

# Early Learning Council AGENDA & MINUTES

September 8th, 2016



**Attendees:** Jennifer Richter, Emily Johnson, Jordan Robinson, Cynthia Barthuly, Arturo Vargas, Tonya Hill, Mindy Larson, Amy Egli, Danielle Ludwick, Ryan Sticka, Shannon Vandehey, Kristina Sheppard, Suey Linzmeier, Sarah Norwood, Peg Miller, Kyra Donovan

**Guests:** Chris Jones, Audrey McLain, Jenna Sanders, Steve Sugg; Russell Mark

**Scribe:** Miriam Corona

Time	Agenda Item	Detail	Motions/Approvals/ Action Item	Responsible Party
<p><b>Meeting Goals:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To review the Early Learning Hub 2016-17 workplan and budget</li> <li>2. To discuss implementation of Beyond Housekeeping in child care centers</li> <li>3. To discuss investment options for Family Support Services funds</li> <li>4. To discuss investment options for parent leadership development funds</li> <li>5. To learn about services provided to families of children with disabilities through Creating Opportunities</li> </ol>				
4:00	Announcements & Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome, Emily Broadwell</li> <li>• Family Resiliency Community Conversations- Kickoff event with the Paper Tigers documentary screening on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the McMinnville Cinema. Community conversations about trauma-informed communities.</li> <li>• CCO/ELH/SIT updates-               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Board of Directors has approved to change the name from Yamhill Community Care Organization to Yamhill Community Care. We will no longer refer to the organization as “the CCO”, “YCCO”, or “Yamhill CCO”.</li> <li>○ The SITs have wrapped up the first year of the program. We have served 3,763 individuals. Most SIT expenditures were spent in basic (26%), urgent (30%), and health (24%) needs.</li> <li>○ Overview of Early Learning Expenditures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Kristina Sheppard

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4:15	Work plan & budget update	Hardcopy of a high level work plan overview was distributed. If partners find that an adjustment needs to be made, please contact Jenn Richter.		Jenn Richter
4:25	Beyond Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dramatic play areas in child care centers could be used to develop literacy skills and social-emotional development. Kids play a role and think about the different ways that that role would need to use writing and reading skills. Self-regulation: within that role, how does that person behave and respond to certain situations. Examples: fire fighters, teachers, nurses, bank tellers, secretaries, cashiers, etc. The trainer for Beyond Housekeeping works for the Early Learning Division. Child care providers would receive training for this program that would count as hours towards their licensing requirements and QRIS ratings. Child care providers would also receive the dramatic play area kits as well.</li> </ul>	The ELC supports this proposal.	Jenna Sanders
4:30	White papers re: Stable Attached Families funds	<p>There are Family Support Services dollars that must be spent down. We were going to use the funds for Triple P training. We have \$50,000 that need to be used by 9/30/17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YC Collective Impact Initiative- hire a part time coordinator for Collective Impact to work with the ELC to focus on a subset of our target population. Focus on children who are at risk of entering the foster care system. OHSU research identifies predictive factors of what children are highly likely to enter the foster care system. Coordinator would evaluate and/or adjust the theory of change that targets this subset of the population. Funds would go to hire the coordinator and to indirect costs.</li> <li>West Valley Family Resource Manager. A partnership with LCSNW would allow for sustainability.</li> <li>West Valley Family Support Center- a model for LCSNW that does a lot of needs assessment in the community, coordinate services in the community, there is a drop-in time to remove barriers to keep</li> </ul>		Kristina Sheppard

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		<p>appointments. Available to all members of the community, not just for at-risk families. It is a community organizing model. The Resource Manager connected with the schools would do this community organizing work. There is a big focus on listening to the needs of the community to drive the planning of what the center would offer.</p> <p>Discussion: A Family Place is a proven model. CCS's proposal, while valid, is more nebulous.</p> <p>Best practice: work within school district.</p> <p>Wellness to Learn is such a successful program. ELC would like to expand model, and would allow an option that doesn't involve adding more CCO staff. Sheridan SD working hard on community engagement, on getting families through the door in a positive way.</p> <p>Would like to hear more about operational details. How will this fit with other programs happening through CCO/ELH, such as family check-up, etc.</p> <p>Steve and Jordan both interested in establishing a steering committee that would include invested community partners.</p> <p>Concern: can an outsider break into the West Valley in one year?</p> <p>Could this go into supporting Family Checkup? We have already said that we will invest in these program but some schools don't have the resources to invest. Could this money go to supporting implementation of that program?</p> <p>FCU focused on middle schools; we need to keep our focus on prenatal to age eight.</p> <p>FRM in high needs area could be liaison with teachers and community resources.</p> <p>Really essential that the social worker be a native from the West Valley.</p> <p>Sustainability would be greater if combined effort between LCS and SD.</p> <p>Vargas: Move to approve blended request, but Council requests more details at the next meeting. Suey second. Motion carries.</p>		
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5:15	Parent Leadership Development/ Creating Opportunities	<p>We have \$25,500 set aside for parent leadership development.</p> <p>Creating Opportunities offers different supports for families who have children with disabilities. There are family events, support groups, trainings, advocacy in Yamhill/Polk/Marion Counties.</p> <p>Proposal: Creating Opportunities is available to host “date nights” to support parents and encourage connections. Provide leadership trainings that focus on community building, how to make connections with legislators, and community organizations.</p>		Jenn Richter/ Cheryl Cisneros
5:25	Items for the Good of the Order			Kristina Sheppard
5:30	Adjourn	<p>K-12 partners please stay for 20 -30 minutes to review the items below.</p> <p>Mac SD may hold another GEM training. If so, any other districts would be welcome to attend.</p> <p>We need a pre- and post- assessment for GEM. Do we want to look at CBRS, fall and spring. Pre-and post- survey with parents. Or measuring referrals and attendance.</p> <p>Agreed everyone will do the CBRS in the spring as well as the fall.</p> <p>Also, ask Kendra if she has or could develop an assessment that incorporates teacher feedback on the curriculum? Kyra could help flesh out the request.</p> <p>Hub willing to send 1 person engaged in KPI work to COSA P3 conference in November. Hotel provided if needed.</p> <p>Send 3 enrollment numbers: community-wide registration date, day before school started, two weeks into school.</p>	<p><b>Send idea to Seamus for approval.</b></p> <p><b>Reply to Jenn if interested in COSA conference by 9/16.</b></p> <p><b>Send enrollment numbers to Emily Johnson.</b></p>	Jenn Richter

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**For K12 workgroup:**

**Transition Camp overview**

GEM pre- and post-evaluation

Q&A re: KPI reporting requirements

COSA conference

Attendance tracking

**Future Agenda Items:**

Three Million Word Initiative (<http://thirtymillionwords.org/tmw-initiative/>)

