

# KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Notes

October, 2018 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

### Attendance

Stephanie Goodwin	Rhonda Janecke	Courtney – Intern
Melinda Collier	Danielle Walker	Sue Scheiss
Randi Meyers	Gillian Wesenberg	Kay Ortega
Dena Haudenschild	Nora Foster	Amy Hathaway
Amy Quayle	Jill O'Donnell	Cindy Walsh
Holly Stork	Charlene Shaw	Jocelyn Amaya
Anne Hiller-Clark	Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Cynthia Hurkes - Phone

### Group Discussion

Lutheran Community Services received a grant for a Relief Nursery.

What is a Relief Nursery?

- Goal: Use evidence based practice to reduce neglect and abuse in children.
- Therapeutic Classrooms for children 0-4 years, education for both parents and their children.
- Host parenting classes and have home visiting.
- Relief Nursery's must operate under a 501(c)(3)
- 5-8 families will be served in the beginning – 1 classroom, two days a week and will grow from there.

### Initiative Updates:

#### Early Attendance

Anne has been meeting with programs to discuss the transportation barrier

- CHA has deferred to Skylakes Outpatient Care for transportation through Translink
- Translink Barriers include:
  - No car seats due to liability issues.
  - Will transport no more than the client and one guardian. This is challenging if the family has more than one child.
- Danielle has volunteered to help with promotional items (magnets, etc...)
- The group is processing needs and continuing work. The subcommittee is open to suggestions from the PAC and will be meeting directly after today's meeting.

#### Early Literacy

Approximately 1500 books have been distributed to programs

- There were some bumps in the ordering process for the first shipment, such as delivery location and backorders.

The book selection team is working on an order for November, with another order to be placed after its distribution to participating programs.

- Working on selecting books that are reflective of our diverse population, and books that match programs (ex., nutrition based books for WIC)

Surveys:

- Some programs are surprised that families are self-evaluating at a high rate in certain areas.
  - Suggestion: let the family know that it would be helpful to have accurate data and to answer as honestly as possible

Success Stories:

- Melinda Collier (Care Connections and Education) shared that she met a Goodwill employee who had received a book from a childcare provider; they were very happy about it and wanted to know when they would be able to get another.
- Dena Haudenschild (ECI) shared about a dad who immediately started reading the book the family received, who also stated how much they appreciated receiving a board book, and expressed that the cost of board books are high.
- Kay Ortega (OCDC) – Some families did not feel comfortable filling out the surveys because they were not able to read, staff helped and encouraged families throughout the process. One father was excited to start engaging his children with reading to them and completing other early learning activities

Basin Book Trader:

Is very open to collaboration around Early Literacy and is open to having a swap-out basket/wagon

- Books need to be monitored – Basin Book Trader would like to maintain a high quality “next to new” used books in their store.
- Families swap books from a wagon that would be placed inside Basin Book Trader.
- Dena Haudenschild generously volunteered to donate a wagon.
- The group would like to implement some sort of tracking of the number of families that swap books per week/month.

Baby Shower

Priority Implementation Support - \$500 was provided to the Community Baby Shower as approved by the Klamath PAC.

Rhonda Janecke updated the PAC with stats from the Baby Shower:

50 books gifted to families	21 self-identified pregnant women or partners of pregnant women attended	10 OHP applications dispersed
80 plus gifts given to families, including:	177 individuals submitted for the large gift give-away	1 family requested information on switching providers to Sanford Children’s Clinic
1 safe sleep box	Dental Sealants/Exams	30 children registered for Dolly Parton Imagination Library, 30-40 additional applications handed out to families.
6 Pack n’ Plays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 screenings</li> <li>• 6 people received silver diamine fluoride</li> <li>• 2 children received sealants</li> <li>• 1 Well-Child visit scheduled</li> </ul>	17 people showed interest in KCC STEPS program
5 Strollers		
6 Car Seats		
2 Exersaucers		
27 vendor booths		
29 self-identified new parents attended		

KPI

- Reviewed survey delivery method and due dates for Early Literacy partners.
- Culturally Responsible training to be held Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

- KPI provided scholarships to the COSA Early Learning Conference for those early learning partners participating in KPI funded activities.
- Will be creating additional “Let’s Get Ready for Kindergarten” brochures. Contact Danielle/Amy for additional brochures if needed.

### **Take Root**

- Hired a new Take Root/KPI facilitator for Klamath and Lake Counties– welcomed Amy Quayle (Klamath County).
- Hired a Family Resource Facilitator for Lake County, Daphne Greer, who will work for both the Early Learning Hub and Take Root.
- Take Root is hosting a Baby 101 workshop on November 10, 2018 – Carol Coker and Brittney Otero will facilitate – nurses and childcare will be available to families.

### **Community UPLIFT**

Danielle and members of Community UPLIFT gave a brief overview of the program, Family Resource Facilitator duties, and how families are connected to resources.

Community UPLIFT is excited to be working on a new data system in collaboration with the Early Learning Hub and Douglas ESD.

### **Other Updates**

- Brett Walker (Early Learning Division) – will be presenting at the Klamath County OAYEC Early Childhood Conference on November 3, 2018. Members of the PAC were invited to meet with Brett on November 2, 2018.
- CCR & R – introduced Brandi Myers who was hired in the Roseburg office to work with the Spanish Focus Childcare Network in Klamath and will be coming to Klamath County once or twice a month.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – First annual childcare business conference for childcare providers held in The Dalles, OR with Tom Copeland. Limited scholarships are available for rural providers; and one provider will be attending from Klamath County.
- KCC – Early Learning Professional Development funds going well. In the middle of the current Psychology class, and will hold an Early Childhood Professional Observation and Assessment class in January.
- SMART – during the first week of December, SMART will have a camera crew here to cover the state appeal video that will focus on Klamath County. The video will discuss the innovative ways that Klamath County has been able to engage communities of color and diverse populations, and will address the need in our community. The video will be shown across the state.
- Relief Nursery – hopes to have their first classroom ready by April 2019.
- Klamath Priority Implementation Support – Reminder that this fund is available for programs to access funding for activities supporting Klamath County strategies, Early Attendance in Life, and Early Literacy.

### **Next Meeting**

November 28, 2018 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.