

KLAMATH COUNTY PAC

Meeting Notes

April 26, 2017 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendance

Present: Carol Coker, Charlene Shaw, Dena Haudenschild, Gillian Wesenberg, Jill O'Donnell, Kathleen Walker-Henderson, Melinda Collier, Dr. Ralph Eccles, Rhonda Neighorn, Stephanie Goodwin, Sue Schiess, Danielle Walker
Others Present: Analicia Nicholson, Julie Hurley, Katrina Solis, Molly Hamilton

Action Items

March Minute Approval:

Motion: Jill O'Donnell

Second: Rhonda Neighorn

Parent Hub

Julie Hurley: Introduced herself as the new Account Executive for Douglas Education Service District; her roles will include: Regional Parent Education Coordinator, and implementing Business Champions for Kids in Douglas County.

Parent Education – Regional parent education is available for Klamath, Douglas, and Lake Counties. Classes are primarily funded through the Oregon Parenting Education Collaboration (OPEC), which offers workshops and classes for parents with children 0-18. The parent education hub is looking to expand and offer classes to more people in all three counties.

Workshops and Classes available by request: Make Parenting a Pleasure, Nurturing Parenting, Taming the Tantrum, Glad Monster/Sad Monster. Offered in English and Spanish.

Analicia Nicholson: Current partnerships exist with KLCAS, Klamath Falls YMCA and Kathleen Walker-Henderson.

A meeting is planned with Parent Facilitators after the PAC meeting. Julie is working on additional partnerships with other programs/organizations such as DHS.

Parent Education Advisory Committee is completing a Strategic Plan; parent education is universal, providing tools to help all parents with children 0-8. Discussed the stigma of the names of "classes" and the possibility for them to be named differently, and possible gaps of offerings within homeschool populations. Working to bring in an Online Curriculum. Affluent parents are the most challenging to get to classes.

Dr. Ralph Eccles: Offered class suggestions and possible inspiration for naming parenting classes from book "Children: The Challenge". Names could include "Fun with Children" or "Enjoying your Children."

Suggestions for partnerships with the Medical Community:

1. Klamath Open Door social workers could possibly facilitate a class – have bilingual employees.
2. Bring Lunch and offer Lunch Meetings for Pediatric and Family Medical Offices.
3. Give a nice, brief flyer to hand out to patients
4. Include Nurses and Doctors

Contact Klamath Works – All participants in program are required to take a parenting class; possibility of having facilitators to teach Parent Hub Curriculum.

Work with Blue Zones Project – is in Klamath and now recently announced to be rolling into Chiloquin.

Marketing Suggestions: Free community broadcasting through radio stations, ex. KLAD and word of mouth through Churches, Employers, Pediatricians, Midwives, and Schools.

Rhonda Neighorn: Barrier for night classes include: transportation issue, bus system stops at 6pm, and has reduced schedule on Saturdays. Suggestion for marketing: Offer parenting class for High School Credit.

Other Parent Classes: Life Recovery Network – Support Group topics. CARES suggests parents take a parenting class.

P-3 Update

Dena Haudenschild: RE: Hub/KPI hosted P-3 Event with PSU. Her takeaways include focusing on everyone around the table as well as working together to create a shared language.

One way of creating a shared language includes using the fundamental five from the “Klamath Basics.” These basics were brought to Klamath County by Dr. Sarah Johnson, and originally stem from the Boston Basics. Dr. Johnson is in conversations with the creator of the Basics to ensure that this is available to be used county-wide. She will be asking permission to include the “Klamath Basics” in the whole community educational settings as well as other programs, Healthy Families, WIC, Parole and Probation, etc...

Klamath Basics:

1. Maximize Love, Manage Stress
2. Talk, Sing and Point
3. Count, Group, and Compare
4. Explore Through Movement and Play
5. Read and Discuss Stories

Dena also discussed how to connect the dots with every partner to assist in the prenatal to third grade. We are all connected and can all grow in knowledge and learn from each other; this work is letting us connect to all partners in our community.

Data will be shared by Cynthia Hurkes at a later date.

Molly Hamilton: Sees families with children 0-3 and is in the middle of another project putting together a universal referral system by creating one form so that all families can be connected with all of the resources are available. Discovered that we are all on the same team and wants to work with the community to ensure that we are not duplicating our good works. Klamath County is struggling with being at the top of multiple discouraging statistics, but the community wants to change. Dena added: we can also be on the top of something great as well, and we are all committed.

Jill O'Donnell: Advised of the P-3 Meeting on May 22, 2017, 12-4 pm at the County School District building. Jill will send all information to professional advisory committee. Currently includes City and County School Districts, OCDC, Head Start, YMCA, Klamath Tribes, Child Care Recourse and Referral Network, but the goal is to be county-wide.

Analia Nicholson: Received a Grant from the Douglas CCO and will be offering Play2Learn in Douglas County.

Program Updates Relating to P-3 Work

Dena Haudenschild: Is working with Klamath County School District to include the Klamath Basics with information to the families that ECI serves, and has had over 253 referrals since July 31, 2016; this number may climb to over 300 referrals by June 1, 2017.

City Schools are hosting Ready! For Kindergarten, which is being held at Conger School on April 27th, May 25th, and June 8th from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Kathleen Walker-Henderson: KCC has turned in Quarterly Report for School Readiness Grant – Have reached 91 people to start training and receiving early childhood credits, 48 people in the Hispanic cohort meeting on Saturdays, and 12 people working on Home Visiting, and another group working on CDAs.

Melinda Collier: CCR&R hired a bilingual employee, Becky Chavola, to work with Spanish-speaking providers, and hopes to have an update on newly recruited providers.

On May 11th, 6-8pm, KCC – BLDG 1, RM 104, Lauren Peterson, early learning specialist from Western Oregon, will be in Klamath Falls to go over SPARK/QRIS revisions.

Rhonda Neighorn: Reminder: Relief Nursery fundraiser to be held Sunday, 4/30/17 at 5:30pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$35 ea. or two for \$60, includes dinner catered by OIT and a desert auction. Rhonda and Carol have tickets available.

Relief Nursery is looking for sites to house the program, and currently are looking at the old Bright Beginnings daycare location. Building needs renovations, they are open to recommendations for a different site. OIT has a possible grant available for the relief nursery, and is looking for additional funding.

Self-Sufficiency: New Job/Career Readiness programs in conjunction with DHS, OIT, KCC, and Goodwill.

Group Discussed Relief Nurseries.

Dr. Ralph Eccles: Molly Jesperson runs the Skylakes Community Service Program. She is attempting to get doctors to notify Skylakes when families don't show up for the well-child visits. Also has workers that do home visiting.

Molly Hamilton: Molly Jesperson will be joining the Klamath Co. advisory group, and will also encourage Midwives to join the Home Visiting group.

Doctors/Pediatricians are not required to notify the county when parents choose not to vaccinate; possible changes with legislative bill.

Sue Scheiss: Shared that there is a large population of parents and children that attend WIC who might not have a primary care physician or go to a doctor.

Klamath Works: Primarily an intensive job training program focusing on the problem of high unemployment – state data says 5% unemployment, but Klamath County has a high number of chronically unemployed. Klamath Works contracted with DHS to assist with job training for people on TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or people on SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) who are at risk to go onto TANF. Now has a campus which is a 19-acre property where West One Auto Center used to be; showroom floor is now Klamath Works.

Satellite programs to be housed on campus: Skylakes Community Services, KBBH, KLCAS, eventually DHS, Klamath Mission, KLCAS, and KCC. Ideally, all locations will be housed on one campus to assist everyone in one location.

Referrals primarily come from DHS, approx. 70% attend, and half of that attend a week later. Some church and self-referrals, KCC and KLCAS, but are open to referrals from the entire community.

Stephanie Goodwin: Summer Reading Program is running from June 11th - August 19th. All 11 library branches in the county will be participating. Klamath Falls Downtown Library is seeing record attendance for programs, while Gilchrist and Chemult branches have lower attendance. Keno Librarian is planning a Dad's Day at the Keno branch. Molly Hamilton is willing to include Library information in new baby packets that are handed out for babies born in Klamath Falls.

Group discussed provider matrix/acronym list.

Rhonda Neighorn: Discussed multiple areas of success from DHS, such as timeliness on SNAP, Electronic Processing (other DHS offices in Oregon implementing workflow), and EDMS implementation.

DHS in Klamath County receives over 400 applications/mo.

Katrina Solis: The 2 new classrooms open 20 slots for Klamath Head Start. Playground equipment has been purchased.

Dr. Ralph Eccles: Medical community concerns for parents in Klamath County include (1) toddlers getting into medical marijuana edibles (brownies, etc...) as well as smoke inhalation from parents smoking marijuana inside the house; parents need to go outside to use medical marijuana. (2) Screen time in children – for every hour of handheld device (tablets, cell phones) screen time a toddler has, 15 minutes of sleep is lost per night.

Next Meeting Date

Group Discussion – Selected monthly meetings: 4th Wednesdays, 10am-12pm

May 24, 2017, 10am – 12pm