the Making ▪ Growing Early Minds • Goal #3: Promote services provided by partner agencies for family health and the array of classes offered community-wide to support parents and prevent child abuse or neglect. • Population-based health initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunization • Oral health education and prevention • Well-child checks • Incentive program for parents? <p>Lindsay Manfrin- love the focus on at-risk families and population health strategies. That's where we will see the biggest movement in our community and see the change. Would like to hear an update on the OPEC work soon.</p> <p>Jordan Robinson- the incentive, is that to build interest or is there a model? Jenn Richter- we are looking at the Babes Store model, it could be a PAC-owned project. There's discussion on this, there's nothing set in stone. Dr. Peg Miller- we have done gift card incentives for check-ups. Adolescents have especially liked the program.</p> <p>Kristina Sheppard- in the 52 page document, is there an emphasis on mental health for kids and families? It's a huge need in our services in the county.</p>		
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		<p>Jenn Richter- only as it pertains to ACEs that lead to depression and such, and then addiction.</p> <p>Lindsey Manfrin- I think there's a lot of work being done in the community. It would be nice to get more information about what is happening.</p> <p>Suey Linzmeier- one of the CCO's metrics that we'll be able to meet, is have behavioral providers and health care providers co-located in clinics/offices. The CCO is looking at encouraging other practices to do that.</p> <p>Lindsey Manfrin- prenatal care is being included in that. Beyond the behaviorist, there's some clinics that have a mental health provider in their clinic as well. The county is interested in expanding that to clinics that are interested.</p> <p>Kristina- we are seeing in the schools that getting mental health services is a big barrier. Kids need mental health now at a much younger age.</p> <p>Lindsey- With the Wellness to Learn pilot program in McMinnville SD, (community health workers) should be available not just to the student but be able to connect them to other community resources.</p>		
5:20	Build Forward	<p>First round of Yamhill CCO's Transformation funds were coined "Invest Forward", last year was "Transform Forward" this year is "Build Forward". Funds are from CCO reserves that the Board has set aside for transformational work.</p> <p>Suey- CCO's are tasked with innovative and creative ways to engage OHP clients to really focus on prevention and intervention to have a healthy community. This looks different for each different population within the OHP membership. Could address issues such as adolescent well child checks, maternal medical home, immunizations, etc. When we have done well as a community in the past, we have been given a report with money, and could then go back to address those issues. One of these projects are the West Valley's community EMS program where a paramedic goes to patients' homes and avoid ER visits.</p>		Bonnie Corns

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		<p>This year, the YCCO is trying to include the EL Hub and the dental health organizations. All members are encouraged to join the Oral Health Coalition, it is open to anybody in the community (focuses on meeting the oral health metrics and push the prevention and intervention piece). Coalition meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7am at CCO offices. Coffee is provided!</p> <p>The RFP process will start with a letter of intent by January 29th and the Board will review all of them. The Board will make decisions on which ones they want to request full proposals on.</p> <p>Start thinking of projects that you've been considering and had wished there was money available to fund them. Yamhill CCO will provide technical support with help writing these proposals. The Board will have a review committee for the proposals and will have equal representation from the different Board committees. Anybody can submit a proposal as long as they provide services within our area. ELC members are encouraged to look at the strategic plan and identify any gaps.</p> <p>Jim Seymour- has attended emergency hearing at the State Capital about housing. There will be a focus on how to help families and individuals with young children in insecure housing. In Yamhill County there should be a plan to address homelessness. If somebody had a proposal and had support of the EL Hub, the Housing Authority, they could probably tap into the \$40 million funds that are available through the State of Oregon.</p> <p>Suey- there is now research on the higher health care costs of experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Jordan- homelessness is the elephant in the room.</p> <p>Bonnie- can Jim Seymour please send that information to Bonnie on the \$40 million fund?</p> <p>Suey- can Bonnie be the organizer of a meeting for a committee interested in</p>	<p>Jim Seymour- please send that information to Bonnie on the \$40 million fund.</p> <p>Bonnie-organize a meeting for a homelessness committee interested in submitting a proposal.</p>	
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		<p>submitting a proposal that focuses on homelessness committee?</p> <p>Suey- Yamhill CCO Board has set aside Build Forward funds to address education and specifically talking to schools about innovative prevention and intervention projects that Tony Biglan is suggesting. The meeting is January 7th, the invitation for the meeting will be out soon. Tony is the researcher who presented at the Family Resiliency Conference.</p>		
5:25	Items for the good of the order	<p>Mac Hub- a non-profit that is raising funds for several agencies in the area, including Juliette’s House. You donate items that you don’t want, half of what they make off of that donation will go to the non-profit you would like to support. Flyer was passed out with donation dates and hours. Tuesday’s News Register had an article. Info on Juliette’s House’s website. When you donate items you specify what non-profit you want to support.</p> <p>Shannon Vandehey shared the most current QRIS data. There are now 20 star rated programs in Yamhill County. Compared to the rest of the state, we are doing pretty well. Compared with other counties about our size, we are rocking!</p> <p>Lindsey Manfrin is now on the Best Beginnings Community workgroup, a committee of the Early Learning Division’s ELC, that targets prenatal to 3. Will be setting prenatal standards across the board. Those who have those programs will be asked for feedback.</p> <p>Suey- sat in a workgroup on Early Learning Division on the Preschool Promise (mixed delivery preschool). They have had a lot of public feedback and some changes will be made. There are a lot of discussions around this, and YELH should ask for a presentation in round 2 of information.</p> <p>Michael Finlay- SMART is looking for a bilingual coordinator, preferably bicultural. Suey suggested sharing the job posting with Unidos Bridging Community.</p> <p>Lindsay Manfrin- will suggest to Mary Starrett to come to the February</p>		

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		<p>meeting.</p> <p>Jim Seymour- there's a video that would be great for the ELC to see. It's about how to promote trauma informed care and how to engage the whole community to get involved.</p> <p>Suey- would be a good idea to show it when Mary Starrett comes to the ELC meeting in February.</p>		
5:30	Adjourn			

Future Agenda Items:

- County-wide kindergarten registration date
- Inclusive Child Care Program – Melinda Benson
- EL Hub Budget review – Seamus McCarthy
- School-aged vaccinations, Indoor Clean Air Act –Lindsey Manfrin
- DHS referrals – Lindsey Manfrin
- Support for families in DHS – Mary Starrett