

April 26, 2023 | 10:00 AM – Noon

Attendance

Dena Haudenschild	Sanora Hoggarth	Melinda Gomez
Heather Freiling	Julie Matthews	Crystal Lemus
Brayanna Montgomery	Pam Glaser	Gillian Wesenberg
Robyn Derrick	Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Athena Wikstrom
Cynthia Hurkes	Jennifer Jackson	Ronda Osborn
Jenn Scott	David Lev	Danielle Walker
Charlene Shaw	Jessie DuBose	
Patricia Pahl	Gigi Zen	
David Elliott	Vanessa Pingleton	

Please note: For ease of member access, South-Central Early Learning Hub – Klamath Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise notified.

Welcome and Introduction

The PAC reviewed and approved the March minutes. Kathleen Walker-Henderson made a motion to approve March minutes as submitted. Charlene Shaw seconded the motion. No further discussion.

South-Central Early Learning Hub Update

Gillian Wesenberg shared that the legislative Ways and Means Committee has been on a roadshow, a series of public hearings across the state to hear from Oregonians about their priorities for spending in the state budget. Chair of the Regional Governance Council, Steve Schenewerk, testified for early learning at the roadshow in Roseburg. Other presenters in Roseburg included Healthy Families, teachers, Relief Nurseries, child advocacy centers, business people advocating for childcare, and more. The final stop of the roadshow will be in Ontario Oregon on April 28 at Four Rivers Cultural Center.

Both Senate Bill 599 and House Bill 3005 have gained traction in the legislative session. Senate Bill 599 requires landlords to allow dwellings to be used for family child care providers, subject to conditions. House Bill 3005 Directs Oregon Business Development Department to provide financial assistance to eligible applicants to pay for allowable costs related to early child care infrastructure activities.

Preschool Promise – Athena Wikstrom shared that there are still a few Preschool Promise openings in Klamath County and the Hub is still accepting applications for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Qualified applicants are residents of Oregon, have an income of below 200% of Federal Poverty Level, and have a child who turned three or four-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2022.

The Hub is working on the application for the 2023-2024 Preschool Promise school year and will have the application available for families soon. One of the exciting features of the Preschool Promise application portal is that it can be translated into over 120 languages, making the application more accessible to families whose primary language is not English.

To be notified when the 2023-2024 New Student Application for Preschool Promise becomes available, families can complete an interest form online at <https://webportalapp.com/webform/23-24psinterestform>.

Community UPLIFT—Danielle Walker shared an update about Community UPLIFT. Community UPLIFT connects families with children 0-5, and up to the age of 21 with special needs, to resources in the community. Community UPLIFT was built on a no wrong door approach, meaning that there is no wrong way for a family to be referred to Community UPLIFT. Families can self-refer themselves to Community UPLIFT through our website at www.community-uplift.com, by scanning the QR code on our brochure, texting the keyword “uplift2” to 484848, by mail or fax, or by reaching out to Community UPLIFT directly. Families can also be referred to Community UPLIFT through Healthy Klamath Connect. Programs are also encouraged to refer families through any of the methods listed, but we do request the family is aware of the referral.

Once a referral is received, a Family Resource Facilitator reaches out to the family within 48-business hours and completes an interview process with them and connects families to the resources they want. Community UPLIFT makes four attempts to

contact the family and mails a letter if the family is unable to be contacted. The Family Resource Facilitator then follows up with the referral source so they know which programs a family was referred to or if the family was unable to be contacted.

If anyone is interested in a Community UPLIFT presentation, contact Danielle by phone at (541) 880-4655 or by email at Danielle.walker@douglasesd.k12.or.us.

You Matter to Klamath – Presentation

Jenn Scott, Prevention Outreach Coordinator for Klamath Basin Behavioral Health (KBBH) and Chair of You Matter to Klamath, presented about the local Suicide Awareness Coalition, You Matter to Klamath.

The You Matter to Klamath Coalition was founded in 2018 by local community agencies to address an increase in youth suicides and to meet requirements of Oregon Senate Bill 561.

You Matter to Klamath offers suicide prevention resources including wallet-size cards about suicide prevention. Resource cards are offered in English and Spanish. Other inclusive resource cards are directed towards Tribal members, Veterans, and Pride for the LGBTQIA+ community. Additional campaign materials include posters with tear-off phone numbers and text lines.

Another important aspect of You Matter to Klamath is offering community suicide prevention training including Mental Health First Aid; Connect (postvention training - response in the aftermath of a suicide to promote healing and mitigate the negative effects of exposure to suicide) – Training Professionals & Communities in Suicide Prevention & Response; QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training; ASIST Suicide Prevention Training Program.

