**South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub**

**Lake County Community Governance Council**

**Date: November 18, 2020**

**Time: 1:00 PM**

**Via Zoom**

***Minutes***

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| Steering Committee: | [x]  Vicky Taylor | [x]  Jack Thompson | [x]  Gail Buermann | [ ]  Michael Carter |
|  | [x]  Amy Hutchinson |  |  |  |
| Voting Members:  | [x]  Mike Benson | [x]  Reejen Cooper | [ ]  Kadi Estes | [ ]  Jake Greer |
|  | [ ]  Arvinder Singh | [ ]  Niki Taylor |  |  |
| Community Partners: | [ ]  Arianna Azamar | [ ]  Chandra Cahill | [ ]  Judy Clarke | [ ]  Heather Freilinger |
|  | [ ]  Jill Harlan | [ ]  Paul Hauder  | [ ]  Kendra Holderman | [ ]  Kimberly Ishida |
|  | [ ]  Ken Kestner  | [x]  Heidi Martinez  | [x]  Colleen May | [ ]  Rhonda Nyseth |
|  | [ ]  Judy Springer | [ ]  Michelle Totten | [ ]  Charlie Tracy | [ ]  Susan Warner |
|  | [ ]  Linda Watson | [ ]  James Williams | [ ]  Francie Winters |  |
| DESD Staff:  | [x]  Cynthia Hurkes | [ ]  Julie Hurley  |  | [ ]  Vanessa Pingleton |
|  | [x]  Danielle Walker | [ ]  Gillian Wesenberg | [x]  Athena Wikstrom |  |
| Guests:  | Charlene Shaw, Breann Vandenberg (OSU Extension) |

| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Decisions/Action/Next Steps** |
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| **Welcome/Introductions** | Breann Vandenberg of OSU Extension and Charlene Shaw of Care, Connections, and Education were introduced to all.  |  |
| **Review Agenda** | Agenda was sent out today, November 17, 2020. Agenda was approved as presented. |  |
| **Roster Updates** | Amy advised there are corrections to the member Roster that needed to be made.  | * **Amy will update the roster and sent it out.**
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| **Approval of the Minutes** | Minutes: Gail Buermann made a motion to accept minutes as submitted, Colleen and Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion. |  |
| **Hub Reports** | **Kindergarten partnership and Innovation (KPI)** – Cynthia Hurkes gave an overview of the “Teach My” kits for three to five-year-olds, which include 20-minute, early learning activities for families including math, fine-motor, and literacy. Lake County will receive and distribute 300 kits. KPI is working on the distribution process, and sent a Doodle poll about number of kits needed. Distribution sites include the Lake County Library, Healthy Families, Lakeview School District, North Lake School, Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE), and Lake Education Service District. Cynthia sent out a poll to see how many kits each program will distribute. 150 kits have been requested by programs. Michael Carter, Lake County School District Superintendent will house the kits for pick-up. Brochure packets including Let’s Get Ready, Community UPLiFT, Take Root will be given to families as they receive their kits. Providers will take as many brochure packets as kits they are taking kits so that the packets can be handed to families with the kit. Amy will include Dolly Parton Imagination Library forms with the packets when they arrive. Breann Vandenberg with the Lake County Extension Office would be interested in distributing kits. Reejen Cooper will distribute kits to families on Head Start waitlists, will need approximately 15 kits.**Growing Early Mindsets (GEM)** – KPI is offering nine one-hour sessions of GEM virtually in December 2020 through May 2021. Sessions will be one or two Thursdays per month. Email Cynthia Hurkes if you would like to participate. **Dare to Lead** – KPI is offering three Dare to Lead workshops in January 2021 -March 2021. Registration is limited, with a few seats reserved for Lake. The book by Brene Brown and other Dare to Lead materials will be provided free of charge. Workshops will be held Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.  | * **Let Vicky know if anyone was missed in the call-out of represented programs.**
* **Amy Hutchinson to add Dolly Parton Imagination Library forms to brochure packet.**
* **OSU Lake County Extension Office would be interested in distribution.**
* **Gail Buermann needs two Spanish guides.**
* **Amy Hutchinson needs two Spanish guides.**
* **Reejen Cooper will need three Spanish Guides.**
* **Email Cynthia Hurkes if you are interested in Growing Early Mindset (GEM) sessions.**
* **Email Cynthia Hurkes if you are interested in Dare to Lead workshops.**
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| **EI/ECSE Report** | **Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE)** – Mike Benson advised that the federal count date is on December 1st. There are eight children are on IFSPs - seven children in the ECSE program and one child in the EI program. Participation is a bit down due, likely, to COVID-19. Child find activities are challenging right now. |  |
| **ESD/School Reports** | **Lake County ESD** - Superintendent, Jack Thompson advised that school has been in session but there have been a few COVID cases that have affected the schools. Third grade is currently distance learning in quarantine, and North Lake Highschool is also closed. Lake County has sixty-nine total COVID-19 cases. Amy included the link to Oregon Live’s COVID tracking by zip website: <https://projects.oregonlive.com/coronavirus/cases-by-zip>.**North Lake School District** – Superintendent Gail Buermann advised that they are in their second closure. School was cancelled for one week in October due to two student cases. The middle/high school has been closed for two weeks due to two additional middle/high school level cases. Classes should be starting on Monday, November 23. Elementary school is still in session. The school has had no notification of additional cases since the closure. Gail is concerned about the number of cases as well as a possible increase in the number of cases after the Thanksgiving holiday. |  |
| **Early Learning Provider Reports** |  **Head Start** – Reejen Cooper advised that Early Head Start has two openings and are looking for students. They are currently opening and running with no COVID cases. They are getting ready for winter by doing safety patrols and monitoring winter weather warnings. **Lake County Library** - Amy Hutchinson advised that they are hosting virtual Early Literacy Baby Showers by Zoom this year. These events are for expectant families or those with children under 12 months. Baby Shower swag will be distributed through the parent’s local library branch. The Baby Shower will be recorded and families who cannot attend will still be able to watch the event and receive gifts. In concert with the statewide two-week freeze starting November 18th, the library is moving to Take Out Only service. No public visitors will be allowed in the building, but the library will have staff available for curbside deliveries, and WiFi will still be available outside of the building.**Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR)** - Charlene Shaw introduced herself as the new Assistant Director for Care Connections and Education, the regional CCRR serving Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties.**Healthy Families** – Vicky and Colleen advised that Healthy Families is running in Klamath County, and has openings in Lake County. Lake County has been doing Zoom meetings in-home for visits with families, but up until this week they had been doing social distancing visiting outside. They are looking for referrals for Lake County clients.  | * **Email David Lev at the library if you want to shower parents with a baby under 12 months with a virtual, on-demand early literacy event and great gifts: davidl @ lakecountylibrary.org**
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| **Health District Reports** | **None present.** |  |
| **DHS/AFS Reports** | **None present.**  |  |
| **Wellness Reports**  | **Heidi Martinez (Wellness)** – Heidi reported they have not received any information from the hospital on the two-week freeze. They will continue to staff in the building and continue to serve clients. They plan to offer more phone and video sessions as a precaution.  |  |
| **Business/Community Report** | **OSU Extension** - Breann Vandenberg advised that she is new to her position as 4-H/Family and Community Health Coordinator as of October 1, 2020. The office will be shut down starting tomorrow. They are currently in the middle of 4-H enrollment. Breann is interested in starting the Clover Buds program back up for children five to eight-years-old. |  |
| **Wraparound Care** | Heidi brought three referrals for wraparound and all three children were approved. |  |
| **Next meeting** | December 15, 2020 at 1:00 pm. |  |

**RESOURCES:**

* Oregon Live’s COVID-19 Tracking by Zip: <https://projects.oregonlive.com/coronavirus/cases-by-zip>
This map may only be update once a week.