**South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub**

**Douglas County**

**Community Governance Council**

***June 11, 2019***

***4:30 pm***

***Minutes***

**Council Members:**

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|  | Barbara Johnson, *Business (Chair)* |  | Marta Queant, *Language Specialist* |  | Bob Dannenhoffer, *Medical Representative* |
|  | Steve Schenewerk, *Faith Representative (Vice Chair)* |  | Desta Welsh, *DHS Representative* |  | Betty Wagner, *Social Worker, Therapist* |
|  | Tammie Hunt, *Cow Creek Representative* |  | Maureen Short, *Non-Profit Director* |  | Bryan Trenkle, *Non-Profit Director* |
|  | Michael Lasher, *ESD Superintendent* |  | Charlene Stutes, *Non-Profit Director* |  |  |
|  | Shawn Lybarger, *Professional Advisory Chair* |  | Debra Thatcher, *UCC President* |  |  |

**Staff Present:**

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|  | Gillian Wesenberg |  | Vanessa Pingleton |  | Alysha Barraza |
|  | Athena Wikstrom |  | Cynthia Hurkes |  | Analicia Nicholson |

**Others Present:**

Christin Rutledge, Erin Helgren, Steve Woods, Kendra Bickham

| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Decisions/Action/Next Steps** |
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| **Welcome/Introductions** |  |  |
| **Approve April minutes** |  | **Motion:** Betty Wagner  **Second:** Tammie Hunt |
| **Student Success Act** | The Student Success Act has passed through legislation, but it may be placed on a ballot for voters. The Children’s Institute pulled together a group to provide a united message to the legislators and advocated for this legislation. |  |
| **Head Start / Healthy Start** | Head Start extended day classes have made a huge difference in the kids’ development over part day. Keeping kids in class based on their age at the beginning of the year has also shown many improvements in students’ scores. Math scores were substantially higher in extended day classes over part day. Additional full day classes will be added next year. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Head Start building will be on August 15.  Healthy Start received a five-year grant expansion to assist pregnant women and connect with prenatal, postnatal, infant to 18 months, and father care. The initiative will work with moms and spacing children. |  |
| **Authentic Family Engagement** | Glendale Community Engagement is working with PSU on growth mindset. The administration is really focused on referring to “we” and “us” opposed to “them” and “those people,” which as assisted in providing inclusion and added engagement.  Community Engagement is a key focus of the regional Hub in the next biennium. |  |
| **KPI Update** | KPI aligns with the SCELH initiatives and has invested money in combined goals. This biennium, KPI has worked towards Kindergarten preparedness, funded Personal Development, joined community events, and assisted with the Early Childhood Education conference. In the next biennium, funds provided to partners and projects will be negotiated and based on an aligned long-term goal opposed to being based on scoring. KPI is still looking at Kaleidoscope, but it will not be implemented unless there is buy-in. KPI will be setting aside funding to invest in Community Engagement programs like Winchester and Glendale. |  |
| **Community UPLiFT** | In the last year, Community UPLiFT has developed brochures, text referrals, scan codes, and the online database. Medical professionals can refer via paper referrals. Having a local Family Resource Referral specialist has assisted in getting additional Lake County families referred to programs. The data portal will allow providers to communicate on shared families. UPLiFT has provided a network for providers to receive additional support and materials.  Home visiting for newborns will be receiving referrals through Community Uplift.  The Children’s Institute’s Family Room in the Yoncalla facility allows for meetings that provide a comfortable setting that can stand in place of home visiting. |  |
| **Home Visiting** | Lunch and Learns have been implemented in the last year for home visitors and providers, which is allowing professional development without taking away from family care time. Phone surveys around home visiting and the perspective of families were conducted by PSU. |  |
| **Hub Updates** | The state has advised that they expect the Douglas County plan to align with the regional plan, Raise Up Oregon and to focus on the following:  Expand early learning opportunities including child care, preschool, and professional development;  Authentic family engagement; and  Equity – children furthest from opportunity (Latino, African-America, etc.).  Regional planning is expected to be finalized in March; in the meantime, the Douglas County group should continue moving forward with what they are doing.  Family surveys are going out, the Hub is requesting assistance in getting surveys out to families. These surveys cover what families are looking for in providers as well as any barriers they are facing.  The PAC has mostly discussing Community Engagement projects, the Safari Wellness event, and Early Head Start. |  |
| **General Discussion** | Days Creek – Community Dinner last Friday and had over 200 people attend. Days Creek recently received an electronic board and were able to advertise the dinner via the new reader board. The hope is to connect with early learning and get a program going in the future as funding and space allow.  Family Connections at UCC is assisting in getting people signed up for classes and assisting with scholarship opportunities including Ford Family and Betty Grey.  Early Childhood Education program growth at UCC is attributed to having a coordinator assisting with the navigation of classes. The state is looking to rollout the program throughout the state that UCC has lead. An Early Learning class will be held this summer for the first time in many years, attendees are mostly those getting their Infant/Toddler Certificate. Those at an ORO step 7 will be able to get college credit for some intro classes through credit for prior learning.  Evergreen Health – Drain Health Clinic is opening on July 12 starting at one day a week. Evergreen is attempting to make access intentional and is not just focused expanding. Evergreen is working with UCAN to wrap services so that families are able to get referrals for everything that they need in one stop.  Tribe – The Generation Center is working on ADA ramping, and is hoping to get the upper level temporary residency permit by the end of June. Enrollment is at 21 confirmed preschool students and five waitlisted. A blessing will be held on June 21. Interviews will be held soon for the teacher position. Grand opening and tours will be held in August. In September, the state will come in and tour the facility. |  |
| **Wrap-up** |  |  |
| **Next meeting** | Fall 2019 |  |