

# KLAMATH COUNTY PAC

## Meeting Notes

January 20, 2017 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### In Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Boivin        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill O'Donnell            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Stork     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Hiller Clark | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Walker-Henderson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyndi Kallstrom |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlene Shaw     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melinda Collier           |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dena Haudenschild | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gillian Wesenberg         |   |

**Staff Present:** Danielle Walker, Linda Ray, & Vanessa Pingleton

**Others Present:** Susan Heitkamp

### Action Items

**Motion:** Kathleen Walker-Henderson

**Second:** Holly Stork

### ELH Update

**Gillian Wesenberg** announced that there will be a Hub Assessment in March 2017. To prepare for the assessment, would be helpful to receive local feedback from all 3 counties on the narrative questions (that were provided by the Early Learning Division). Other important documents that need to be available prior to their visit is all agendas, minutes, and sign in sheets from the Klamath PAC. The Hub is also updating all of their Cooperative Agreements and all PAC members are encouraged to sign an agreement. Gillian also mentioned that the state has created a survey and Linda Ray will be sending out a link to all the PAC members to respond to that survey in the coming week. Surveys will be due by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Danielle Walker will work on gathering the answers to the Klamath PAC narrative questions. Gillian would like to have those narratives by January 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Klamath Partner Updates

**Kathleen Walker-Henderson** from Klamath Community College reported on the Parenting Classes taking place in Klamath. Thanks to the ELH grant, kits were purchased to provide "Making Parenting a Pleasure" classes for the community. Flyers went out to the community to advertise the parenting class, but did not produce a large response. Kathleen stated that KCC will offer workshops in the future until they are able to build enough trust with parents to commit to taking a class. Kathleen also mentioned the Children's Learning Fair & Healthy Kids Day which will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Klamath County Fairgrounds from 9am to 2pm.

**Jill O'Donnell** reported that Klamath County School District received a grant from the ELH. They will be providing Play-2-Learn nights supporting kindergarten readiness.

**Holly Stork** from Oregon Children’s Foundation dba SMART reported that they received a grant from the ELH. Their goal is to bring awareness to the SMART reading program. SMART is looking for a coordinator for this new program and interviews are scheduled for next week. It will be a volunteer position. There was discussion about SMART’s strategy and the Dialogic Reading Model. Gillian Wesenberg highlighted that the Dialogic Reading Model has been in Douglas County and would be included in Klamath SMART program. Holly invited all agencies to take part in their Superhero Sunday, on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Susan Heitkamp** mentioned an upcoming event that her organization is hosting. It is called “Day of Hope” and will take place at Sugarman’s Corner on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The focus is to send out information, not just have a campaign. This year’s focus will be on neglect and the homeless in Klamath County.

**Charlene Shaw** reported on the YMCA Preschool Promise site. They have 5 classrooms and are at full capacity. The question arose about the future of the Preschool Promise sites. Gillian stated that we will stay tuned to the Legislative Budget which will determine funding. Charlene also mentioned that the YMCA is hosting a “Nurturing Parenting” class in the Spring.

**Dena Haudenschild**, the Director of Special Programs for Early Childhood Intervention/Klamath City School Districts shared that the EI/ECSE are serving around 245 families, county wide. 85% of those families have children birth – 3 years of age. 75% are in the process of seeking services.

**Cynthia Hurkes** reported that she was going to be meeting with Portland State University on a P3 Early Learning indicators. Her hope is that PSU will meet in all 3 counties (Douglas, Klamath & Lake). The research and data that PSU will gather will help KPI focus on the needs in all 3 counties.

The PAC discussed the need for a Community Resource Directory. Danielle will be researching what directories currently exist in Klamath.

**Anne Hiller-Clark** shared that Klamath Promise has 2 main goals; attendance and supporting graduation. They hope to achieve accountable attendance by working individually with each area school. They recently received funding that will support College & Career Readiness which will allow them to expand and fill in the gaps.

**Amy Boivin** discussed the issue of getting families in need connected to physicians. She stated that the reason a lot of children miss school is due to sickness. The discussion led to “Why is Healthcare such a barrier?” Gillian shared that The Ford Family Foundation is involved in Child Mental Health and they have grants available for certification for those looking to be a counselor. There is a great need for Early Childhood counseling.

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### Next Meeting Date

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Friday, February 24, 2017 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Klamath SOESD