

KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

February 28, 2018 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Attendance

Anne Hiller-Clark	Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Sylvia Cox
Carol Coker	Melinda Collier	Sue Parrish
Charlene Shaw	Molly Hamilton	Heidi McGowan
Cindy Walsh	Rhonda Janecke	Cynthia Hurkes – Phone
Deborah Hoswell	Stephanie Goodwin	Gillian Wesenberg – Phone
Dena Haudenschild	Wendy Gray	Heather Frelinger – Phone
Holly Stork	Kay Ortega	
Jill O'Donnell	Sue Parrish	

Klamath County Reflections

Klamath Promise Executive Team convened February 28, 2018 to discuss the role of the Executive Team as Governance Council for the Early Learning Hub in Klamath County.

The team spoke highly of the impact of the presentations that Dr. Sara Johnson and Dena Haudenschild gave at the last Klamath Promise meeting, which highlighted areas in our community that we can work on.

They also discussed focus points to guide the work of our subcommittees, which echoed the work of the Regional Governance Council.

- Start Early
- Measuring impact
- Find root cause
- Learn from others in the state

Early Attendance Team – Proposal Update

Members: Kathleen Walker-Henderson, Wendy Gray, Jeff Bullock, Rhonda Janecke, Anne Hiller-Clark.

- Focus on well-baby visits through pediatricians.
- Attendance rate for well-baby visits is low.
- Start with:
 - Sanford Children's Clinic, The Children's Clinic of Klamath, Klamath Open Door, Cascades East
- Establish a baseline of well child checks with pediatricians.
 - Wide range of members: OHP, self-pay and private insurance.
 - Demographics of those not attending.
 - Possible Barriers
 - Spanish-Speaking families may not feel comfortable attending due to English-only speaking staff
 - Hispanic families may need to take older children out of school to translate
- Do outreach in the community.
 - Coffee Sleeves – Cost varies
 - Posters
- Check back with the clinics to see if attendance rates have improved.
- Expansion to work with preschool attendance.
- Cascade Coordinated Care (CCO) Community CAC has agreed to listen to the proposal and offer ideas.

Small groups spent time discussing the Early Attendance priority and offering them suggestions.

Suggestions:

- Preschool absences –
 - Head Start and Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) have policies for attendance; teachers/family advocates/home visitors.
 - Private or Non-Profit programs, no law that requires attendance
 - Education and information to private programs– through the Care Connections and Education
 - Elementary Schools
 - Schools mandated to call home and let parents know when their children are not in school.
 - Teachers are preference, but other staff might make the call.
 - Find barriers, and provide necessities. Teach parents how to grow and be independent.
 - Teaching tools
 - Reduce stressors that are keeping families from attending
 - Transportation - BTS Bus Passes
 - Phone card
 - Interpreters
 - Embed messaging into High School Modules
 - Positive Messaging
 - Refrigerator Magnet: if you need a ride to something – here is your resource; if you need something else – here is your resource
- Parents are often told what to do and where to go; give parents the support but enable them to make moves and choices on their own.

Early Literacy Subcommittee

Members: Holly Stork, Carol Coker, Stephanie Goodwin, Deborah Hoswell and Kay Ortega.

Ideas that surfaced around collective actions:

- Trainings made available to private and public child-care providers, and parents.
 - Letter sounds
 - Parents, providers and teachers are encouraged to attend Care Connections and Education’s classes.
 - Three SOU workshops per year through Care Connections and Education’s grants – open for everyone, including parents; free if not receiving college credit.
 - Promotion and sharing.
- Library and Healthy Families Collaboration
 - Reading for Healthy Families.
 - Training: How to discuss reading with parents - presented by Stephanie with the Klamath County Library. Healthy Families staff.
 - Expand to other programs?
- Recyclable library
- Train the trainer session for Dialogic Reading model
 - Children’s Early Learning Fair?
- Ready for Kindergarten backpacks
 - Distribute through well-child visits?

Partner Updates

Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation (KPI) –

Requested funding through KPI has been processed and award letters have been sent out through a new contracting system. Awarded KPI funds include SMART in Douglas and Klamath for dialogic reading training and book bundles for children who are

waitlisted for pre-k services; Klamath County School District-Play2Learn; Klamath Falls City School District-Ready! for Kindergarten and curriculum.

KPI has funding available to offer something in the priority populations; potentially to be used for dialogic training, parent engagement, kindergarten backpacks.

Care Connections and Education

Child Care Resource and Referral for Douglas, Klamath and Lake Counties is holding spring classes in partnership with Ask Phoenix Solutions; call Melinda Collier at (541) 882-2308 if interested (parents, providers, professionals).

Head Start:

Getting ready for next year, Distributed Head Start flyer for application days.

OCDL:

Just started seasonal program in Malin and Klamath Falls. Two main positions open: Education Coordinator and Education Supervisor. See Deborah Hoswell for more information.

OAYEC Klamath Chapter in partnership with The YMCA of Klamath Falls

Annual Children’s Early Learning Fair and Healthy Kids Day on April 21, 2018.

Professional Development

Motivational Interviewing: March 30, 2018, contact Molly Hamilton for registration.

Next Meeting

To be determined