

Early Learning Council

AGENDA & MINUTES

January 14th, 2016

Location: Yamhill CCO Offices, 807 NE 3rd St., McMinnville, OR

Conference Call Number: 1-888-393-2450

Participant Code: 4442438



Attendees: Michael Finlay, Jim Seymour, Marti Hofenbredl, Peg Miller, Mindy Larson, Jordan Robinson, John Gaudet, Bonnie Corns, Suey Linzmeier, Seamus McCarthy, Kyra Donovan, Lauren Berg, Jennifer Richter, Danielle Ludwick, Leah Griffith, Tonya Hill, Cynthia Barthouly, Lindsey Manfrin, Stacey Daeschner

Absent: Amy Egli

Guests: Kim Lorz (standing in for Stacey Daeschner), Sandy DiBetta (for Amy Egli), Colleen Rueland, Mary Starrett, Dave Ross (Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnerships), Melinda Benson

Scribe: Rachel Grant

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 Early Learning Hub budget for FY 2105-17 2. To discuss projects which we might apply to fund through Build Forward funds 3. To discuss ways that we as a community could help families newly involved with DHS navigate the system and work toward reunification 4. To learn about opportunities for parents and caregivers of chronically ill and/or disabled children, through the Inclusive Child Care Program 5. To provide an overview of our pilot project with OPIP and discuss next steps 				
4:00	Introductions	Meeting begun at 4:09pm.		Kyra Donovan
4:05	Review Packet Contents	Review agenda and minutes from 12.10.15		Kyra Donovan
4:10	Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ OPEC update – Jordan Robinson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This project would be in partnership with Polk County ○ Jordan, Jenn, Suey & Kyra attended four hour work session with Polk. Next workgroup scheduled on Jan 22nd. Application due Feb. 1st. ○ How do we oversee two counties? We would like representatives from the school districts, child care providers/trainers, Head Start (from both counties), relief nurseries (from both counties), Public 		

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		<p>Health (from both counties), and DHS (from both counties). Council approved this plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the target populations? Kindergarten children, rural communities, teen parent programs in school districts, Latino community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suey suggests offering Making Parenting a Pleasure classes at each elementary school ▪ Kyra suggests a way to increase parent attendance is to destigmatize parenting classes by making them part of the process of sending children to Kindergarten ○ Suey: Take letter of support to school districts and have it back to by Jan 22nd ○ Kyra: Market this county wide ■ Kindergarten registration – Kyra Donovan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the Head Start Transition meeting April 21st, 3:30-6:30pm was selected as the county wide Kindergarten Registration date. ○ EL Hub will provide some funds for marketing. ○ Targets for marketing date: preschools, pediatricians ○ Parents will be able to show up to any school on that date and that school can send their info to the school it needs to go ○ One barrier that has been identified is that some parents don't have correct paperwork. In the marketing campaign, parents need to be assured that even if they don't have the suggested paperwork they should still come to early registration. Possible messaging: Bring it if you have it ○ This push is to help fill a new EL Hub metric that looks for an increase in children that preregister for Kindergarten ○ Dr. Miller is happy to hand out flyers and immunization records ○ It was suggested doing an immunization event at registration, and Marti confirmed they have done that in the past and that is was successful. It did not give children a negative impression of school. ○ Dr. Larson suggested undocumented parents as another target for marketing campaign. Make it clear that they don't need social 		
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		<p>security numbers to register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pre-school promise – Kyra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-school promise formerly known as Pre-school initiative. ○ EL Hubs can request funding through RFA process. 4-6 Hubs will be awarded funds. ○ Kyra: Our concern is that when we were asking questions about the parameters around grant funding, they did not have clear answers. The turnaround time is middle of Feb. The preschool would open in Sept. 2016. ○ Requirements for funding: QRIS rating (In order to be 4 or 5 QRIS rated you have to be licensed to provide child care), staff with bachelor’s degree in early childhood ed. (hard to find in our county). ○ You can submit a waiver for some guidelines but they didn’t know for sure how that would work yet. ○ There is no sustainable funding guaranteed. Private provider can access funds through EL Hub. No local provides have expressed interest to Hub so far. If a private provider is interested, quality control has to go through Hub/ELC and we are not sure how that would work. ○ There may be opportunity to be in second round of funding if approved by legislature. Hopefully second round will have clearer guidelines. ○ Suey: Children’s Institute (Portland area) is very interested in this and will apply ○ Question to group: Are we interested in applying? ○ Sandy: Willamina is interested in starting a preschool. She will take this back to the superintendent. A private preschool is interested in working with them. ○ If interested contact Jenn as soon as possible. She will submit the grant but will not write it. 		
4:20	CCO Update & EL Hub Budget Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year End Review of Yamhill CCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Closed third year in business. 		Seamus McCarthy

