

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 23rd, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance, Welcome, Approval of Minutes

Present: Debbie Foley, Kat Cooper, Shawn Lybarger, Abby Drummond, Kendra Bickham, Lisa Ketchum, Tatum Stedman, Colleen May, Michelle Bassett, Jacqueline Salas

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg, Cory Ortega, Vanessa Pingleton, Julie Hurley, Susan Stiles-Sumstine, Athena Wikstrom

Hub Update

Gillian thanked everyone for the recent collective hard work on the South-Central Early Learning Hub's Early Care and Education (ECE) Sector Expansion plan which was approved by the state Early Learning Division (ELD). The ELD was happy with the surveys, meetings, interviews and parent involvement. The ELD's changes included removing state employees' names from the Hub roster and updating language to child first. Snapshots of the Hub's ECE plan will be created by the state and included in the Preschool Promise Request for Application (RFA) that the ELD will release on January 31. The most recent Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the RFA and Student Success Act (SSA) were distributed to participants. Gillian reviewed the updates to the FAQs. Athena reviewed the new rule added to the Preschool Promise rules draft regarding subcontracting, and the questionnaires that will be sent out to providers. New standards will be in place for Preschool Promise and a condensed version of the standards will be included in the RFA. Preschool Promise RFAs must be completed by April 2. Gillian discussed the new role of the Hub around coordinated enrollment and that full details of how the ELD defines coordinated enrollment has not yet been provided. The first year will involve rolling out coordinated enrollment for Preschool Promise. The option of a Preschool Promise consortium for school districts was discussed.

Overview of ECE Sector Plan

As Shawn facilitated the ECE Sector Plan discussion, she was saddened by the low number of infant/toddler slots available on page 16 of the ECE Plan. Included in the discussion was information from a Facebook group for providers regarding an infant death in a childcare setting outside of our region. That childcare site is no longer able to have children under the age of two. The majority of providers that provided infant/toddler services have stopped accepting children under two due to the lack of support. The group was frustrated by this information.

The group discussed the process involved to complete the ECE plan.

Transportation was discussed in relation to the ECE plan. The question was asked if the state was in the process of addressing the transportation costs. It was acknowledged that the cost of transportation is incredibly expensive, and those furthest from opportunity often require the service. One barrier mentioned is that PreK transportation through K12 is not reimbursable from the state and needs to be a consideration in the future.

As the discussion continued, it was shared that Childhood Behavioral Health is a huge need in our area and would be helpful for the children involved in the DHS Child Welfare system. This is a great service that is needed and had existed in the past.

Equity Training-

The Meyer Memorial Equity Grant, that ends this year is to help bring together people who are more isolated, and less represented. The PAC focus group in February will be around how to include a lot of our target populations.

There is an ELD Equity Grant RFA that is currently available.

Planning –

The next ECE Phase 2 of the Plan is about coordinated enrollment, however we don't know what is required for that process. We also don't know what Phase 3 will include. We will keep all of our partners updated as we learn more.

Build –

At the end of January, the Oregon Housing & Community Services will be holding a housing/child care convening in Woodburn with discussion around co-locations for all sectors. The Hub will be involved in the convening. It sounds like transportation will be a good topic to bring to the table.

Medical Collaborative

There is a learning collaborative coming up that will discuss the colocation for housing and medical services sites. This could be a project to have Neighborhood Works involved in planning.

Partner Program Updates

UHA –

The 100 Percent Project is a project that focuses on ensuring that all members in a community, especially children, have medical insurance. The project specifically targets K12 environments. There are eleven counties in Oregon that have been identified as priority counties. Linn County has a grant with Benton Health Care and they are supporting three elementary schools to utilize their K12 relationships to connect with schools and children. There will be an application process to apply as a grantee for the next year for the following biennium. Currently, the awards are \$100,000 to \$200,000 per grantee. UCAN is currently a grantee. Jacqueline is going to ask how to target additional preschool children in her next collective meeting.

DHS –

Connor McDonnell from Homeless Transitions Action Group (HTAG) discussed upcoming funding at a recent DHS staff meeting. There is \$70.5M statewide for addressing homelessness, \$5M for shelter housing, \$206.5M affordable housing, and \$54.5M for permanent supportive housing. The Dream Center received some funding already. Much of the funding has a focus on rural areas.

The local Rudolf Run supported 454 children with presents. Two hundred more children were served this year than last year.

DHS has been working for a long time to get a mental health navigator and is excited to now have one. A Behavioral Health Navigator is going to be contracted through Options. This position will be focusing on TANF families for support for behavioral health needs.

DHS teamed up with Evergreen Family Medicine and the Boys and Girls Club for a Warm Up to Wellness Event. The event triggered a local conversation about those who access the services and the future potential of families who are undocumented being able to also have access. There are currently fears around accessing anything that the state is involved in.

There is currently an event being planned to offer vaccinations before the exclusion date of February 12. The event will be through Evergreen at the DHS office. There is hope to have an event in South County as well.

UCAN –

UCAN has a grant from NW Health for Hispanic Leaders to empower families and to assist with breaking down barriers.

Roseburg Public Schools is looking to create a Hispanic Parent Group to get further family input about parent preferences so that the schools can better assist them.

Care Connections –

Spring Fling will be on May 16, 2020 and will have Dr. Johnny Lake as the keynote speaker. There will be a kick off the night before including a showing of No Small Matter. Sign-ups for Spring Fling planning are now open. The Back to School Cohort currently has 30 members now.

Two new members will be joining the Care Connections and Education team shortly.

Next Meeting Date

February 27, 2020