**South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub**

**Lake County Community Governance Council**

**Date: February 25, 2020**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

***Minutes***

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| Steering Committee: | Vicky Taylor | Jack Thompson | Charley Tracy | Jill Harlan |
|  | Amy Hutchinson |  |  |  |
| Voting Members: | Mike Benson | Gail Buermann | Will Cahill | Reejen Cooper |
|  | Jake Greer | Kadi Estes | Arvinder Singh | Niki Taylor |
| Community Partners: | Arianna Azamar | Chandra Cahill | Judy Clarke | Melinda Collier |
|  | Heather Freilinger | Kendra Holderman | Kimberly Ishida | Ken Kestner |
|  | Heidi Martinez | Colleen May | Rhonda Neighorn | Judy Springer |
|  | Michelle Totten | Susan Warner | James Williams | Francie Winters |
| DESD Staff: | Cynthia Hurkes | Julie Hurley | Vanessa Pingleton | Danielle Walker |
|  | Athena Wikstrom | Gillian Wesenberg |  |  |
| Guests: | Cory Ortega from DESD |  |  |  |

| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Decisions/Action/Next Steps** |
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| **Welcome/Introductions** | No introductions were needed. |  |
| **Review Agenda** | Vicky noted that starting with this meeting, the LICC meeting will be moved up to directly after Approval of the Minutes. A new item of Mental Health Wraparound Referrals will be added to the end of the agenda, and those on that committee will stay for that segment. The agenda was approved as modified. | **Amy will update the agenda for March.** |
| **Approval of the Minutes** | Amy presented the January 25, 2020 minutes. Vicky noted that the December meeting was a work and learning session reviewing documents that Gillian provided. The minutes were approved as presented. |  |
| **LICC Meeting**  **LICC Meeting (cont.)** | **Program Status**  The program currently has 17 children total on IFSP’s. Five children are in the EI program and 12 in the ECSE program. The program will be completing an EI eligibility and IFSP later this week. So by Friday the program will be at 18 children.  **Referral/Evaluation**  Last week the program received 5 new referrals and we are in the process of following up and contacting families. One has been referred for eligibility testing as the child was identified in another state to receive services recently. The testing used in that case is current and valid and can assist in establishing Oregon eligibility.  **SPR&I**  The program completed its annual compliance file review and the data has been submitted to ODE. The program and ODE found that one file reviewed had a compliance issue. The program did not have the family indicate whether they agreed or disagreed with initial testing results. This was corrected as the family needed to meet with the team and they indicated they agreed with the initial testing results. The program will need to do spot check reviews of additional files to finish the corrective process. ODE also indicated this week that Lake County was selected to complete some “focused monitoring”. ODE reviewed 2 files themselves and compared and compared their data to the data our program submitted. ODE reported that our results were in agreement.  **Transitions**  Currently the program has 9 children who will transition to school age services next fall. The transition IEP day for Lakeview has been scheduled for Friday 4/24/20. It was reported this week that a transition family will be moving to North Lake county soon. Lakeview now has 1 less transition child and NL will now have 2. | **None.** |
| **EL Hub Updates** | No updates were given. |  |
| **2020 Funders and Partners Meeting** | Amy reported that she plans to attend a meeting March 12 in Bend that is focused on funding for cultural organizations. There will be representatives from Oregon Cultural Trust, Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Humanities, Oregon Heritage Grants, Travel Oregon, Oregon Community Foundation and James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation in attendance. She hopes to learn about additional funding sources for the library, but she also plans to take a message asking funders to consider operational funding in rural Oregon as an equity issue. |  |
| **Schools/School Readiness: Jack, Will, & Gail** | **North Lake School:** Gail reported that the end of the year coming quickly. If things remain on schedule, they will break ground on their construction project spring break this year. Jack asked how the superintendent search is going. Gail said it is still in process. She believes there will be a meeting this Thursday to make a decision. Mike asked if Gail would be interested in setting one day for the 2 transition meetings and Gail agreed. Mike he will email possible dates and information to Gail.  **Lake County School District #7:**  Will reported that application for Student Success Act Student Investment Account funds is taking up much of his time currently. Additionally, the superintendent search is underway. A head hunter from OSBA came out to interview staff and board members and the position opened last week. A special board meeting will be scheduled in April to approve SIA application and to address superintendent search. Will is also working with Cooperative Strategies on planning for a facilities bond for November 2020. They are analyzing costs for 3 options at 3 different cost levels: A) fix up existing infrastructure; B) add security features and some additional classrooms; and C) addressing all facilities repair and expansion needs at once.  **Plush/Adel**  Jack reported things are going well in Plush and Adel. He has been reading and researching Early Learning directives for school-based preschools, and he believes Adel’s program will be grandfathered in as is. This means they won’t have to meet implementation standards to continue operations. Tonight is Souper Supper Science Night at 6 PM in Adel. ESD is looking at budgets and planning for next year. Jack completed the Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation application yesterday for Kindergarten Camps at North Lake School and School District #7. $9,375 is allocated total for the two schools. This is a bit less than it has been in the past. Kindergarten Camp plans are to have 1 week in North Lake and 2 weeks at District 7. | **Mike will email possible dates to Gail to schedule a transitions meeting.** |
| **Early Learning Partners** | **Care, Connections, & Education:**  Melinda reported that she recently got 2 new home providers in Lake County who have a goal to be licensed by June. She will continue to work with them on that. She also has another woman looking at opening up a center who does have the qualifications to run it. She has degree in early childhood development and a friend who is a teacher. They are gathering information for finances and such to see what they would need. Vicky asked if she had a facility and Melinda said no, but she is working with her to find one that meets the requirements. Vicky asked Melinda to connect the woman hoping to open a center with Charlie Tveit who is working on the issue of employee childcare for the hospital. In Klamath CCE is hosting Preschool Promise listening session for providers at KCC and online via Zoom. Melinda will send link for the event to Vicky who will send to all. Melinda also reported meeting with Michelle Totten at DHS to help break down barriers for providers. CCE will continue to work to get more providers for Lake County.  **Healthy Families:**  Vicky reported that she has 9 families in the program. She recently lost and gained one the same week. | **Melinda will connect the woman looking to open a child care center with Charlie Tveit at Lake Health District.**  **Melinda will send information and link on Preschool Promise listening sessions to Vicky. Vicky will share it with the group.** |
| **Public Health/Health** | **Public Health** Jill reported that she has 7 in Babies First and 2 in Coccoon. Public Health recently interviewed another nurse and they hope to be able to take on additional clients soon. The week of March 6th, Advantage Dental will be in Lakeview serving kids at the schools, Head Start, and in WIC with fluoride and varnish. The new Advantage Dental facility is scheduled to open March 9th. In the future, they will come to serve kids every 3-4 months. Public Health has also been working on coronavirus preparedness. The hospital, clinics, and Public Health have all done response drills. Jack asked about the severity of the illness. Jill said that it may be like a bad influenza in that many healthy people will recover quickly but those with compromised immune systems are more at risk. It is better to be more cautious while the data on severity comes in.  **Mental Health:**  Heidi reported that the mobile crisis health unit was approved and they are hiring for that. They hope that this will be part of an Assertive Community Treatment team that is state-mandated, but unfunded. |  |
| **DHS** | Kadi reported that they will be sending 4 people from the local Child Welfare Multi-Disciplinary Team to the Oregon Child Abuse summit coming up in April. Their new worker starts at the end of March and they will be fully staffed for the first time in a long time. They have been so busy that have had to pull workers from Klamath to help out. |  |
| **Parents/Grandparents** | None present. |  |
| **Community Partners** | Amy reported that Lakeview’s preschool storytime has been moved from Wednesdays at to Fridays at 10:30 AM. Attendance numbers have increased on the new day. | **Amy will email flyers to the group.** |
| **Wraparound Services** | Heidi explained that an oversight committee—Lake District Wellness Center System of Care Executive Committee—is required for referral to wraparound services for juvenile mental health patients. Heidi handed around agreements. Previously GOBHI had stated that only EOCCO kids can be served, but that has now changed so that those on private insurance can be served but creative funding solutions may need to be found for them. Amy asked if there is a minimum number or quorum requirement. Heidi doesn’t believe there is a minimum or quorum requirement, although the charter identifies representation they would like to see on the committee. Mike asked about confidentiality. Heidi said that personal information about clients that is shared in the committee’s meetings should not be disclosed outside of the meetings. Kadi said that she is interested in serving, and several others returned a signed charter to Heidi. Heidi said that the two wraparound workers are meant to have 7 cases each and currently there are only 2 referrals. Mike noted that this group meets only 9 times per year, but could be convened if needed over the summer for referrals.  Heidi presented 2 referrals to the group. Both were approved. | **Heidi will email the charter to Amy, who will send it to the group.**  **Interested committee members will get the signed charter back to Heidi by the next meeting.** |
| **Next meeting** | **March 31, 2020** (one week later due to Spring Break) |  |