

**South-Central Early Learning Hub
Lake County Community Governance Council
Minutes – March 21, 2023**

Attendees: Michael Carter (v), Lane Stratton (s), Michael Benson (v), Jake Greer (v), Shalom Rorabaugh, Colleen May, Machel Ramirez, Bailey Guido, Athena Wikstrom, Danielle Walker

The Lake Community Governance Council reviewed and approved the February minutes. Jake Greer made a motion to approve minutes as submitted. Michael Benson seconded the motion. No further discussion.

Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) - Michael Benson - There are 16 children in Lake County on IFSP and EI/ECSE has connected with a couple new families this week. Head Start has four students that require one-to-one services, plus an additional four students on IFSPs. Four out of five transition meetings are scheduled for children in Lake County who will be transitioning into kindergarten this fall. Michael will have more information about kindergarten transitions after spring break.

Lake County ESD – Lane Stratton – Lake County ESD is moving into the budget process, and will be wrapping up evaluations before heading into summer.

Klamath Family Head Start, Lakeview Site – Shalom Rorabaugh – Shalom is the new Head Start Manager for Lake County. Klamath Family Head Start is also in the budget and planning process. Lakeview classes are almost full. Head Start in Lake County is almost fully staffed with many new employees coming on board.

Lakeview School District #7 – Michael Carter – Klamath Community College (KCC) will be at Lakeview schools tonight. Lakeview School District #7 is working with the Oregon Legislature, and he has heard funding for early learning is coming.

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) - Michelle Basset – CCRR provided 93 hours of virtual trainings for providers during Winter Term.

The Spring Fling conference will be hosted in-person at Klamath Community College (KCC) on April 29, and will have six hours of training. Dr. McGee will be the keynote speaker. There will be a two-day training for Creative Curriculum coming up, and it is still in the planning process.

Healthy Families - Machel Ramirez – Klamath and Lake Counties have 32 families enrolled in services.

South-Central Early Learning Hub - There are currently openings at Honker Preschool Promise in Lakeview. Eligible children who have turned three or four-years-old before September 1, 2022, and are Oregon residents qualify for Preschool Promise. The Hub encourages families who believe they may be over income to still apply.

The SCLEH was able to turn in the Regional System Assessment to the Early Learning Division (ELD) one month early. The Hub is waiting for feedback from the ELD before releasing the report.

The ELD commissioned each of the 16 Hubs across Oregon to conduct Raise Up Oregon (RUO) listening sessions with different community partners. SCLEH was assigned families who are or were engaged with ODHS services and ODHS employees across the region. Heidi McGowan facilitated the listening sessions and will be compiling a feedback report for submission to the ELD.

Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) - Bailey Guido - Lake County Expo will showcase Conscious Discipline for families in Lake County. KPI was able to distribute 25 Conscious Discipline incentives to families and provided a training about Thoughtful Breathing.

The Early Learning Gathering in February had 31 early care and education providers in attendance. The final Early Learning Gathering for the school year will be hosted on April 18. The focus of the upcoming Early Learning Gathering will be engaging with and showing up for families. Erin Helgren will be a guest speaker discussing Yoncalla Early Works and how they engage with their families.

Take Root – Bailey Guido – The Winter Term for Take Root has ended, with the exception of one workshop called The Help That Helps. There will be an in-person Teach My session in Lake County, and Vicky Taylor is going to help recruit families.

Lake County Community Baby Showers are coming back this year with a goal to reach all expecting parents, and families/caregivers with children birth to one-year-old in the county. There will be a Community Baby Shower in Christmas Valley on April 22, and one in Lakeview on May 20. Welcome Baby Baskets will be sent to the Paisley Library for families to pick up. The committee is trying to reach families in Adel and Plush to determine the best way to distribute gift baskets to them.

Community Corrections - Jake Greer – There has been a county-wide increase in truancy. Community Corrections is working on a truancy ordinance. The goal is to get a truancy plan in place to hold students accountable for attending school, and parents accountable for sending their children to school.

The Juvenile Department is now fully staffed. It's budget season for Community Corrections as well.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2023 at 1:00 pm.