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contracted with Oregon Health Authority to provide Non-emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) through the WellRide program. ○ Currently have 25,000 members. ○ Ended the year with a 5 million dollar surplus ○ Partnered with the EL Hub for the Wellness to Learn program which we hope to expand to all schools ○ There is now a SIT Team in every school district. Organized by Miriam Corona, Yamhill CCO Community Engagement Coordinator. ○ Released 1.5 million for transformation funding through Build Forward grants (formerly known as Transformation funding). Community can apply for grant funds for innovative projects that change the way healthcare is delivered in Yamhill County which does cross over into early learning. ○ 1.7 million dollars was invested to support alternative payment methodologies and patient centered primary care including housing behaviorists in clinics. Maternal medical homes, in leadership with Lindsay Manfrin at Public Health screen for at risk moms to improve health of babies. ○ CCO and EL Hub budgets were passed by the board. ○ EL Hub workplan and strategic plan submitted to state. ● Suey noted that a maternal medical home is a physician/clinic, not a home, and that Build Forward funds go beyond the medical field into early learning ● Tonya is applying to Build Forward for kinder readiness opportunities. ● Build Forward letters of intent are due Jan. 29. Full proposal are invited by board and due in March ● For more info on Build Forward contact Bonnie Corns. 		
4:35	Build Forward & Homeless Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At last meeting there was discussion of starting a project to make an impact on homelessness in Yamhill County. ● State will be releasing funds in 2016 to work with homeless (called Lift funds). This funding is focused on rural areas, minority families, and priority is given to DHS involved families. 		Kyra Donovan/ Bonnie Corns

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Seymour attending a meeting yesterday on the Lift funds. There will be more information available in June. • Bonnie: the State recommend we work with other partners like the housing authority, DHS, churches etc. A facilitator from state is willing to come facilitate meetings between possible partners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently considering models for a home for homeless pregnant women. CCO Community Healthy Workers (CHWs) suggested the Bethany House model. ○ May contact Juliette’s House and Henderson House to see if they want to partner with CCO/EL Hub ○ Recommendation is to submit Build Forward letter of intent to study and do research and put together a plan to build something like Bethany House. Once assessment is done identify partners. Build Forward would provide funds for one year of planning. • Jordan recommends hiring a CHW who works specifically with homeless population. This CHW would have a braided funding stream so they could work with more than CCO members. • Bonnie: How do we do more than just put a band-aid on the problem, but get to the root cause of homelessness in Yamhill County? This is why she recommends applying for a year of planning. • Jim Seymour stated that research to supports idea of housing first before thinking of root cause. Until you provide shelter you won’t address any of the other causes. His question is, how do we increase affordable housing stock? He liked the idea of asking for a planning grant. He stated that is it is important to line up plan with Lift funding. Does the Bethany house model fit Lift funding? • Mary Starrett likes the Bethany House model as it provides women with the tools to be successful after leaving the home. • Bonnie can provide assistance to someone who wants to write the Build Forward grant • Jordan suggests connecting with CWISH to write letter of intent. • Jim Seymour stated that if someone is interested in writing the letter 		
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		<p>Catholic Community Services would support them. If no one else is interested, CCS would be willing to write letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other proposals for Build Forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tonya writing a letter for Kindergarten transition camps for all communities; school districts interested ○ Training for providers? ○ Funds to round out OPEC grant; Jordan interested in that • Group agreed that Parent Education Together should be included with Kindergarten Transition Camps. 		
4:45	System navigation for DHS families	<p>Commissioner Starrett is proposing Parent navigator program for families whose children have been removed by DHS. Parents would be assigned a navigator who would act as a type of sponsor. The navigator would provide “one stop shopping” for people to become motivated to connect with DHS, reduce adversarial relationship with DHS (the navigators would exist outside of the DHS system), and meet with parents within 24 hours of child being removed to reduce likelihood of substance abuse by parents. She has looked at programs in New Mexico (the First Steps Toward Reunification (F.S.T.R.) program) and Polk County (closest family resource navigator program) as models.</p> <p>The navigator would help parents learn to navigate all of DHS requirements and connect with services, make goals, and plan. They would help them connect with programs already being offered in county (like the FAST program). In Polk County community partners are all located in one building, but Yamhill County does not have the physical structure to provide that.</p> <p>The goals of this program is increase rate at which families are reunited, which is beneficial in terms of cost, and in outcomes for the children. Commissioner Starrett has been in contact with a local attorney, David Hansen, who is willing to provide information and training to navigators the legal procedures families will have to go through. The navigators would not provide legal advice, but would inform parents of their legal rights.</p>		Mary Starrett

