**South-Central Oregon Early Learning Hub**

**Lake County**

**Community Governance Council**

**April 23, 2019**

**1:30 – 3:30 PM**

***Minutes***

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

| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Decisions/Action/Next Steps** |
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| **Welcome/Introductions** | Introductions were performed. |  |
| **Approve February minutes** | Minutes from January were adopted. |  |
| **Steering Committee** | A discussion was held regarding the vote for Steering Committee Members to be held in May. |  |
| **LICC-EI/ECSE 2019-20** | Mike Benson reviewed the County plan for the LICC-EI/ECSE for 2019-20.  (handout attached) |  |
| **Hub Updates** | Key points regarding the objectives and goals of Raise Up Oregon including reaching outlying areas that are currently unserved were discussed. (handouts)  The Summer Lunch program seems to be in a logical location, however it is not reaching a large number of children. A large obstacle is that many children are cared for by older siblings during the summer and are without transportation, restricting them to their homes. Additional contacts are being searched for in North Lake County. |  |
| **Director Update** | Site visit scores were discussed, the visits were very successful. While the South-Central region is made up of three individual counties, it works well collaboratively and effectively uses commonalities that span the region. The state loved preschool by mail and would like further information on the program. (Handout) |  |
| **KPI Update** | Pre and post surveys for workshops are extremely important to gauge family engagement. PSU is examining the surveys that are completed to determine what improvements need to be made. The state’s reliance on data regarding the effectiveness of programs was emphasized.  KPI will work to secure funding for kinder camps around Lake County. Professional development surveys for teachers and professionals working with ages 3-8 are being developed. The surveys include questions around barriers like funding access, location, demographics, and ages of children that are being worked with, they will help shape professional development offered next biennium.  Growing Early Mindset, a literacy-based training, will be offered in Medford. The training is geared towards teachers and professionals working with children ages 3-8 years. The Medford training will be conducted in October by Dr. Kendra Coates, the creator of the program. Cynthia will conduct another training in May in Lakeview. |  |
| **School Report** | Lake County School District 7 – The district calendar has been changed. Orientation Day has been moved due to the Lake County Round Up 100 year anniversary. Kinder Camp has addressed kids’ anxieties and parent fears reducing the need for orientation day.  Current house bills that affect school funding, including Measure 98 (STEM, CTE, and reducing dropout rates) were discussed. It is expected that the governor’s budget will be pushed forward.  An extension on the fiber optic project is being requested, as it will not be completed before June.  A school district strike will occur in large metro areas on May 8 in support of children and the need for better funding.  The Educator Advancement Council will be setting up funding and regional support for teacher and administrator advancement including professional development. The Council will work with individuals to encourage them to become teachers. Previously, funding was centralized around metro areas, planning is occurring to restructure grant allocations to include rural schools by developing a regional approach. |  |
| **Health Provider Updates** | Lake County Public Health is conducting more trainings and workshops for parents focused on first teeth, called Baby’s First Tooth. Public Health could go to Head Start to provide a second fluoride treatment.  Enrollment in the home visiting group is low with three in Baby First and three school agers in CaCoon. The school nursing partnership is going to be approved through the board to allow nurses back into the schools.  Lake County has 150 people enrolled in WIC. There is currently a focus on educating on appropriate bottle use and breast-feeding. | The possibility of bringing dental services to Kinder Camp will be explored. |
| **CHIP** | Recommendations on developmental screenings in the first years were discussed. Public Health and the hospital provide free diapers during developmental screenings. Lupine Clinics provide screenings in North Lake, free diapers are provided at these screenings as well. Adolescent well child visits are available for ages 12-21 with incentives for attending. Mothers receive incentives for attending postpartum checkups as well. A request was made to provide details on developmental screenings, well child exams, and postpartum checkups in the regional newsletter.  Daly Days Health Fair is scheduled for 6/22/19. Tables are available for those interested in participating.  CHIP is working with food share and the food pantry. An estimated 200 families (500 individuals) received food for Easter. | Flyers regarding Developmental Screenings, Well Child Exams, and Postpartum Checks will be distributed. |
| **DHS** | The Child abuse screening hotline (ORCA) will go live at the end of May and is run through Portland. ORCA will ensure consistency around the state. Law Enforcement will also report through the 24-hour ORCA service. Concerns with ORCA include reduced experience, a disconnect between the service, law enforcement, and the community, and extended hold times reducing the amounts of reporting. Hotline employees will have up to two hours to respond to an emergency after a referral is received. Improvements to the system are in the works. |  |
| **Community Partners** | The Lake County Library District has one more month of preschool family fun nights scheduled in May. Christmas Valley Library is struggling with attendance for these events. Flyers for the May event will be sent and additional support in getting the word out was requested.  Vicky has five baby blankets for the baby showers this fall. |  |
| **Next meeting** | **June 18, 2019 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm** |  |