In response to Senate Bill 52, also known as Adi's Act, Klamath Falls City Schools and Klamath County School District united with You Matter to Klamath to create a joint Suicide Prevention and Policies Procedures Manual as a guide to youth suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention procedures. Each school in both districts has its own system flow chart in the event of a crisis situation. It is the only joint policy between the districts.

You Matter to Klamath hosts an annual suicide awareness video contest for middle school, high school, and college students. The contest requirements are to create a suicide prevention video to support peers and show them that it is okay not to be okay. Submissions should offer hope, raise awareness about youth suicide, and include prevention resources. The You Matter to Klamath YouTube Channel highlights youth-made videos and can be found online at <https://www.youtube.com/@YouMattertoKlamath/videos>.

Klamath Basin Behavioral Health and You Matter to Klamath have developed campaign materials to address Men's Mental Health, and General Mental Health to promote protective factors and normalize reaching out for help.

If you are interested in receiving You Matter to Klamath suicide prevention resource cards, posters, Suicide Prevention trainings, or joining You Matter to Klamath, contact Jenn Scott by email at jscott@kbbh.org or by phone at (458) 200-4178.

Equity Lens

The Klamath Professional Advisory Committee discussed the Hub Equity Lens and how equity is being applied in Klamath County. Athena Wikstrom advised that Douglas Education Service District formed a Culture Team that will be creating an equity lens for the entire ESD. The team is looking at the South-Central Early Learning Hub's Equity Lens to use as a positive example of the equity lens they are generating. The Equity Lens was also shared with our National Consultant, Erin Watson with Weaving Change, who is also sharing our work with other partners within the ELD and partners across the United States.

Partner Updates

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) – Heather Freilinger – The 2nd Annual Spring Fling conference for childcare providers and early learning professionals will be in person at Klamath Community College (KCC) on April 29. There are currently 44 participants registered. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Aoife Magee with Positive Strategies to Address the Causes of Challenging Behavior in Young Children. The Research Institute from Western Oregon University will be at the conference to share about an upcoming capital improvement project grant. CCRR was able to hire a new Preschool Promise Facilitator, Erica Hinshaw, who will also be at the conference.

Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children (ORAEYC) - Kathleen Walker-Henderson – The Children's Learning Fair was on April 15th, thank you to the programs and organizations who participated. The next Children's Learning Fair will be April 13, 2024.

Klamath Community College Foundation – Kathleen Walker-Henderson – The KCC Foundation will be having their Hay Klamath Gala, Back in the Saddle Scholarship Roundup, to raise money for scholarships on May 13, 2023. If you are interested

in attending, tickets can be purchased on the KCC website at <https://www.klamathcc.edu/en-US/foundation/education-makes-a-difference/hay-klamath-gala.html>.

Take Root Parenting Connection -- Sanora Hoggarth – Take Root Parenting Connection completed the CPR for Infants and Children last night. The class was full and there is a waitlist for the next offering of CPR for Infants and Children this summer. Take Root is partnering with OIT and Konnect Care Dental to offer a free dental day for families at Mountain View Wellness. Take Root is also partnering with Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) and Klamath Community College (KCC) to offer a Social and Emotional Learning Night for 3 and 4-year-olds and 4 and 5-year-olds.

Take Root Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Klamath.County.Take.Root.Parenting.Connection/>

Klamath Promise – Jessie DuBose – Graduation Sensation is scheduled for Thursday, June 1 at noon on Main Street in Klamath Falls! Seniors will be parading down Main Street in their caps and gowns. Klamath Promise hopes to crowd the street to show support for the Class of 2023. After the parade, there will be a Party in the Park where Klamath Promise attempts to give away \$1000 in scholarships each minute until all scholarships have been distributed. This year Klamath Promise already has \$13,000 more for scholarships than last year. If you are interested in donating a scholarship contact Jessie DuBose. One hundred percent of the donations go to students, with thanks to the Sky Lakes Foundation.

Scholarship applications for all graduating seniors is open until May 25: <https://tinyurl.com/klamathpromise2023>.

Other Discussion:

Community Baby Shower – The sixth annual Community Baby Shower will be held Saturday, October 7 from 10:00am – 1:00pm at Klamath Community College, Building 4. For more information, contact Danielle Walker or Rhonda Janecke.

Trends on Thriving (TOTs) – Klamath County Public Health is partnering with Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) to offer an Infant Feeding Needs Assessment survey to improve breastfeeding resources and support in the community. The survey is open to individuals with at least one child under the age of two and who live in Klamath, Lake, Modoc, or Siskiyou County. Qualifying survey participants will receive a \$25 gift card.

If anyone has any suggestions for trainings or presenters for upcoming Klamath Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, let Danielle know. Danielle.walker@douglasesd.k12.or.us.

Next Meeting:

May 24, 2023 from 10 am to noon.