

LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

May 28, 2024 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Attendance

Michael Carter (v)
Lane Stratton (v)
Michael Benson (v)
Jen Schultz

Colleen May-Weir
Maurita Johnson
Bailey Guido
Gillian Wesenberg

Vanessa Pingleton
Athena Wikstrom
Danielle Walker

Please note: For ease of member access, South-Central Early Learning Hub – Lake County Community Governance Council meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise notified.

The Lake Community Governance Council reviewed and approved the April 2024 minutes. Jennifer Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Maurita Johnson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

South-Central Early Learning Hub – Gillian shared the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) contracted with BUILD Initiative, a national research corporation, to review past legislation and contracts. BUILD Initiative is working with DELIC, the Early Learning Council (ELC), and Early Learning Hubs to develop definitions that clearly express the work and role of Early Learning Hubs.

The state is working on the Suspension and Expulsion Statute, which will be going into place July 1, 2026. DELIC requested Hubs apply for funding to assist in the planning and implementation process of this new legislation. The statute allows for providing extra behavioral supports to child care programs.

There is an open position for a Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) Facilitator. The job posting will be relisted in the coming weeks, and is open to applicants in Douglas, Klamath, or Lake Counties.

The Hub contracted with Pacific Research and Evaluation (PRE) to develop a Request for Application to distribute an extra, one-time amount or KPI funding from DELIC. PRE received and analyzed all 20 of the school district early literacy plans from across the region. The hope of the KPI Funding and Request for Application process is to link early childhood and k-12 through aligning and coordinating early literacy planning and implementation.

Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education – Michael Benson advised the last day of Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services for children ages three to five, is June 13. Early Intervention (EI) services for children birth to age three will end on the same date and start back up in July.

Four children in North Lake and four children in Lakeview will be transitioning to kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

Take Root – Bailey Guido shared the Paisley Family Engagement Boxes are being sent to four families. The last Family Engagement Box will be sent in June. Family Engagement Boxes are a partnership between Take Root, Lakeview ESD, and Paisley School.

Take Root is hosting one more playdate on June 12, which will include chalk art and DIY Stress Ball making. Take Root is developing a schedule for a virtual, strength-based support group, called Meaningful Moments for Moms. The ADHD and Me workshop for families with children experiencing ADHD will be held virtually on June 7. Event flyers can be found on the Lake County Take Root Facebook Page.

Lakeview School District #7 – Jen Shultz shared the Honker Preschool Promise site is full. There are openings for school-aged children in the after-school program. Summer Camp begins June 17. Twenty-five students have registered for Summer Camp. The camp has a capacity of thirty-five students.

Lakeview School District purchased Conscious Discipline training subscriptions for staff training. There are a few subscriptions remaining. If anyone needs Conscious Discipline training, contact Jen Schultz.

The district is supporting Miss Kim with training opportunities to achieve the required Oregon Registry Online (ORO) Step to be the lead Preschool Promise teacher in the 2024-2025 school year. The school is creating a memorial for Miss Gretta after her passing and is providing wraparound mental health services to children, parents, and staff as needed.

Michael Carter shared the school district is busy preparing for graduation this weekend.

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) – Heather Freilinger gave an overview of the Preschool Promise slot reallocations Request for Application (RFA). Current Preschool Promise grantees who want to expand their programs or providers interested in becoming a Preschool Promise grantee should apply. CCRR is hosting an informational meeting about the reallocation grant tomorrow at 5:00 pm.

Gillian shared the South-Central Early Learning Hub region lost 30 Preschool Promise slots in Roseburg when a Preschool Promise grantee chose not to continue with Preschool Promise in the 2023-2024 school year. The previous reallocation RFA was only open to current Preschool Promise grantees. Some slots were reallocated to Yoncalla in Douglas County and Klamath Falls City Schools in Klamath County. There are currently 18 slots available for reallocation in the region. The Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) will be reviewing provider applications, distributing reallocation slots, and developing a provider waitlist in the event additional slots become available for reallocation.

UCAN Healthy Families – Colleen shared that Vicky has eight families on her Healthy Families caseload in Lake County. The Lunch and Learn and Community Baby Showers in Lake County were both very successful.

Douglas County received a grant for Family Connects Oregon, which provides up to three no-cost nurse home visits to every family with a new baby. Unfortunately, Lake and Klamath Counties do not have the resources to move forward with Family Connects Oregon. There are no nurse home visitors in Lake County, and only one in Klamath County.

Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) – Maurita Johnson advised ODHS hired a Family Preservation staff in Lake County. The new staff member is out on family leave and will be returning in August. Upon their return, the staff member will be focusing on Family Preservation and Stability.

Klamath County received a grant from the Doris Duke Foundation to pilot a new screen out process. The pilot will incorporate current Klamath County processes. In Klamath County, ODHS assigns a Self-Sufficiency Case Manager to individuals who have been reported to the child abuse hotline who do not meet criteria for Child Welfare intervention. Through the Doris Duke Foundation, ODHS will receive one million dollars per year over three years to purchase tangible goods for families. Examples include washer/dryer sets, refrigerators, tires, and more.

Home Visiting Systems Coordination (HVSC) – Vanessa Pingleton shared the Oregon Home Visiting Systems Coordination Center is getting started. Some of the long-term goal for Home Visiting Systems Coordination work include ensuring family voice in home visiting services, expand decision-making partners for home visiting systems, promoting equitable access to home visiting services by mapping current service level and capacity, and increasing family awareness of, and choice in, home visiting services through a coordinated community awareness plan.

Lake County hosted a Lunch and Learn. Healthy Families provided lunch and dessert. Attendees learned about agencies throughout the community, including South-Central Early Learning Hub, Preschool Promise, Community UPLIFT, Take Root, Healthy Families, Dove Advocacy Center, and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Eighteen people attended. Vanessa learned about new resources in Lake County, and received interest from partners who would like to join the Community UPLIFT platform.

Next Meeting: September 28, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment: Heather Freilinger made a motion to adjourn, and Colleen May-Weir seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.