

# KLAMATH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Notes

May 16, 2018 | 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM

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### Attendance

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Anne Hiller-Clark	Jill O'Donnell	Kay Ortega
Charlene Shaw	Julie Hurley - phone	Wendy Grey
Cindy Walsh	Kathleen Walker-Henderson	Heidi McGowan
Cynthia Hurkes – by phone	Melinda Collier	Molly Hamilton
Dena Haudenschild	Dr. Ralph Eccles	Danielle Walker
Gillian Wesenberg	Rhonda Neighorn	

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Rhonda Neighorn opened meeting with member introductions.

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### Local Priorities Discussion

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#### Early Literacy

- Ronda presented initial proposal with DHS, Healthy Families, and SMART program involvement.
- Kay Ortega detailed OCDC involvement.
- Melinda Collier advised how Care Connections and Education would be involved.
- Data Collection: Survey to be given to parents and collected by program providing books and training. Data input and aggregation needs to be worked out.
- Other programs invited to join, submit proposal to Rhonda Neighorn.

#### *Other possible partners:*

- Rotary – Klamath Cares, Klamath Reads (KCKR, Amy Boivin)
- Klamath Open Door, Skylakes Clinics (Kathy King)
- Klamath Tribes
- Klamath Works (Joy McGinnis)
- OBGYNs (Heartfelt, Applewood)

Rhonda Neighorn called for a vote to move the Early Literacy Project forward, Melinda Collier made a motion to approve; Kay Ortega seconded with unanimous approval.

#### Early Attendance

- Starting with attendance at well-child visits
- Many clinics are interested in participating
- Make well-child visits a priority for families
- How to remove barriers?
  - Providing incentives for well-child visits, such as tie-in with early literacy project and giving out books at well-child visits.

- Transportation assistance
  - Medical transport (Molly Jespersen)
  - Bus passes, taxis, fuel reimbursements
- Incentives for parents
  - Coffee sleeves, magnets
- Advertisements
  - Billboards, posters, back of grocery receipts (Sherm's Thunderbird)
- Baseline data on well-child visits will come from clinics and will expand over time.

Rhonda Neighorn called for a vote to move the Early Attendance Project forward, Molly Hamilton made a motion to approve; Jill O'Donnell seconded motion with unanimous approval.

**Next steps:**

1. Take to Regional Governance Council on June 1, 2018 to tentatively approve processes
2. Take to Klamath County Governance Council for final approval

These strategies will provide opportunities for sharing and leveraging partners as well as reaching more children and families in the County.

**Partner Updates**

*Klamath Promise Graduation Sensation* – May 31, 2018 from 12:00 pm – 2: 00 pm

*OCDC* – Transition event: May 25, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. 45 children transitioning into Kindergarten and then will have another group of 30-35 children transitioning into City and County Schools. OCDC is expanding and is looking for new buildings.

*Ready! for Kindergarten* – last session May 24 at Conger from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Have had 11 families participating in the series.

*CCR&R* – Teaching Ready! for Kindergarten to childcare providers.

*Community UPLiFT* – Partnerships are expanding in our region. Community UPLiFT Brochure and Informational Card are complete. Vanessa Pingleton and Rhonda Janecke are presenting in Salem on June 12, 2018 – Improving Children's Health conference (Oregon Health Authority).

*Klamath Community College* – Graduation on June 15, 2018. This includes 20 people from IBEST getting Early Childhood Pathway Certificates.

*Head Start* – just under 180 children transitioning into Klamath County School District and Klamath Falls City Schools; successfully completed credit review; has started recruitment for the 18-19 school year.

*DHS* – Partner forum in August for staff, a 1-day training presenting on Drug Endangerment for children to educate professionals and receive training credit.

*Klamath County School District* – Just finished Play2Learn series which have been well attended. The research on Klamath Basics has been branded and is available at [Klamathbasics.org](http://Klamathbasics.org)

*KPI* – Has additional funds set aside to support innovative ideas revolving around Early Literacy. Providing culturally responsive training, a small group (up to 24 people), will be offered sometime next year. Also has funds available for county-appropriate Professional Development.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, June 27 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.