

**South-Central Early Learning Hub
Lake County Community Governance Council
Minutes – Sept. 27, 2022**

Attendees: Lane Stratton (s), Michael Carter (s), Michael Benson (v), Commissioner James Williams, Colleen May, Stephanie Appel, Marsha Richmond, Gillian Wesenberg, Cynthia Hurkes, Athena Wikstrom, Danielle Walker, Charlene Shaw, Bailey Guido,

Please note: The Lake County Community Governance Council meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) concerns.

Members of the Lake County Community Governance Council introduced themselves in the meeting chat.

South-Central Early Learning Hub – Regional System Assessment Carousel

Gillian introduced the Early Learning Division (ELD) Regional System Assessment which will focus on Raise Up Oregon Objective 2: Families have access to high-quality (culturally responsive, inclusive, developmentally appropriate) affordable early care and education that meets their needs.

The Regional System Assessment is designed to determine what is helping and also hindering access to high-quality early care and education. The South-Central Early Learning Hub staff have been working with an ELD-contracted national consultant, Erin Watson with Weaving Change, to walk through the Regional System Assessment and develop processes to complete the required deliverable. Today's process will walk the Lake Community Governance Council through three of the eight ecosystem conditions that affect access, Connections, Program and Opportunity Components, and Human Resources. If the region can target efforts around these ecosystem conditions, it will give us the "biggest bang for our buck." Ecosystem conditions include:

- Shared Mindsets
- Goals
- Decision-Making
- Policies and Practices
- Connections
- Program and Opportunity Components
- Human Resources
- Financial Resources

Athena facilitated the large group discussion and took notes to capture input. Lake Community Governance Council member are encouraged to reflect about the ecosystems conditions that were discussed today. If members have any additional feedback to include, please add this information to the Google Doc shared below. Input could include information that was not captured or information about categories members did not have a chance to review during the meeting.

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Carousel Process Reflection

Members shared that the carousel process was helpful and informative for new members, and will be a beneficial tool in upcoming updates to the Regional System Assessment.

Next Steps:

Next, the South-Central Early Learning Hub staff will review the document with Erin Watson, develop common themes, and “clean-up” the Ecosystems document.

Local Professional Advisory Committees (PAC) and Governance Councils in Douglas and Klamath Counties will also have a chance to go through this process during their September and October meetings. The final document will be shared once all feedback is received and reviewed by Hub staff. The Regional System Assessment is due in April 2023 and will be a high priority for the South-Central Early Learning Hub over the next few months.

Partner Updates

Kindergarten Partnership Readiness and Innovation (KPI) - is holding a zoom meeting this Thursday to discuss how to implement Conscious Discipline for Families in Lake County. If anyone is interested in attending this meeting, email Bailey Guido at bguido@desd.k12.or.us.

Take Root - The Take Root calendar for upcoming classes and workshops can be found at: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=takerootinfo%40desd.k12.or.us&ctz=America%2FLos_Angeles

EI/ECSE – There are currently 12 children in the EI/ECSE program, and also have two open referrals. Michael expects to receive an additional two to three referrals by the end of this week.

Lakeview School District #7 – The new childcare building arrived, but requires additional permits for installation. Michael will be completing the required packets for these permits. The Early Learning Division (ELD) put out an Intent to Award for Lakeview School District #7 to receive 12 Preschool Promise slots. The district began the hiring process to staff the new child care, and have received four preschool teacher applications and three instructional assistant applications.

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) – The Fall Conference will be hosted in-person at Klamath Community College on October 29.

Healthy Families Lake County – Home Visitor, Vicky, only has one or two openings in her caseload and is traveling across all of Lake County to meet with families face-to-face. UCAN Healthy Families is prepping for a site visit next week.

Klamath Family Head Start Lakeview Sites – is now fully enrolled. Over the summer, a new infant/toddler playground was constructed. Klamath Family Head Start is working closely with Early Childhood Intervention to get all children who need services identified and served. Currently working to recruit additional staff.

County Commissioner James Williams – Commissioners are working on developing an attainable housing project in Lake County. An allocation was received from the legislature to complete the work.

Lake County Library – Marsha Richmond introduced herself as the new Lake County Library Director. The library has developed a rotating set of themed book boxes (ex., seasonal themed books) for child care providers in Lake County to check out. The library is also hoping to start story time hours again without COVID restrictions.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2022 at 1:00 pm.