

KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

January 8, 2017 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Attendance

Anne Hiller Clark	Holly Stork	Heidi McGowan
Carol Coker	Melinda Collier	Rhonda Jeneke
Charlene Shaw	Rhonda Neighorn	Charles Massie
Danielle Walker	Stephanie Goodwin	Dr. Sara Johnson
Deborah Hoswell	Wendy Gray	Christy Hughes
Dena Haudenschild	Filicia Poteet	Stephanie Potter
Gillian Wesenberg	Molly Hamilton	Jen Banciacio

Regional Governance Update

Rhonda Neighorn gave an overview of the Regional Governance Council meeting, which discussed regional/county priorities, funding, and approval process.

A simplistic way of dividing available funding for the 2017-2018 year would be to use the SNAP and Population data to divide money equally.

- 2016 SNAP data (children 0-5) was analyzed and divided to show the split of recipients in each county.
 - Douglas 54%
 - Klamath 43%
 - Lake 3%
- Population data closely mirrors the SNAP data.
 - Douglas, Klamath and Lake Counties have a combined population of approx. 182,000.
 - Douglas – accounts for 59% of region
 - Klamath – accounts for 36% of region
 - Lake – accounts for 4% of region

Douglas ESD and the Early Learning Hub proposed a procedure, not based on SNAP or population data, addressing the funding split making it more practical for each county.

Douglas County will get slightly less than their “fair share” due to the administrative staff being located in Douglas County as well as their access to foundations such as The Ford Family Foundation and Oregon Community Foundation to assist in funding projects.

Lake County will get slightly more than their “fair share” as there is a minimum funding necessary to successfully implement data driven strategies. If we use SNAP or Population data to split funding, Lake County would receive approximately \$4500; this would not go far to create a shift in the community. Additionally, in the future, Lake County may not have the capacity to implement a strategy that the other two counties are implementing, and may not receive funding for that particular strategy.

The Regional Governance Council will hold yearly budget conversations.

Funding: approved by Regional Governance Council.

For 2017-2018, the Early Learning Hub has approx. \$150,000 to spend through three funding streams:

1. Family Support Services (Federal)
2. School Readiness (State)
3. Healthy, Stable, Attached (State)

Suggested Division:

- Governance \$50,000 holdback for regional strategies – 32% of funding
- Douglas \$45,000 – 29% of funding
- Klamath \$45,000 – 29% of funding
- Lake \$15,000 – 10% of funding

Each county will follow a process and guiding principles:

Process

1. PAC will devise local priorities in agreement with county Governance Councils
2. Work groups will convene to draft an action plan
3. Work groups will create a one page document including actions and proposed spending amounts
4. Submit to Regional Governance Council
5. Regional Governance Council looks approves/declines local strategy following guiding principles

Guiding Principles

- Priorities will have clear outcomes – i.e. what is the observable change from Hub funded efforts that contributed to a change in the data for getting children ready for kindergarten?
- Prioritize blended funding to leverage additional resources and sustainability
- Quality strategy that incorporates best practices
- Has more than one partner actively engaged in the work
- Data informed decision making for services for priority populations
- Includes measurement and demonstrates impact

Priority strategy action planning

The group split into small groups to discuss the five county strategies chosen at the October PAC Meeting and narrowing them down to a couple of focus areas for the 2017-2018 year.

- Community Baby Shower
- Attendance – working with partners, Klamath Promise, DHS, etc...
- Training for parents and early learning providers to increase literacy in young children through literacy programs such as SMART training, etc.
- Kindergarten Transition Backpacks
- Partnerships for Preschool Scholarships

Small groups reported and two priority strategies emerged:

1. Priority Strategy: Attendance
 - Focus on increasing attendance for children of families in early learning programs and related activities that support learning and healthy development.
 - Outcomes: Increased attendance in early learning programs, well-child visits and TANF
2. Priority Strategy: Early literacy
 - Training for parents and early learning providers to increase literacy in young children through literacy and/or SMART training
 - Outcomes: Increase in KA literacy scores, 3rd grade reading

Comments: May need to narrow to serve target population. Consider a pre/post survey for trainings.

Members of the Professional Advisory Committee volunteered to work teams as follows.

Attendance work team	Early literacy work team
Anne Hiller-Clark (Lead)	Stephanie Potter (Lead)
Rhonda Jeneke	Carol Coker
Wendy Grey	Stephanie Potter
Dr. Sara Johnson	Stephanie Goodwin
Kathleen Walker Henderson/Chip Massey	Holly Stork
	Jennifer Brancacio
Additional Support as needed: Rhonda Neighorn	

Klamath Community College – STEPS Grant Update

Chip Massey, Director of Workforce Development at Klamath Community College, presented information on the new STEPS Grant that has been awarded to KCC.

STEPS (Support to Expecting and Parenting Students) is a federal grant with delegation to Klamath Community College (KCC) through Oregon Health Authority. The grant funding runs from January 30, 2018 – June 30, 2018, designed to reach mothers and young parents ages 16-24. The goal is to take the non-traditional student and get them on a pathway toward becoming a traditional student or assisting in training that leads them to a job or starting on a career path.

KCC is looking for community partnerships including: Preschools, K-12, Health Care, Public Health, etc... and is hoping to come out of the meeting with a group of people that they could talk with to discover how they can bring programs onto campus regularly and provide students with information and resources.

Total grant totals \$108k - \$75k with a 25% match from Klamath Community College.

- \$20k budgeted for tuition support
- \$75k budgeted for support such as diapers and transportation
- Since funding is Federal, KCC is permitted to use dollars for emergency childcare but not ongoing childcare. Emergency childcare is currently undefined.

Point of Contact for STEPS Grant: Christy Hughes, hughes@klamathcc.edu

Next Meeting

Feb. 28, 2018 – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm