

KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

April 27, 2018 | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Attendance

Jill O'Donnell	Wendy Grey	Cynthia Hurkes
Sue Parrish	Kathleen Mitchell	Kathleen Walker-Henderson
Heidi McGowan	Charlene Shaw	Heather Frelinger
Gillian Wesenberg	Anner Hiller-Clark	Dr. Sara Johnson
Christian Vargas	Vanessa Pingleton	Dena Haudenschild
Melinda Collier	Rhonda Janecke	Danielle Walker

Priority Strategy Process

Priority Strategy Process:

- Refine Process for Early Attendance and Early Literacy
- Take strategies to Klamath Promise as governance council for review
- Take to Regional Governance Council for review and possible approval in June

Early Attendance:

Members: Anne Hiller-Clark, Rhonda Janecke, Kathleen Walker-Henderson, Wendy Grey

Anne Hiller-Clark gave an overview of the revised group proposal. The basic idea is to promote the importance of attendance at an early age starting with well-child visits, expanding throughout life. The group also suggested looking at a possible incentive program that could help remove barriers for families. The members have been in touch with children's clinics in Klamath County who are willing to help establish a baseline for well-child visits; they are also looking to present to the Cascade Health Alliance CAC for feedback.

Professional Advisory Committee members gave feedback on the early attendance proposal. Some of the discussion revolved around removing barriers for families to attend appointments. One such program, which exists in the community, is Translink. Translink is a "dial-a-ride" service that is available free of charge for OHP Members (541 884-1159) providing transportation for medical appointments. The service needs an advance 2-3 days' notice to be able to provide transportation to an appointment. Bus passes and mileage reimbursement are also available to members; however, 1-2 weeks' notice is needed for mileage as they are loaded onto a debit card before the date of the appointment.

Early Literacy:

Members: Holly Stork, Carol Coker, Stephanie Goodwin, Deborah Hoswell and Kay Ortega

Danielle Walker gave an overview of what the Early Literacy Action Team is working on. Team has met a few different times; the main focus has been parent engagement, but the group is struggling with what they want to use for data and measurement. They have also explored trainings for providers (broadly: childcare providers, family managers, home visitors, etc...) who will then train the families they work with.

Feedback

Survey: When creating a survey, we need to have a limited number of accurate questions aligning with the early literacy concept. The early literacy team is using such a survey in order to gain baseline data and meaningful insights into the lives of the families we work with and discover where they may need additional supports.

CCR & R has Cradling Literacy curriculum, which focuses on children 0-3 yrs. old; Kathleen will be presenting this at the OAYEC Conference as well as offering a training to providers. Part of the battle is to get the message out to encourage parents to read with their children.

Suggestion: start with the research based framework of Klamath Basics (adapted from the Boston Basics) that encourage parents to do five things with their children:

- Maximize Love, Manage Stress
- Talk, Sing and Point
- Count, Group and Compare
- Explore Through Movement and Play
- Read and Discuss Stories

This strategy contributes to building resiliency from trauma... Klamath Basics could potentially be branded as other things, one example being “Klamath Tribal Basics”

A connective strategy with the Early Attendance team could be the collaboration with Health Clinics around Reach out and Read and including information in the book distribution.

Next Steps:

- Work on putting something on paper for Early Literacy
- Early Literacy: take work to Klamath Promise, get feedback and input (June 6th)

Kinder Readiness Parent Focus Group Summary

Heidi shared Kindergarten Readiness Parent Focus Group Summary with the group. Children’s Institute funded and collaborated with Portland State University (PSU) to lead focus groups across Oregon focusing on rural populations. These focus groups will help to advise Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Health Advisory Group around a potential policy that may be adapted into a CCO (Coordinated Care Organization) metric. These focus groups also help to inform the Early Learning Division as they proceed in their strategic planning process.

A standout piece of information that aligns with Klamath County local priorities:

- Parents want information from their doctor’s office about kindergarten readiness and information on how to help their children get ready for kindergarten.

Other Updates

Heidi reviewed the priority implementation support document that would allow funds be set aside for partners to do work that supports our priority strategies, but may not have been part of the original proposals.

Vanessa Pingleton gave an update on Community UPLIFT. The group finished the process of combining the EL Hub Brochure and the Home Visiting Brochure. They also finished the Home Visiting Informational Card. Currently, the group is getting ready for phase 2 of the Community UPLIFT rollout, which includes Klamath County expanding into Klamath Open Door, Cascade’s East, WIC, KLCAS and DHS (Family Stability Program).

Vanderbilt Family Guide is a good resource for families to create routines.

CCR & R is hiring a multi-cultural specialist, who must be able to speak and read Spanish and has an Associate’s Degree in early childhood. Lake County has hired Nicky Taylor to recruit childcare providers. They will be teaching Ready! for Kindergarten to childcare providers.

Klamath Falls City School District hosted Ready! for Kindergarten: May 3rd, May 24th 5:30pm, need volunteers. Contact Dena Haudenschild for more information.

Klamath Promise is gearing up for Graduation Sensation to be held on May 31st with a parade of graduates. The event will include cake and a scholarship give-away. Klamath Promise is currently looking for volunteers. Contact Anne Hiller-Clark for more information.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 9:15 am – 11:15 am.