Draft Professional advisory committee

Meeting Notes

May 25, 2017 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

# In Attendance

Shawn Lybarger, Chair

Amber Barrows, Vice Chair

Trina Gwaltney

Nanette Hagen

Erin Helgren

Cati Adkins

Karin Hardin

Cindy Shirtcliff

Pat Sublette

Heather Freilinger

Mark Andrews

**Staff Present**: Gillian Wesenberg, Cynthia Hurkes, Kiera Culbertson

**Others Present:** Carlos Gomez, Tatum Stedman, Sondra Williams, Diane Hazen

# Action Items

Approve April meeting notes.

**Motion**: Karin Hardin

**Second:** Tatum Stedman

Minutes approved.

# HUB Update

**Gillian Wesenberg** spoke about the Regional Governance Council retreat she attended. Hub Governance Council representation from Douglas, Lake, and Klamath counties were present. The Regional Governance Council is working together to connect all three counties as a region. The ELD would like more regional involvement shown on the plans for the next year, the draft of which is due in August 2017. It was also discussed and decided that the Regional Governance Council would like it to remain one county - one vote. It was decided to prioritize P-3, as it is so important, and the events have presented positive data. The Council discussed using focus areas for next year’s annual plan and data for the investments being chosen. They are also interested in knowing what each county is doing and how it connects to the region. The Measuring Success Committee is looking at how metrics and data are working with the medical community and they want ideas for ways to help each other to reach metrics and make life better for children. Trina mentioned trying to get the CCO involved as they are partners in many community projects and might have places they can branch out to and delegate projects that way. She thinks finding out who took Dr. Seal’s place at the table and invite them for a visit to discuss what each group is doing might help them to get involved.

**Trina Gwaltney** gave an update on the washer and dryers, which recently had their second installation after 10 years of use. Everyone involved in the program requested new units or repairs for their existing units. The program is teaching high school students how to do their own laundry. They are wrapping up annual reports and have seen an increase in all schools for dental, and have received The Ford Family Foundation grant to continue the dental services. Their nurses are doing weekly visits to 10 schools per week to provide classroom education, family resources, hygiene tools, violence prevention and even helping with transportation. They have piloted an adult learning lab that teaches about tobacco prevention, healthy nutrition, local connections, and exercise education, and are hoping to start a wellness program to help with diabetes prevention sometime soon. The program “Kids in the Kitchen”, which is a food safety and food preparation program which helps teach kids budgeting for meals, went from two sites with about seven in attendance at each site to 25 children at each site.

**Shawn Lybarger** attended the P-3 summit meeting. She reported it was a good turn out with many people including a few parents in attendance. They shared how the Yoncalla collaboration helped expand parent involvement, and then Portland State had countywide data for kids and schools. Each table at the event was given the information, they were to mark where they thought the gaps, and concerns were. Once they get the feedback for that meeting from Portland State the group will decide what the next step is. She also attended The Ford Family Foundation school readiness meeting, which sent out snapshots of Douglas, Coos, and Siskiyou counties, Gillian has those reports and will be sending them out to the Hub. Those included infant mortality rates, 3rd grade reading levels, adult employment and more. The goal was to look at the data and decide together how to move forward, and in four or five months they will host another meeting where they will invite more people in order to have a better view of what needs to happen next. Douglas County had the highest teen pregnancy, infant mortality rates, and unemployment rates. Shawn felt the idea of the meeting was prioritizing how each county thinks the Ford Family Foundation could be collaborating in each of them. She recapped the 211 meeting for those that missed the presentation. They are getting everything worked out, but the website still does not work well so they suggest texting or calling as they are still in the process of getting everything updated and working well. They sent out a card for the Hub to keep them updated on their programs and changing plans and numbers.

They will be moving a Head Start class to Green. There was a Hub Parental Advisory Meeting at the beginning of May, which meets four times a year and at each meeting very few to no parents have attended. Because of this, they have decided to forgo these meetings and have instead decided to come up with a survey to send to meetings and activates where the parents will already be, such as Head Start and other parent groups or the fair. During the fair week, they will be handing out these same surveys and the completed ones will be entered into a drawing.

**Tatum Stedman** and P-3 made “What Does My Child Need to Get Ready for Kindergarten” brochures which were shared at the meeting. Two thousand were printed and given out to various schools, and places they knew preschoolers would definitely be visiting. In the future, more will be printed. The goal is to get the brochures into doctor’s offices, clinics, given to dentist offices, clinics, urgent cares, schools, and possibly, in the bags they send home with new parents at Mercy Birthplace. Eventually, they would like to see them printed in Spanish

Tatum also talked about the change in Roseburg’s preschool program, which will eliminate transportation entirely. Due to the high cost of busing, the amount of money saved by doing parent transport will be enough to change their part time teacher to full time. They closed the Winchester campus and are reopening it in Green, changing their focus to the Green area. The available preschool spots will be given first option to those in the area, and if they still have openings, they will prioritize based on the ability to self-transport and then academic needs. They were able to change from four days a week to five days a week and from two hours a day to three and a half hours a day, and will be collaborating with Head Start. While they are awaiting feedback from Green, the principle (Amy Rodriguez) has mentioned starting a parent café where parents can discuss the possibility of carpooling or brainstorm ways to help with the lack of transportation. Sondra and her department will be working with this project as well, hopefully adding their special needs children to the program when they are ready. From their surveys they were able to get email addresses for some of the parents. They have then been able to send emails regarding any pre-k events, or anything to help the parents feel supported with the task of getting their children ready for kindergarten. Tatum attended a conference in Chicago that hosts an online forum for feedback and on that forum; she came across one post about a county collaborating with their power company and sending out kindergarten registration forms with every bill during the time to register. She thought the Hub could possibly build on this idea as a way to get more kindergarten registration. Green Elementary will be transforming a wing of their school into a sort of early learning wing; this will have a parenting room, a community resource room, a lending library, and computers for job applications to completed.

**Sondra Williams** shared that their program is approaching 400 children and families. Last year around this time they had 300. Their main goal is to get children interacting with their peers, as that is whom they learn from best. She shared the impact of the Hub funding books that will be sent out in honor of a teacher involved in the program that passed a few years ago.

# June Agenda Planning

P-3 Report – Cynthia Hurkes

Sandy Henry

DHS Home Visiting Presentation – Paul Coffelt

# Next Meeting Date

Thursday, June 15, 2017 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Douglas Room