

**South-Central Early Learning Hub
Lake County Community Governance Council
Minutes – May 23, 2023**

Attendees: Michael Carter (s), Michael Benson (v), Shalom Rorabaugh, Heidi Martinez, Tina Aguilar, Gillian Wesenberg, Machel Ramirez, Cynthia Hurkes, Vanessa Pingleton, Bailey Guido, Ronda Osborn, Danielle Walker

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

Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) – Michael Benson – The state requires EI/ECSE to have an advisory committee called a Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) that reviews and approves the Lake County EI/ECSE yearly plans. LICC and the South-Central Early Learning Hub (SCELH) meetings were joined together to reduce the number of meetings members attend.

Before the meeting, Lake County EI/ECSE plans were emailed to meeting participants. Michael Benson reviewed plan updates with the Lake County Community Governance Council (LICC and SCELH).

Item C – Includes language about how EI/ECSE receives referrals for marginalized populations. The referral sources remained the same. EI/ECSE recently started receiving referrals from medical providers in the Bend / LaPine area.

Item D -- Relates to demographics and the alignment with community representation. The demographic caseload for children receiving services from EI/ECSE includes White, Hispanic/Latinx, and African American. With the small sample size in Lake County, it is hard to guess the demographics of the children who might be eligible for services. The program referral demographics align with community representation.

Item E -- Is new in the report, and asks for a range of time between the initial referral and parent consent to evaluate. In Lake County, there is no time between the initial referral and obtaining consent for evaluation. The ECSE program meets with a family to discuss developmental concerns and potential referrals with the team. If the family is interested in an eligibility evaluation, consent is obtained at the initial referral meeting.

Item H – Interagency Agreements. Lake County EI/ECSE has Local Interagency Agreements with Klamath Family Head Start, Lakeview site. EI/ECSE is in the second year of agreements with the High Desert Education Service District.

Interagency Agreements - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment (CAPTA) procedures. When a child is taken into ODHS custody, it is mandatory for children who have been involved in substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect to be screened by EI/ECSE. The Lake County EI/ECSE and ODHS agreement was reviewed and approved by Katie Hass with ODHS.

Item J -- Is new to the County Plan, and relates to Social and Emotional Assessment and Framework. Michael received guidance from the Regional EI/ECSE Coordinator, who advised providing information about tools Lake County EI/ECSE uses for social-emotional development and assessment.

Item K -- Is also new to the County Plan, and relates to home visiting procedures, the county's home visiting approach, the length of home visits, and collaborations with other home visiting system partners in the county. EI/ECSE in Lake County tends to visit families weekly.

Item L – This is the list of LICC Members. If anyone is missing from the LICC roster, let Michael Benson know.

Page nine provides space for recommendations from LICC. If you have any recommendations to include, let Michael Benson know. The plan gets submitted to the Regional Coordinator the first week of June.

Item M is new to the County Plan and relates to engagement with the local Early Learning Hub. EI/ECSE partners with the South-Central Early Learning Hub and has joint LICC and South-Central Early Learning Hub monthly meetings.

EI and ECSE Calendars

The EI program runs year-round with 209 service days. EI is open and available to provide services for 209 days but must fit into Michael Benson's 190-day contract.

The ECSE calendar has 179 service days and aligns closely with Lake County School District #7 calendar, usually within four to six days. Michael Carter suggested adding Lakeview School District #7 as a partnership.

Machel Ramirez made a motion to approve the EI/ECSE Lake County Plan as submitted with one addition. Shalom Rorabaugh seconded the motion. No further discussion.

Lakeview SD #7 – Michael Carter – Legislative funding for education is currently at \$10.2 Billion. Lakeview School District #7 partnered with Klamath Works to help get high schoolers trained to provide childcare. The district is moving into a four-day workweek. Graduation is coming up.

SCELH Update – Gillian Wesenberg -- Legislative Republican senators are still not attending. If Legislators do not reach a quorum and vote on bills, the Governor will need to call a special session to approve budgets. There is a continuation bill for agencies to get paid through Sept 15, 2023. Michael Carter shared there is an emergency meeting tomorrow at 2:30 pm.

The South-Central Early Learning Hub is continuing to accept Preschool Promise applications for the 2022-2023 school year. There are three openings at Honker Preschool in Lake County.

Applications have opened for the 2023-2024 Preschool Promise year beginning in September. Eligible students turned 3 or 4 by September 1, are residents of Oregon, and have a family income of up to 200% of Federal Poverty.

