

# KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Notes

June 27, 2018 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

### Attendance

Jill O'Donnell	Charlene Shaw	Holly Stork
Kay Ortega	Rhonda Neighorn	Gillian Wesenberg
Melinda Collier	Rhonda Janecke	Danielle Walker
Sue Scheiss	Alethea Barlow	Cynthia Hurkes - Phone
Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Cindy Kallstrom	David Mandel - Phone
Dena Haudenschild	Anne Hiller-Clark	

### Klamath County Priority Updates

Anne and Rhonda presented the Early Attendance in Life and Early Literacy project proposals to Klamath Promise. The outcome of the meeting was that the Klamath Promise Executive Team, our Governance Council, approved both projects.

#### Early Literacy:

Books ordered are to be received and checked in by the Early Learning Hub in Klamath County.

There was a formation of a book selection team:

Jill O'Donnell	Kay Ortega
Stephanie Goodwin	Holly Stork
Alethea Barlow	Carol Coker
Danielle Walker	Melinda Collier

#### Early Attendance:

The project focuses on tying together the concepts of the importance of early literacy along with early attendance in life including important focuses in life such as attending doctor and dental appointments. The long-term goal is preparing children for K12 and success in the workforce.

#### Discussion with ELD

David Mandel with the Early Learning Division joined the meeting via video conference and discussed the following with the group.

- State Priorities
- Governor's Children's Cabinet
- ELC Strategic Planning Process
- High-quality Childcare

#### Other Updates

##### KPI update –

- The KPI Program will be helping the early literacy group with KPI expertise and the evaluation.
- Would like to collaborate with the group to brainstorm ideas for KPI Professional Development (PD) as to ideas to ensure the PD is what we want and need in our area.
  - PD Team Volunteers: Kathleen Walker-Henderson, Jill O'Donnell, Melinda Collier
- Reviewed the Kindergarten Readiness brochure with the PAC; made revisions and suggestions.

Care Connections and Education – Completed Ready! for Kindergarten program training providers. Multi-cultural Specialist position has one person interested.

Klamath Community College – Received ELPD (Early Learning Professional Development) funds through The Ford Family Foundation and are using them to offer an ECE 249 Special Needs and Inclusion online program and have 41 students registered for Summer Term. Founder’s Hall is now open. KCC enrollment is up 18% for summer term.

Oregon Health Authority – New contract with CCO’s – called CCO 2.0. Pat Allen, the Head of OHA, will be in Klamath Falls on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Henley for a community engagement session.

DHS – Partnering with OIT, CARES and The Klamath Tribes to offer a Klamath County Drug Endangered Children’s Symposium on August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> which will be talking about drug use and how it affects the entire family. RSVP to Rhonda.

Cascade Health Alliance – Will be at Project Family Connect promoting Well Child Visits.

Klamath Chapter of the OAEYC – Is working on the Early Childhood Conference providing training to providers. This will be held at Klamath Community College on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jill will send out a “Save the Date.”

*Discussion:* Heartfelt Obstetrics and Gynecology, a participant in our Early Literacy initiative, is concerned that they are not Early Literacy Experts – Dena Haudenschild is working on a bookmark that they can include in the books to deliver a short message to families encouraging new parents to start reading – send ideas to Dena.

SMART – Held an informational night with Klamath Family Head Start to engage and teach parents about the importance of reading to their children, especially over summer breaks when a “Summer Reading Slide” can occur, in which a child can potentially lose as much as 3-months of their education.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.