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		<p>DHS currently has Certified Recovery Mentors (CRMs). CRMs are people who been through the DHS system in the past and are there to motivate parents to work through the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Starrett: The navigator program would fill in the gaps in the CRM program. Like the FAST program, it would provide transportation to the services the parents need. The navigators would also have training through David Hansen to inform parents of their legal rights. • Jordan suggests that instead of creating a new program, have David Hansen provide legal education training to the CRMs. • Kim likes what Jordan said as additive to CRMs as the least intrusive solution. She stated that there is a need to ensure that this is not adding more to what clients already have to do, to reduce likelihood of them developing decision fatigue. • Commissioner Starrett: This program is not intended as an extra thing. This is meant to be a new way for clients to more easily navigate the DHS system and reduce the number of dependency cases. • Kim: We have already seen a reduction due to better training with interventions being done before hotline gets called. The typical process is to first use Lutheran Community Services CRMs. Having the option to also access a navigator can be good for clients but too many options can overwhelm. They do have cases that could benefit from a navigator. • Stacey: The Polk County navigators have capacity for 32 families. They take someone to legal aid instead of providing legal education themselves. • Commissioner Starrett: In Yamhill County there are court appointed attorney, but no legal aid. The navigator program would supplement the court appointed attorney. • Jordan: Would Mr. Hansen provide training and materials within existing CRM structure? 		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Starrett: Yes. • Jordan: Lutheran Community services would be pleased to attend Hansen’s legal training. • Suey: Head Start’s family support specialists would also attend training. • Commissioner Starrett: Provoking Hope also expressed interest in attending training. • Send Commissioner Starrett an e-mail if you are interested. 		
5:00	Inclusive Child Care Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Inclusive Child Care Program is a state-wide program that supports child care providers working with kids with high needs. It has been around for five years. It is based in Portland (but works state-wide) and has 3 people on staff. It is a program from the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities. • The goal of the program is to increase access to inclusive child care opportunities so parents can keep working, and children’s development is supported. • They do individualized assessments that could result in financial supplements, free training, onsite consultation for provider, QRIS support. Providers are eligible for double support dollars and more intensive consultation if they are QRIS rated. Consultations are provider driven. • Program is funded through federal dollars, and DHS funding. • Eligibility to receive funding from program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family income is 275% of the Federal Poverty level. ○ Children under the age of 18 ○ Parents are going to school or work and therefore need extra childcare support to keep attending ○ Children need to be involved in some other services (team approach) but do not need to be diagnosed with a disability ○ Numerous losses of child care (as in more than 2) due to challenging behaviors • The funding supplement does not go to families to pay for child care fees 		Melinda Benson

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		<p>but to child care providers to pay for accommodations for taking care of children that should reduce costs for families and ensure higher quality child care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possible accommodations include: Visual schedule to help kiddos communicate, purchasing adjustable table to serve older kids, purchasing laminator to make placemats, purchasing chairs with arm rests, purchasing widow lock and other home improvements ○ Can also use supplement to be able to serve fewer kids, hire substitutes. ● Child care providers do not have to be eligible for funding to receive advice for providing services to high needs children. ● They can help with financial supplements and training for schools' after school programs. ● They do not provide direct service to providers. They are a support service. ● Have further questions? Call 971-673-2286 or 1-866-837-0250 or email contact.iccp@state.or.us 		
5:15	OPIP Pilot Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will likely come back to another meeting ● OPIP will help answer the questions: How do we follow-up developmental screenings? What if they don't go to where you referred? What if services don't actually ready families to begin school? ● Will provide triage and referral map. ● How do we communicate between services and primary care? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engaging key stakeholders, to see existing process ● Picked two pilot referral sites: Bear Hugs, and Physician's Medical Center ● Selected Yamhill for this program in July ● Dr. Miller: This program identified issues we have seen: problems accessing adequate services, and not knowing if parents follow through, especially for kids aging out of early intervention. ● Suey: This project can be replicate in other communities if the pilots are successful. 	Send slides and contact info	Jenn Richter

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyra: How do we coordinate ASQ? • Slides and contact information will be sent out. 		
5:25	Items for the good of the order			
	Adjourn	Adjourned at 5:33pm.		

Future Agenda Items:

Barriers and opportunities re: school-aged vaccinations (Lindsey Manfrin)

New KPI surveys, reporting documents and timelines

Sector Declarations of Cooperation