

Early Learning Council

AGENDA & MINUTES

October 13th, 2016



Attendees: Suey Linzmeier, Jenn Richter, Emily Broadwell, Emily Johnson, Jim Seymour, Lauren Berg, Stephanie Legard, Cynthia Barthuly, Steve Sugg, Ryan Sticka, Ian Bergmann, Jordan Robinson, Peg Miller, Danielle Ludwick, Jenna Sanders, Amy Egli, Seamus McCarthy, Lindsay Manfrin. **Remote:** Mindy Larson, Tonya Hill

Absent:

Guests:

Scribe: Miriam Corona

| Time | Agenda Item | Detail | Motions/Approvals/ Action Item | Responsible Party |
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| <p>Meeting Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review recent and upcoming CCO activities 2. To review recent and upcoming Early Learning program activities 3. To review the function of ELC workgroups and provide opportunity to sign up 4. To learn more about the pending Family Support Center in Sheridan School District 5. To discuss kindergarten readiness options for families who don't have access to preschool | | | | |
| 4:00 | Announcements & Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toothtastic Vax-a-Palooza – Emily Broadwell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dental screenings and fluoride varnishes ○ Vaccination updates ○ At Public Health ○ Halloween costumes are welcome! ▪ Fall Forum – Emily Johnson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg. ○ Event to give a “state of the organization” update. ○ Would like to invite Yamhill Community Care members to attend. Please encourage any members to register for the event. ○ Dinner and child care will be provided. Transportation is also available if needed. ○ ELC members are asked to bring a guest with them. ▪ Fostering Hope Initiative was picked as a “Bright Spot” by the Robert Wood Foundation. A reception will be held for them in Salem. Jim Seymour will send out an invitation to the ELC to attend. | | Suey Linzmeier |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are still openings in Head Start. A lot of families moved out of Yamhill County this year. Please encourage families to apply for Early Head Start and Head Start programs. (A Family Place has also experienced families moving out of the county.) | | |
| 4:10 | CCO Update | Please refer to the Executive Brief. It has a lot of great information that the organization is involved with across the community. | | Seamus McCarthy |
| 4:15 | Early Learning Hub Update | <p>Community Conversations Series have started. Our kick-off event of the screening of Paper Tigers at the McMinnville Cinema was a success. 147 people attended. As a result of attending the screening, Dayton Elementary School has purchased the documentary and will be watching it at their next in-service day with all staff.</p> <p>The second event is the screening of the documentary “The Raising of America” at Linfield College’s ICE Auditorium. October 25th at 6:30pm. Registration is required. The link is in the email that Jenn Richter sent out about a week ago. Posters are available if ELC members would like to take some. We have a digital flyer is available for ELC members to distribute to their contacts.</p> <p>Breakfast discussion with Dr. Wayne Scott on December 9th, 7am-9am, at the McMinnville Cooperative Ministries. CME credit is available for this event. Limited space is available and registration is required. The targeted audience for this event is medical providers, but non-medical providers are also welcome to attend.</p> <p>There is \$39,500 available for parent outreach and parent leadership development. So far we’ve spent \$3,490 for our Parent Advisory Council. We will now be doing focus groups with parents and they are funded through MIECHV funds. (insert here more information from Jenn’s PowerPoint presentation.)</p> | | Jenn Richter |

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| <p>4:25</p> | <p>Workgroups</p> | <p>After 1-on-1 interviews with ELC members and Jenn Richter, one common theme shared was to make ELC meetings more about system development and not so much detail work.</p> <p>A proposal is to create workgroups to do the needed detailed work. Members do not have to be members of the ELC. They can be staff of agencies involved with the ELC. These workgroups would meet separately and then report back to the ELC at the meetings.</p> <p>Workgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent Engagement- vet parent leadership development opportunities. First meeting is on Nov. 15 @ 4pm. ▪ Kindergarten Readiness- discuss and vet kinder readiness strategies. First meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 22 @ 4pm. Attends COSA P-3 Conference on November 2016. ▪ Early Literacy- evaluate and vet activities, identify opportunities to increase literacy scores, support EL VISTA to expand literacy opportunities, first meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8 @ 4pm. ▪ Equity- evaluate Early Learning metrics and demographic data to identify gaps and opportunities, vet 2017-19 work plan with equity lens, first meeting Tuesday, Dec. 6th @ 4pm. | | <p>Jenn Richter</p> |
| <p>4:35</p> | <p>West Valley Support Center</p> | <p>Video was shown about the Safe Families program.</p> <p>LCS will be the fiscal agent and will provide the resource navigator. Will develop community connections through an advisory group. Prioritize Willamina and Sheridan families. Will have respite available, diaper bank.</p> <p>Sheridan School District- already have Angel's Attic, will provide the office space and equipment, special programs will be on staff at the building, provide a rep for the advisory council, have reached out to the Willamina Superintendent and will be sending a representative to the advisory group.</p> <p>The resource navigator will be referring to the Yamhill Community Care's Community Health Hub Community Health Workers. Would like to train this</p> | | <p>Jordan Robinson</p> |

