

**South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub
Douglas County
Community Governance Council**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Council Members:

- Barbara Johnson, *Chair*
- Steve Schenewerk, *Vice Chair*
- Charlene Stutes
- Dave Gianotti
- Debra Thatcher
- Desta Walsh
- Jan Zarate
- Marta Queant
- Maureen Short
- Michael Lasher
- Bryan Trenkle
- Sherri Vogt
- Tammie Hunt

Committee Chair Members:

- Shawn Lybarger, *Professional Advisory Committee*
- Megan Buckley, *Parent Advisory Committee*
- Trinity Coulombe, *Parent Advisory Committee*

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg, Linda Ray, Christin Depner, Cynthia Hurkes, & Vanessa Pingleton

Others Present: Kris Kelso, Diane Hazen, Carlos Gomez, Lea Bates, Vera Westbrook, Gwen Soderberg-Chase, April Hamlin, Diane Hazen, Charlene Stutes

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Action/Next Steps
<p>Welcome/Introductions</p>	<p>Chair Johnson convened the meeting at 4:30 pm. Introductions were made.</p>	
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Approve July 2016 minutes</p> <p>Discussion: A correction was made in the DC Governance October 2016 minutes to reflect “age instead of months” in the section referring to Vanessa Pingleton focus for the Home Visiting partners.</p>	<p>Motion: Barbara Johnson Second: Steve Schenewerk</p>
<p>PRESENTATION: Pollywog Project</p>	<p>Kristi May from Linn Benton Early Learning Hub gave a presentation on their Pollywog Project which is a system to help families to traverse the medical and educational systems to get the help and support that they need. “The Project intents to create a ‘portal’ for families to sign-up for services or classes one time, and thereafter be able to access the system to get whatever additional assistance they need.”</p> <p>The Linn-Benton ELH has been working with Vista Logic for help with branding the Pollywog Project. The ELH approached their local CCO for funding and in their first year achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding which included a logo and website • A database • Touchpoint (engaging with new parents) <p>The first year’s funding was targeted towards “at-risk” families and the Linn-Benton ELH would like to move forward in reaching out towards a universal approach (available to all families).</p>	

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	<p>In year 2, the Hub's goal is to launch their website in January 2017. In the process of the Hub reaching out to community partners, they started with Albany Hospital and hope to have a new local hospital come on board every 3 months.</p> <p><i>More information on Kristi May's presentation at the DC Governance Council meeting can be found in the attached handouts. A recording of the presentation was made.</i></p>	
<p>Update from Professional Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Shawn Lybarger shared that the Professional Advisory Committee met two times since the last Governance Council meeting (in October 2016). They continue to work on the Hub's Work Plan. Cynthia Hurkes is creating a Kindergarten Readiness brochure along with a committee that includes members from the Douglas PAC. This brochure will go out into the Douglas County community to invite parents to Back to School nights along with valuable resources listed in the brochure.</p>	
<p>Update from Parent Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Megan Buckley shared about the upcoming Parent Advisory Committee meeting on January 30th. There was discussion on how to get more parents involved.</p>	<p>Update on potential leads for more parents joining the committee.</p>
<p>General Discussion</p>	<p>Christin Depner mentioned that she met with Desta Walsh at DHS to see how the Hub can connect with them. Christin will be visiting DHS 4 hours a month to assist families with needs and representing the Hub.</p> <p>Christine Bowman was present at the DC Governance Council Meeting and is the new VP of Architrave. She will be the new CCO representative for Douglas County at future Governance Council meetings.</p> <p>Maureen Short There is a new Perinatal Task Force</p>	

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	<p>UCAN has taken on WIC and UCAN is breaking new ground for a new Head Start building in Douglas County.</p> <p>Shawn Lybarger shared about the Early Child Care Conference that took place in October 2016. Umpqua Community College hosted this event and they are planning on hosting another conference in the Spring. The training event is for community providers in Early Education and Child Care.</p> <p>Bryan Trenkle reported on the Housing Coalition. The coalition is focusing on the goal of providing safe, affordable housing in Douglas County for families in need by 2022. The Coalition has put their former RFP process on hold and is pledging the first \$90,000 of every dollar from now until 2022.</p> <p>Michael Lasher reported that the ESD Board of Directors is making efforts to help preserve our local libraries. The DESD has offered to relocate their offices to the Douglas County Library to help in keeping the library doors open. They would also provide library couriers to outlying areas in Douglas County.</p> <p>Desta Walsh shared that DHS has moved to its new location on Harvard Ave. There will be an Open House on February 18th, 3:00pm.</p>	
Next Meeting	The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Community Governance Council will be April 18th @ 4:30 PM.	
Wrap-up	Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.	