

KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

August, 2018 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Attendance

Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Anne Hiller-Clark	Rhonda Janecke
Jill O'Donnell	Sue Scheiss	Carol Coker
Cynthia Hurkes	Wendy Grey	Molly Hamilton
Dena Haudenschild	Gillian Wesenberg	Cindy Walsh – Phone
Julie Hurley – Phone	Charlene Shaw	Danielle Walker
Stephanie Goodwin	Rhonda Neighorn	
Holly Stork	Jocelyn Amaya	

State-level Updates:

Gillian Wesenberg provided a quick debrief regarding the Appreciative Site Visit and discussion followed with members of the committee who were able to attend. Gillian also shared information regarding a new Federal Grant that the Early Learning Division is applying for and how it corresponds with the conversations that the state has been having with Early Learning Hubs.

Initiative Updates:

Early Attendance

Anne Hiller-Clark gave an overview of the Early Attendance group and shared their revised plan. There was a suggestion to include WIC in the initiative and that some families need help to get to appointments, someone to check for barriers and help them set up transportation, etc...

Early Literacy

Group discussed the Early Literacy team and some of the progress

- DHS and ECI had a Book Walk-and-talk training to help their staff explain the benefits of reading to young children and strategies for reading to young children
- Healthy Families also received training and is starting to distribute books
- YMCA will be receiving training and will be starting the survey and book distribution process
- Book Selection team will meet again in October to work on title selections and a second order
 - Look for a few titles with a nutritional theme for WIC
- KCC STEPS Grant – requested to join initiative
- ECI will start surveys and distribution at their conferences on October 12th
- Committee approved bookmark purchase

Suggestions supporting Early Literacy

- Evening of Round Tables with parents to gather data
 - SMART books distributed to parents who attend
- Partnering with Basin Book Trader

PSU Survey Needs – None at this time

Priority Implementation Support

- Klamath PAC received and approved funding for the Klamath Community Baby Shower request based on:
 - Booked appointments with providers such as Sanford Children’s Clinic
 - New families registered for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
 - Number of Dental Sealants/Exams provided
 - Scheduled appointments for WIC

KPI

Cynthia Hurkes requested feedback on the distribution of the “Let’s Get Ready for Kindergarten” brochure, who will and how to distribute.

Also discussed bringing a Culturally Responsive training to Klamath County at the beginning of the year with a limitation of 24 participants.

Other Updates

Partners gave updates on their programs:

Take Root - Baby 101 on November 3rd in Lakeview, hosted by Vicky Taylor. Offering Baby 101 workshop in Klamath on November 10th from 1-3 pm and will be facilitated by Carol Coker and Brittney Otero. Collaborating with the YMCA and Charlene Shaw to put together a series of monthly workshops starting this fall, hosted at the YMCA, with childcare provided.

KCC - Oct 16th from 4:00 – 5:00 pm ECE advisory committee meeting. First week of class, enrollment is up and flat lining, PSYCH 235 - 23 people enrolled.

STEPS Grant – Jocelyn is going out in the community and has received many referrals from partners. KCC currently has 19 or 20 students enrolled with their grant.

CHA - is going to be in Mills park tomorrow (September 27th) to improve the park with an American Ninja Warrior theme.

EI/ECSE - ECP meeting on October 6th – will share program updates and connect with others.

ECI - Will be sending out monthly newsletters including Vroom tips, speech and language development. Danielle will forward the newsletter to the PAC. Dena to add Kathleen Walker-Henderson to ECP list.

NAYEC - Early Childhood Education Conference - November 3rd, with local and state presenters. Brett Walker, coming to present Early Learning and Kindergarten Strategies and wants to meet with members of Klamath County on Friday, November 2nd. Let Jill O’Donnell know if you are interested in being part of the conversation.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.