

**South-Central Early Learning Hub
Lake County Governance Council
Minutes – Oct. 25, 2022**

Attendees: Lane Stratton (s), Michael Benson (v), Colleen May, Stephanie Appel, Gail Buermann (s), Tina Aguilar, Gillian Wesenberg, Athena Wikstrom, Bailey Guido, Connie Rosas, Vanessa Pingleton

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. A quorum was not present, the meeting was used for partner updates.

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Honker's Preschool through Lake County School District #7 received a Preschool Promise grant. There are still vacancies at the school. They are advertising in English and Spanish.

The Regional Service Assessment is continuing. Athena and Erin Watson, the contractor with the Early Learning Division, have been pulling out questions and synthesizing the feedback from the Professional Advisory Committees and Governance Councils. Additional questions for partners and families will be coming out between now and the due date in April.

The South-Central Early Learning Hub's Family Advisory Committee has been formed. The committee met for a kickoff and information meeting in October. There were 29 individuals who attended the first meeting including two from Lake County. Both participants from Lake County requested to join the committee. The Family Advisory Committee will be part of the Hub's Regional Governance Council. Parents receive a \$50 stipend to attend meetings. The committee will meet quarterly with the next meeting will be in January.

Partner Updates

Kindergarten Partnership Readiness and Innovation (KPI) – Bailey is facilitating meetings with individuals and partners who are interested in implementing Conscious Discipline in Lake County.

Take Root Parenting Connection – Bailey shared Take Root just wrapped up Active Parenting for Blended Families. Four individuals joined including an educator who often works with blended families, Take Root was able to give educator Oregon Registry Online (ORO) credit. Take Root is providing a Teen Parenting Series called Challenge Accepted. Challenge Accepted will be an eight-week series which families can join anytime. Babies Don't Come with Instructions is coming up.

Hospital Auxiliary Holiday Fair is coming up. Take Root is looking to participate in the Holiday Fair again. The cost is \$50 to attend, and the fee is waived for community partners sometimes. Contact Bailey at bguido@desd.k12.or.us for more information.

Vanessa shared she took a new position as the Take Root Coordinator. Vanessa is looking forward to bringing a Lunch and Learn to Lake County to share with community partners what the Hub, Take Root and other community partners do.

Early Intervention / Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) – EI/ECSE is serving 14 children county wide in the program. There are four children currently in the referral evaluation process.

Lane heard during the COSA meeting recently the state is forming working groups to determine where EI/ECSE will be housed, through Oregon Department of Education where it is currently housed, or with the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELCC) that is being formed and is currently the Early Learning Division.

Lake County Health District – Tina shared seven children are participating in wraparound right now. They are working with Schools and IEPs to ensure children are receiving the services they need.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2022 at 1:00 pm. This is a week early for Thanksgiving Break.