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| | | <p>person as a community health worker and follow the model of a neighbor connector.</p> <p>This advisory group would start meeting monthly in November and would like to hire a resource navigator in January 2017. Would like to hire someone from the Sheridan/Willamina community. Would like to have a representative from Head Start, the Grand Ronde Tribe's family support staff person, and from local churches. Will plan to have a presentation before the Tribe's leadership council to ask if they'd like to have more representation at the advisory group.</p> <p>It is recommended to also form partnerships with the SITs, Family CORE, HHS' Behavior staff in that area, and Family Check-Up.</p> | | |
| <p>4:50</p> | <p>Kinder Readiness for those not in preschool</p> | <p>Strengths and opportunities in our community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-organized groups like MOPS, libraries, public preschools, park and rec events, United Way, Scottie's Place, games to teach social and emotional skills, Latino extended families who are caregivers for children, email and internet access, faith community, YCAP. ▪ School-sponsored events, school sports games, movies in the park, cooperative preschools, neighborhood connector, clubhouses or programming at apartment complexes or high-density areas, early childhood activities at grocery stores, free lunch programs. ▪ Head Start, teen parenting programs, licensed caregivers. ▪ Schools who are already providing preschool for 4 year olds. ▪ Childbirth classes at hospitals. ▪ Playgroup. <p>Ways to build on strengths and opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using park and rec activities to educate about healthy foods, and play groups during sports practices. ▪ Expanding on free lunch programs to younger kids. ▪ School districts partnering with Head Start. ▪ Push VROOM and Ready for K and parent education classes at new mom groups and childbirth classes at the hospitals. ▪ Community playgroup, with few hours. | | <p>Kristina Sheppard</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Way- go through local businesses and actively fundraise regularly for early childhood. ▪ What are other non-financial barriers for families? For example, parents who are stay at home parents and feel like they don't need to send their kids to preschool, transportation, of families who don't want to share that they are low-income or are struggling. ▪ Preschools with sliding fee scales. ▪ Raising more awareness about what is expected of kids by the time they're in kindergarten. | | |
| 5:30 | Adjourn | <p>K-12 partners please stay for 20 -30 minutes to review the items below.</p> <p>Parking lot: Centering pregnancy</p> | | |

For K12 workgroup:

GEM details & follow up session scheduling- Reporting due Monday.

Ready for Kindergarten – engagement/recruiting strategies- Send a personal letter from teacher. Reaching out to faith community. Advertising with childcare providers. Family fun night style: facilitated game playing. Connecting with families early. Connecting with new/pregnant moms at hospital. Have R4K on same evening of another event. Advertising from other organizations- home visitors, A Family Place. Community-wide flyer: contacts for all districts. Emily B. will create community-wide flyer-Miriam will help distribute. Each school district will send Emily B. a contact phone number for the flyer.

Transition Camp overview – successes, challenges and lessons learned-

Ready for K training for parent leaders- Hesitation, parents not engaged

Jesus Sandoval – motivational speaker for parents- Jesus can present to teachers to develop strategies for parent engagement or present to parents to motivate. Lauren wants training for teachers. School can set-up with Jesus and YCC will reimburse- contact Jenn to confirm. YCC does not funding for food, only speaking fees. Has funding for district wide training, not individual schools.

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Future Agenda Items:

- Home for pregnant young women
- Prioritizing our 0-3 population
- (k12) Literacy mentorships
- Working with tribal families
- Centering pregnancy

