

# KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Notes

Sept. 25, 2019 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

### Attendance

Rhonda Nyseth	Holly Stork	Gillian Wesenberg
Wendy Grey	Charla Oppenlander	Monica Shaw
Sue Scheiss	Charlene Shaw	Heidi McGowan
Jill O'Donnell	Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Danielle Walker
Melinda Collier	Sylvia Cox	Phone: Cynthia Hurkes
Cindy Walsh	Amy Quayle	Phone: Heather Frelinger
Dena Haudenschild	Rhonda Janecke	Phone: Sue Parrish

### Tri-Chair Celebration

The group took a few minutes to celebrate and thank Jill O'Donnell for her role as a Tri-Chair of the Klamath Professional Advisory Committee.

At the May 2019 meeting, Jill requested to step down from her role as one of the Tri-Chairs of the Klamath PAC. The group requested that we create a process for electing tri-chairs in the future. We hosted an online survey for those who might be interested in a tri-chair position. The survey asks four questions, and there was one respondent, Rhonda Janecke.

The Klamath PAC welcomed Rhonda Janecke to join Dena Haudenschild and Rhonda Nyseth as the newest member of the Klamath PAC Tri-Chairs.

### Student Success Act and Community Planning

Sue Parrish with the Early Learning Division (ELD), shared a handout on the passage of the Student Success Act and a presentation regarding the State Early Learning Toolkit and the three required deliverables. These deliverables will be used as a plan to guide funding decisions that will be incorporated into requests for Applications (RFAs) for Preschool Promise, Oregon Prekindergarten, and Early Head Start. They will help to guide policies and procedures around preschool guideline revisions, and design considerations for Early Head Start. They will also impact Community Capacity in which we will be able to leverage available resources and help determine a shared services approach for small providers.

#### Phase 1:

- Regional Stewardship Committee:
  - Generate a Regional Stewardship Committee to oversee the Early Care and Education (ECE) Sector Expansion and the regional ECE planning process and develop the ECE sector plan for the region
  - Parent leadership is required on the Stewardship Committee as they will be able to guide conversations from their personal experiences
- Required Deliverables:
  - Deliverable 1: Analysis of Priority Populations for ECE Expansion
    - Collect and Analyze Data to inform and refine the definition of our priority population
    - Use the analysis to guide family engagement efforts, and assess disparities in access and service levels for potential priority populations
  - Deliverable 2: Mixed Delivery Profile

- Synthesize Family Needs and Preferences by engaging Families and Providers
- Assess Supply by using Regional Data and data provided by the ELD and Childcare Resource and Referral (CCR & R.)
- Deliverable 3: Emerging ECE Opportunities
  - Engage stakeholders and community in identifying the emerging regional opportunities for ECE Expansion

**Phase II:**

- Coordinated Enrollment Planning including family and provider engagement – process to be rolled out in February, 2020

**Phase III:**

No information at this time. The Early Learning Division will be fine-tuning this phase, which will run from late 2020 into 2021.

The Klamath PAC discussed parent engagement opportunities such as:

- Surveying WIC Parents
- Surveying parents at the Klamath Community Baby Shower
- Asking for feedback at Take Root Parenting Education workshops and series
- Hosting an online survey
- Surveying the Early Childhood Education Classes at KCC
- Paper Questionnaire – ask families at Head Start to complete surveys while filling out applications
- DHS could potentially distribute surveys
- YMCA parent/teacher conferences

**Pacific Research and Evaluation (PRE) Research and Strategic Planning**

The Regional Governance Council engaged with Pacific Research and Evaluation to generate a Regional Landscape Analysis by interviewing Superintendents and surveying parents, kindergarten teachers, and child care providers. The Landscape Analysis is still in process, but the Regional Governance Council reviewed the first draft of the Executive Report. It was noted that poverty data is not currently included and will be added to the final report.

The group paired up and discussed what they would like to add to the strategic plan document. Heidi will condense the thoughts of the Klamath PAC and complete a similar planning processes in each county.

Discussion points included:

- Increasing access to high quality early care and education
  - More facilities are needed
  - More transportation for children – cost of transportation is a barrier
  - Removing the barrier of income guidelines for parents by:
    - Advocating for state change
    - Finding a way to change the supports in our community
    - Head Start advocates with their “higher-ups” at director meetings
  - Need more tuition free scholarships and paid professional development for providers
  - Increased pay for early childcare professionals
  - Improving/reducing waitlist or serving families on waitlists
    - Preschool by mail, online services, Ready! for Kindergarten, Play2Learn, etc...
- Parent Feedback

- Listening to parents and focusing on their strengths rather than weaknesses
- Programs and communities supporting parents as their child's first teacher
- Hosting culturally appropriate events
- Partnering to expand with agencies who provide Home Visiting services for families
- Offering trainings to Home Visitors on things like
  - Health and Safety
  - Bedbugs and Lice
- Advocate for home visiting services done by a nurse to become a billable service on insurance
- Advocating for paid leave for parents

### **Community UPLIFT, KPI/P-3, Take Root Updates**

**Community UPLIFT** – Discussed the Data Portal and new ways to access the initial referral form, such as [www.community-uplift.com](http://www.community-uplift.com), the text number, and QR Codes. Community UPLIFT will also host Lunch and Learns in each of the three counties.

**KPI** – Hosting Dr. Kendra Coates who will be presenting Growing Early Mindsets (GEM) information sessions in Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties

**Take Root** – Upcoming Family Engagement Activities:

- Nurturing Parent Series with Melinda starting in October
  - Held Thursday evenings, see Amy Quayle for flyers
- Make Parenting a Pleasure Train the Trainer
  - November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Lakeview
- Ramp and Roll Workshop
  - Targeting families with three to eight-year-olds
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Klamath County Library
  - Twenty-four families are already registered

### **Partner Updates**

**DHS** - Klamath County Symposium on Family Violence

**NAEYC** – Annual Early Childhood Education Conference will be held November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Klamath Community College, and is designed for Early Childcare Professionals

**CCR&R** – has workshops coming up – distributed flyers to the group. A full-time position has opened for a bilingual individual to work with the Klamath County Spanish cohort and providers and Lake County. Contact Melinda for more information. The Klamath CCR & R office is moving to Pine Street on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**KCC** – Fall Enrollment is up due to the layoffs from IQOR and Columbia Plywood.

**Klamath County Library** – In October, they will be celebrating one year with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. About 1465 total have registered, some have aged out of the program with about 1200 still receiving books.

**Community Partners** – Community Baby Shower scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm celebrating pregnant women and families with children up to one-year-old.

### **Next Meeting:**

October 16, 2019 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at SOESD, 2685 Foothills Blvd.