Professional advisory committee

Minutes

March 19, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance, Welcome, Approval of Minutes

**Present:** Shawn Lybarger, Colleen May, Kendra Bickham

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

Covid-19 Community Updates

**Vanessa-Community Uplift**

An email was sent out to partners about what services programs are currently providing during this time. We have been busy gathering other information so we can point families in the right direction for resources. The United Way link is only for people in Indiana. Vanessa was directed to call 211. She left a message and is waiting to receive a call back.

**Kendra-Aviva Health**

The Public Health Network and Aviva have partnered for drive up testing. Dr. Dannenhoffer is doing an almost daily video post with updates. The state is working to increase the capacity for testing. Dates for testing are being announced on Facebook through Douglas Health Network. Aviva Health will meet with UCAN today at 1:00 to address the healthcare of people who still have to work.

**Shawn-Head Start**

Head Start is working with Sutherlin Schools to provide emergency childcare for first responders and medical staff. They are surveying staff to see who is available to work and also not in the at-risk category. Roseburg School District is working on a plan for their Preschool Promise sites as well. Head Start is closed through May 1st depending on what the governor does. Staff is working from home and are maintaining contact with their families. Shawn did not know of any families in immediate crisis. They are still working to fill slots for the upcoming school year. Head Start would like partners to keep sending in referrals through CORE and Uplift.

**Colleen-Healthy Families**

Healthy Families is still accepting consent to contact forms for the hospital. They are still providing services but not in person. Visits are either virtual visits or phone calls. Some staff is still going into the office and will continue to do so until told to do otherwise. They are working on getting formula for families in need.

Coordinated Enrollment

The state has put together a system to coordinate the entire enrollment process beginning with Preschool Promise. They have put out the six steps needed for coordinated enrollment. The CCR & R is hiring a person to provide technical assistance to providers and working with the state to see what else is needed. The challenge has been to find people with the necessary qualifications. The state is providing criteria and eligibility guidelines. The Hub’s plan is to use Community UPLiFT and the database we already have in place for Coordinating Enrollment. The Hub will maintain the wait list which is being called a “waiting pool” as it is based on eligibility opposed to first come, first accepted. This was all supposed to be put together by April but with Covid-19 that may change. Keep an eye on the ELD’s website for up to date information. The Request for Application (RFA) deadline was moved from April to May. The Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK) grant timeline extended as well.

Strategic Plan

**Is there any input? Do you have any successes you want to share?**

Next steps will include filling out any missing sections.

It was suggested for the Hub to pay a small fee to Facebook to push your ads out to the public to help with marketing.

**What inspires you to take action?**

Shawn-The community’s need and times like these inspire me. It is an exciting time for early childhood education.

Julie-The parent voice piece, how we can reach out to our families, hearing their ideas and stepping up. Also encouraging them to step up as well.

Hub & Partner Updates

**KPI-** Cynthia saw more of a team effort in the Glendale school district staff with engagement and involvement last year. There was an event where a rapper was brought in which was highly attended by families. The new leadership in Glendale took on family engagement. The problem was that they have a small staff and that staff was doing multiple jobs. They reached a point where they were not able to participate in the family engagement piece. Glendale has decided not to move forward at this time.

Winchester has three community cafes in the works. Funding from PSU will help with this. Rick Snyder is hoping to have interns from Portland State work with the school on the Community Engagement piece. There is a lot of improvement in parents wanting to be involved and more connected than in the past. They are planning on moving forward but have yet to submit a request.

The Early Learning Educator meeting was attended by 37 people. People are looking forward to the next one.

**Community UPLiFT-**Douglas County has received 253 referrals to date. Community UPLiFT has four Lunch and Learns in the works with two already planned.

**Shawn-**WIC has changed their income requirements. Please advise people to call instead of going in to the office.

Spring Fling registration is open. The showing of No Small Matters will be postponed until the fall conference.

**Take Root-** The Parenting Hub is looking at doing virtual parenting classes for spring term due to Covid-19. They have received positive feedback from the educators.

The OPEC Conference is set for May. Registration is open but they are not taking payment until they know if event will be held. Take Root is presenting at this event.

Next Meeting Date April 23, 2020