Apply at: <http://www.southcentralhubenrollment.com/> or contact us by phone at (541) 957-4809.

Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) – Cynthia Hurkes – Cynthia reported about the Conscious Discipline project. The project will be completed in June 2023. KPI partnered with Care Connections and Education, the regional Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR), and planned three phases for the Conscious Discipline project.

During phase one, virtual Conscious Discipline training was presented by a master trainer to regional early childhood professionals. Participants also worked through a self-paced e-course. There were a total of 95 educators that participated, and 88 of them completed the training. Attendees included home visitors, childcare providers, kindergarten teachers, 3rd-grade teachers, administrators, and high school teachers. The first 60 participants received a kit containing tools for utilizing Conscious Discipline, valued at \$600.

Phase two, facilitated by CCRR, funded a Spanish Conscious Discipline cohort. The Spanish cohort followed the same, self-paced e-course, and virtual training. There was no translation, and all training was only in Spanish. Twenty-one educators, including childcare providers and instructional coaches, participated in the Spanish Cohort.

In phase three, KPI partnered with Creating Community Resilience in Douglas County to offer Conscious Discipline to families. KPI created partnerships in Klamath and Lake Counties to offer Conscious Discipline to families.

Bailey Guido in Lake County, hosted meetings with community partners to share information about Conscious Discipline. Lake District Wellness Center staff received Conscious Discipline training. Some Lake District Wellness staff are still working through the e-course. Honker Preschool staff have also completed the Conscious Discipline e-course. Over the summer, between four and eight Honker Preschool interns will receive Conscious Discipline training and a classroom kit.

Bailey also attended a community event and shared a Conscious Discipline breathing demonstration with participants. The first 50 participants received a Conscious Discipline incentive valued at \$25.

KPI and Take Root Parenting Connection participated in the Lake Community Baby Showers. The Lakeview Community Baby Shower had about 15 moms and 12 children in attendance.

Klamath Family Head Start, Lakeview Site -- Shalom Rorabaugh – Lakeview Head Start was also in attendance at the Lakeview Community Baby Shower. The Head Start school year is ending soon for their preschool. Early Head Start is a year-round program and runs throughout the summer.

The Lakeview Head Start site has 20 Preschool Promise slots. Klamath Family Head Start requested the state to move Preschool Promise slots to Klamath County. After discussions with the Early Learning Division, Klamath Family Head Start will be keeping Preschool Promise slots in Lakeview. Lakeview Head Start has 48 slots for preschool between Preschool Promise and Head Start.

Home Visiting Systems Coordination (HVSC) – Vanessa Pingleton – The first Home Visiting Systems Coordination (HVSC) and Family Support gathering was yesterday. Feedback for the gathering was positive. The next gathering will be August 22, more information will be coming out soon. HVSC meeting structures are changing. HVSC Leadership, HVSC Advisory, and Take Root will merge into a single, one-and-a-half-hour meeting. The first half-hour is dedicated to Take Root, the second half-hour is dedicated to HVSC, and the final half-hour is breakout rooms focusing on the four buckets of HVSC work.

Take Root – Bailey Guido -- Active Parenting for families with children ages five through twelve, started on May 17 and will be an 8-week series. The first session had thirteen participants. Participants can join anytime throughout the series.

Take Root will be holding an in-person Paint with Mom and an in-person Paint with Dad night in June. Take Root is also working with Healthy Families to host a toddler play and learn event at the Lakeview Library. Info will be shared about the play and learn event once details are finalized. Everyone who attends the play and learn event will receive a toddler TeachMy Kit.

Healthy Families -- Machel Ramirez – Healthy Families posted an application for an open Family Support Special position. Sanora Hoggarth delivered 30 TeachMy kits to Healthy Families to be distributed to the families they serve.

Lake District Wellness -- Heidi Martinez – Lake District Wellness has been without a Behavioral Health supervisor and has other staff leaving their positions. Interviews are scheduled for some job openings. Lake District Wellness has a new Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), and a new youth peer mentor. A Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor (CADC) is leaving but Lake District Wellness has an interview scheduled for a new CADC next week.

Tina Aguilar, Lake District Wellness, shared the Wraparound program is still in the beginning phases. One new child is beginning Wraparound services and one family has decided to take a break for summer. There are currently eight children in the Wraparound program.

Next Meeting: June 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm.