

# KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Notes

June 27, 2018 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

### Attendance

Carol Coker	Molly Hamilton	Danielle Walker
Charlene Shaw	Rhonda Janecke	Vanessa Pingleton – Phone
Gillian Wesenberg	Jill O’Donnell	Anne Hiller-Clark – Phone
Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Julie Bettles	Julie Hurley – Phone
Holly Stork	Rhonda Neighorn	Cindy Walsh – Phone
Kay Ortega	Hilda Reyes	
Melinda Collier	Jocelyn Amaya	

### Initiative Updates:

#### Early Attendance

Ann Hiller-Clark updated the committee with progress on the Early Attendance in Life Initiative, including:

- Focusing on outreach to families in the community and the importance of attendance in life starting early. The Attendance in Life project seeks to improve rates of well child visits to local healthcare providers because issues that may affect a child’s health and school readiness can be addressed at an early stage at this time
- Addressing transportation barriers
  - Working with Molly Jespersion and Jennifer Little at Skylakes on how to help families overcome transportation hurdles. They are also very interested in helping with outreach and education as well as helping non-Medicaid and uninsured families get to appointments.
- Konnect Dental Care and Healthy Families are interested in joining the initiative
- Looking into handouts for early attendance, focusing on well-child visits. Anne has requested usage rights for handouts from Bright Futures (ex. Activity books in English and Spanish)

#### Early Literacy

Rhonda Neighorn gave an update on the Early Literacy initiative:

- Overview of initial plan for returning/new PAC members
- DHS will be scheduling a “Book Walk and Talk” training for their staff with Holly Stork from SMART and Stephanie Goodwin from the Klamath County Library.
- Book orders will be placed at the end of August with hopes of beginning the initiative in September.
  - Orders will be placed through Ingram
  - Kudos to Stephanie Goodwin, who has been on top of book orders and creating book lists for the committee
- PSU will be doing Pre and Post Survey collections
  - Survey Kick-off meeting at SOESD – Klamath Falls, August 30, 2018 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
  - KPI Funding for PSU time and data aggregation
  - Surveys to begin in September 2018 and be completed by May 2019
  - Suggestion: Include a question on the post survey: “Did you complete a pre-survey?”
- Suggestion: have a check-in/check-out process for books once they have been delivered
- The committee agreed to have a sorting party once books arrive to check-in and sort for disbursement to participating programs.
- Bookplate cost at approx. \$124 for 1600 labels was approved by the committee

### Discussion: Next Steps

#### Early Attendance:

Find promotional handouts for Early Attendance in Life – Send any suggestions to Anne Hiller-Clark

## Early Literacy:

Group discussed that some of the programs participating in the Early Literacy Initiative might not have the in-depth knowledge or the time to explain the benefits of early literacy to the families they serve. It was suggested that the group put together a short insert for the books that have 3-5 points indicating the benefits of reading young children.

The group will consult with Jill O'Donnell, Holly Stork, Stephanie Goodwin, and Molly Hamilton to retrieve short bullets about reading and education.

Holly Stork – requested permission to write an article for the program and submit to the Herald and News, which will include a listing of all the participating partners.

## June Minutes Revision

A revision was suggested on the June 2018 minutes. Update Book Selection Team to include Melinda Collier.

## ELD Discussion

Sue Parrish, Hub Manager with the Early Learning Division, gave an overview of the Early Learning Council strategic planning process and emerging themes.

### THEMES GENERATED FROM HUMAN SERVICES, EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION, K-12 & Health & Housing DEBRIEFS version 6.26.18

**SUMMARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, EARLY CARE & EDUCATION AND K-12 THEMES**  
The following list summarizes the initial themes captured from the debriefs the Council had after the stakeholder engagements that involved Human Services, Early Care & Education, and K-12. At this point, the process is capturing as many themes as possible to ensure Council members' observations and ideas have been described accurately. Themes will continue to be honed and clarified during Council debrief sessions and as other stakeholder engagements:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Cultural Responsiveness & Equity | 11. Supporting Families              |
| 2. Access to ECE                    | 12. Family-Centered Systems          |
| 3. Affordability of ECE             | 13. Use of Data                      |
| 4. Supply of ECE Settings           | 14. Financing & Leveraging Resources |
| 5. Quality of Settings              | 15. Building a Systems Approach      |
| 6. Standards/Regulations Alignment  | 16. State-Community Connections      |
| 7. Child Development Outcomes       | 17. Geographic Specific Needs        |
| 8. Workforce                        | 18. Community Context                |
| 9. Trauma-Informed Care             | 19. Connecting with Business         |
| 10. Inclusion                       | 20. Role of Early Learning Council   |

Also discussed the Measuring Success Committee and requested to have time on the next PAC agenda for Sue to bring information about the evolving metrics and for the PAC have an opportunity to give our input.

## Other Updates

Early Learning Hub: Danielle Walker shared the updated Early Learning Hub's new one-pager that includes county priorities.

Care Connections and Education: Still looking for someone to fill the open position for a bi-lingual employee to help create a Spanish cohort of providers.

DHS: Hosting a "Drug Endangered Children's Symposium" on August 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Klamath County School District: Will be hosting Play2Learn at six schools again this year with 2 nights each.

KCC: Finishing summer term. The two newest buildings are now open and they will be holding a ribbon cutting in October. Kathleen Walker-Henderson will send out information on ECE 199, a cradling Literacy class, and SOU workshop being held on the last week in September.

Cascade Health Alliance: Is hosting a community event, "Celebrate Building a Healthy Community" on August 25<sup>th</sup> with community partners, water slides and giveaways.

Community Baby Shower: Partners in Klamath County have come together to host a Community Baby Shower on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 3 pm at the Klamath County Library. Handed out posters and invitations to programs at the PAC. This is our chance to love the families in our communities.

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.