

KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

January 23, 2019 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Attendance

Melinda Gomez	Heidi McGowan	Rhonda Janecke
Jocelyn Amaya	Gillian Wesenberg	Catherine Solver
Paulie Hawthorn	Yecenia Rodriguez	Heather Freilinger – phone
Amy Quayle	Anne Hiller-Clark	Kay Ortega
Sue Scheiss	Cynthia Hurkes	Julie Hurley – phone
Wendy Brown	Jill O’Donnell	Danielle Walker
Vanessa Pingleton	Kathleen Walker-Henderson	
Charla Oppenlander	Filicia Poteet	

January Minutes

Motion to approve January minutes as submitted made by Kathleen Walker-Henderson and seconded by Dena Haudenschild.

Klamath County Priorities

Early Attendance in Life

Draft informational card examples were shared with the PAC; suggestions and comments can be sent to Anne Hiller-Clark.

Cascade Health Alliance (CHA) is finalizing an employment position whose task will be to reach out to families that miss well-child visits at Sanford Children’s Clinic and The Children’s Clinic of Klamath and help to reduce and track barriers to attendance.

In addition to distributing incentives (diapers, wipes, toothbrushes, etc...), Early Attendance will build on the work of Early Literacy and order 3000 books to distribute to participating families. Early Literacy will order books and charge to Early Attendance in Life.

Early Literacy

The Early Literacy book selections team will be working to place their third order of books. Title selection will begin at their next meeting on January 29, 2019.

To date, approximately 4,000 books have been distributed to participating partner organizations and are being distributed to young children and their families through these agencies.

Planning for the next biennium

The group began facilitated conversations by reviewing emerging state priorities, including:

- Increased supply and quality of infant/toddler care and childcare
- Preschool and kindergarten preparedness
- Workforce quality
- Community-based family and parenting support

In what areas will the Early Learning Hub likely have roles?

- Childcare – increasing supply and quality of infant/toddler care
- Preschool and kindergarten preparedness
 - Preschool/kindergarten readiness activities
 - Expansion of Preschool Promise
 - Equity fund – forming strong partnerships with CCR & R and higher education
- Workforce Quality
 - Early Learning Professional Networks (e.g., Focused Child Care Networks)
- Community based family and parenting support
 - Community UPLIFT

Small group discussion and brainstorming

- Quality infant/toddler care
 - Support personnel for CCR & R
 - Reach more providers
 - Employer Sponsored Childcare
 - Work with large employers in Klamath County to promote employer sponsored childcare (e.g., Sky Lakes, Jeld Wen, iQor, Air Force Base, County Commissioners, KCC, OIT)
 - Work with Klamath Promise to connect engage these community partners
 - Expand Preschool Promise supply
 - Combine infant/toddler care with elder care
 - See Generations United <https://www.gu.org/>
- Workforce Quality
 - Joint trainings for partners
 - Home Visiting Systems Coordination is already coordinating joint trainings and would like to strengthen this collaboration throughout the region
 - Trauma informed care: How to put our knowledge of trauma into practice when working with families suffering from trauma
 - Support Conscious Discipline Trainings for Klamath County
 - Work with KCC to offer a certificate program for infant/toddler care
 - Market to stay at home parents to increase supply
 - Additional funding to pay teachers
 - Listening sessions for early learning professionals. What would help the quality workforce stay in early childhood?
- Community based family and parenting support
 - Behavioral and mental health specialists going with home visitors to work with families in existing home visiting programs
 - Would help to address behavior issues and concerns and normalize the process before connecting the family to another provider
- Preschool and kindergarten preparedness
 - Ongoing county playgroups that include educational activities and parent trainings for families on waitlists
 - The book, “A Moving Child is a Learning Child,” could serve as a sort of curriculum for these playgroups
 - Connect these playgroups with an existing structure like Head Start, Early Head Start, Summer Lunch Program, etc...
 - Klamath County Basics
 - Offer promotional materials such as magnets and flyers to medical providers for disbursement through new-baby and well-child visits

- There is a strong need for facilities; where is space in the community?

Next Steps:

ELH will bring next steps back to the PAC as the next biennium gets closer.

ELD State Site Visit

EL Hub staff distributed a Conflict of Interest statement to the PAC for signatures and reminded members about the updated Declaration of Cooperation; both are state-required documents.

Group reviewed the state Assessment Rubric that the ELH staff will need to complete for the site visit. For our next meeting, please come prepared to discuss the following:

1. Hub governance bodies are multi-sector collaborations actively stewarding systems alignment across sectors and building a shared regional understanding and commitment to a common vision for young children and families.
2. Hub - with its partners - aggregates, interprets and effectively communicates regional data to identify their priority populations and direct investments to address disparities in access, quality and overall success of those populations.
3. The voice of the families and communities from priority populations are reflected, in a culturally responsive manner, in the Hub’s strategies, workplan and investments.
4. Hub stakeholders and partners are implementing shared strategies and leveraging shared community resources toward the collective vision and outcomes identified through Hub’s planning activities.
5. Hub stakeholders and partners address identified barriers, tailor creative solutions, and coalesce around regional opportunities through participation in their Hub.
6. Hub uses qualitative and quantitative data analysis along with feedback from community and family engagement as part of their continuous evaluation process for hub activities, including making adjustments and adaptations.
7. Hub demonstrates it meets contractual obligations as outlined in the contract with the ELD.

Community UPLiFT, KPI/P-3, Take Root

Vanessa Pingleton distributed an informational document on Community UPLiFT that gives a brief overview of the program’s process. She also reviewed the prior year’s referral numbers and advised that the collaboration is in the process of launching a data portal that is HIPPA and FERPA compliant.

Another bucket of home visiting systems alignment is professional development. They are currently working to bring professional development opportunities about substance abuse and behavioral health; communities supporting resilience; self-regulation and self-esteem to the region.

Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation (KPI) will be hosting a Culturally Responsive Training

February 9, 2019 from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Trainer: Gilda Fix-Montenegro

Klamath Community College. Lunch provided, geared towards early learning and people who work with children and families.

Take Root has multiple upcoming parenting education opportunities; contact Amy Quayle for more information.

Partner Updates

Klamath County Library – The Dolly Parton Imagination Library has 900 county children registered for the program and has a goal of registering 1400.

WIC – Shared their new posters and brochures. Also advised that during the federal shutdown, WIC has funding through March 2019.

DHS/Food Stamps – During the federal shutdown, SNAP has funding through February 2019, and cash assistance has funding through March 2019.

KLCAS – Still has funding for utility assistance, but not much for housing or homeless.

KCC – Early Learning Professional Development is offering scholarships and classes for people working, or wanting to work, in early childcare. There will be an SOU workshop in March and spring term will have an ECE 199 course on health and safety for working childcare providers.

Relief Nursery – Are still working on finding a building that meets their needs, but will be starting outreach in April, and will be preparing children to enter the relief nursery in the fall. They also applied to expand PCIT (Parent Child Interactive Therapy) with KBBH.

Family Advocacy and Support Network – will be hosting a sensory-friendly movie on March 31, 2019 with free entry and a reduced cost for popcorn/soda.

Klamath Oral Health Coalition hosting two free dental days, one in Merrill and one in Malin, they are tentatively scheduled for April 2019.

Next Meeting:

February 27, 2019 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm @ SOESD, 2685 Foothills Blvd.