Professional advisory committee

Meeting Notes

October 26, 2017 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

# In Attendance

**Staff Present**: Gillian Wesenberg, Kiera Culbertson, Brian Burke, Vanessa Pingleton (By Phone), Danielle Walker (By Phone)

**Others Present:** Shawn Lybarger, KC Bolton, Marsha LaVerne, Maureen Short, K’Ehleyr McNulty, Lea Bates, Kris Kelso, Christin Depner, Carlos Gomez, Judi Mahoney

# HUB Update

**Vanessa Pingleton (Hub Home Visiting System Coordinator)** updated the PAC with the Year One Data of the Home Visiting Intake and Referral System (Community UPLiFT), which is showing an increase in numbers and strength of relationships throughout the region with staff and programs. In September, the Home Visiting Intake and Referral workgroup piloted the shared intake and referral form from Douglas to Yoncalla and with the Integrated Women’s Health. The Integrated Women’s Health has provided one referral. After referrals are received, the client is then connected to the appropriate agencies through a warm hand-off. The warm handoff is a vital piece of this process, designed to meet families exactly where they are at. Danielle Walker, the Family Resource Facilitator in Klamath Falls, has received four referrals. Klamath Basin Behavior Health and possibly the Klamath Tribes will be participating in the soft rollout. Lake County is currently meeting families in mandated home visiting programs which last anywhere from 60-90 days. Families will want continued help once the program is completed. In the last year community UPLiFT have had an increase in communication between home visitor leaders and home visitors rise from 46% to 74%. Effective communication between home visiting leaders and visitors in the region has risen from 23% to 68%. In the coming year, Community UPLiFT will be prioritizing external communication and professional development. Twenty five people from the entire region participated in mapping out where to move forward for professional development. They will also be working on a Marketing Plan, and have contracted for development of a logo. The Community UPLiFT goals will be centered on increasing involvement with medical providers, and creating and distributing welcome baby bags. They plan to collaborate with local stake holders for the welcome baby bags.

**Shawn Lybarger (PAC Chair)** shared that the state Early Learning Council wants more focus in the efforts of reaching populations with the most need that are the furthest from opportunity, and for the Hub region to look at the data and determine the regional priorities and identify local county information. The Early Learning Council is result oriented and wants to see the data that shares the results, as well as an anecdotal information. They want to see measurement over time that shows something has changed. Anna Menon, the epidemiologist for the Hub, presented Priority Zone data which included chronic absenteeism, to assist the Hub with their priorities. One example of work in Klamath County is the door-to-door campaign that Klamath Promise promoted to identify and reduce chronic absence. Could tooth pain keep kids from school? There could be a way to better educate school personnel, possibly a resource guide for the office staff so they are able to identify what help is available.

**KC Bolton (CEO of Umpqua Community Health Center)** shared that Umpqua Community Health Center also provides dental services, and they recently expanded their school based health center hours at Roseburg High School. The Center will see anyone in the school districts, including staff, as walk-ins. They will provide care for any person who walks in, regardless of age. Umpqua Community Health Center has four locations in Sutherlin, Roseburg, Glide, and Myrtle Creek.

**Gillian Wesenberg (Hub Director)** Preschool Promise in the Hub region started with 100 slots. The state and Hub goal is to serve 120 students with the same amount of money. Umpqua Community College Family Connections and Education is now overseeing childcare resource and referral services for the Hub region of Klamath, Douglas, and Lake Counties. The Hub region is identifying priority populations to focus on as a collective. All of the Counties in the region are looking at what is sustainable by the partners to prepare children for kindergarten. The Hub, including the Kindergarten and partnership and Innovation Program (KPI), has been updating their work plan for the 2017-19 biennium. The Hub will release a Request for Application of funds for the Kindergarten and Innovation Program in mid-November. Some of the Hub regional strategies for this biennium are Ready!forKindergarten and Play2Learn. The Request for Application requires a 10% Match. The State focus for KPI is to strengthen local P3 systems.

**Brian Burke (Douglas Family Resource Facilitator)** is reaching out to food banks so he can increase awareness. Once a referral is received he tries to keep in contact with the family for at least a month after to make sure needs are being met. He refers families who have families with children over six to a provider who can help with refer services and stay in contact with the family. Brian will create a quarterly report with data for which families have requested assistance. Vanessa will be working on sharing the data so that everybody will know the outcome of the referrals. Brian has created a spreadsheet for Douglas County for data the Home Visiting Systems Work Group, which will share how many times each person was contacted, what was said, and if there was a voicemail left. If there isn’t an answer by the fourth call he will send out a letter explaining that he won’t continue to contact them, with his information in case they need more help.

**Shawn Lybarger** Head Start is looking to get 85% attendance. The average chronic absence rate is 20% in South Central Hub region. The State has an attendance initiative and campaign called Strive for Five.

**Kris Kelso** did a poll with her students and a lot of them shared that school starts too early for them, and that sports play a big role in dropping attendance rates.

**Partner Updates**

**KC Bolton** Umpqua Community Health Center is hosting a free barbeque with For the Love of Paws called Honoring Vets and their Pets. It is being held on Friday November 10th from 10 am – 2 pm with food from 11am -1pm. It will be held on their campus. They will be giving free rabies vaccines for up to 2 dogs.

# December Agenda Planning

New Vice Chair (K’Ehleyr McNulty has expressed interest)

New Voting Members

# Next Meeting Date

Friday, December 8th from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM