

# KLAMATH COUNTY PAC

## Meeting Notes

November 4, 2016 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### In Attendance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Joynt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill O'Donnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Neighorn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Hiller Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen Walker-Henderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vanessa Pingleton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlene Shaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melinda Collier	

**Staff Present:** Gillian Wesenberg

**Others Present:** Cynthia Hurkes & Linda Ray (via phone)

### Action Items

**Motion:**

**Second:**

### Home Visiting Systems Update

**Vanessa Pingleton** is working on a project with the Ford Family Foundation to bring a universal referral form for Home Visiting and professional development for Home Visitors and to work on internal and external communication. Vanessa has been meeting with all the Home Visiting partners in the region and her focus right now is on prenatal to 5-6 months. She is working to get to know those agencies within the region. Vanessa is putting together committees such as; Leadership Committee & Advisory/Workgroup Committee. The Leadership Committee will be made up of regional directors. Their first meeting is October 20, 2016. The Advisory/Workgroup will consist of members from each county; Douglas, Klamath & Lake. The Advisory/Workgroup Committee will meet more frequently than the Leadership Committee. Vanessa would like to have 2 Advisory meetings in each county.

### Kindergarten Partnership Innovation Update

**Cynthia Hurkes** highlighted on the Klamath School Districts that are receiving KPI funds through the recent ELH Grant awards:

Klamath County School District received \$44,442 for 5 sites of "Play 2 Learn".

Klamath Falls City School District received \$19,320 for the Ready! 4 Kindergarten program.

(Both sites are also sending staff to the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators.)

### Early Learning Program Update

**Charlene Shaw** gave an update on the Klamath YMCA. They have one classroom at their Preschool Promise site with 2 teachers and 2 aides (one group is focused on age 3 and the other age 4. There is not a waitlist at this time. There was discussion with Gillian on next year's Preschool Promise sites. The State's goal was to open Preschool Promise sites for one year and hope to renew the existing sites for 2 years after that. Both Klamath Falls City School District & Klamath County School District are interested in offering Preschool Promise next year.

**Kathleen Walker-Henderson** gave an update on Klamath Community College which was awarded a grant from the ELH for \$52,100. KCC's goal for students to receive the academic training they need to be able to work in childcare. They have 17 slots available. Due to the fact that Preschool Promise teachers cannot easily get substitutes (due to required certification), there is a need for a list of substitutes for schools and Preschool Promise sites.

**Melinda Collier** mentioned that they are hiring a part time person to do QRIS for Southern Oregon ESD. They hope to have it up and running by the first of the year (2017).

**Anne Hiller-Clark** reported that the Klamath Promise has 2 main goals; attendance and supporting graduation. They hope to achieve accountable attendance by working individually with each area school. They recently received funding that will support College & Career Readiness which will allow them to expand and fill in the gaps.

**Amy Joynt** discussed the issue of getting families in need connected to physicians. The reason a lot of kids miss school is due to sickness. The discussion led to "Why is Healthcare such a barrier?" The Ford Family Foundation is involved in Child Mental Health and they have grants available for certification for those looking to be a counselor. There is a great need for Early Childhood counseling.

**Cynthia Hurkes** highlighted the schools getting Kindergarten Partnership Innovation funding; Klamath County (\$44,442 which will provide 5 Play 2 Learn sites). Klamath Falls City (\$19,320 will provide Ready 4 Kindergarten). Both Districts will send staff to the COSA (Confederation of Oregon School Administrators) conference in December. Cynthia will be making a trip to Klamath in December to meet with both KPI grant recipients and also make some visits to local schools to get a sense of the area.

**Jill O'Donnell** highlighted the Play 2 Learn event which focuses on providing a night at school for parents to enjoy developmental activities with their kids. Klamath County School District is in the process of creating their Play 2 Learn activities for their parent nights and scheduling the events.

**Rhonda Neighorn** gave an update on the goal to bring a Family Relief Nursery to Klamath. There is already a model to follow and they are looking for a building to lease. Rhonda will put PAC members on the list to be invited to the planning meetings.

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## General Discussion

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### Waitlist update

Vanessa Pingleton has been gathering data and trying to find an answer on how to prevent families from falling through the crack. She made a suggestion that we have families sign a release form when they are put on a waitlist so that we are able to reach out to these families to help provide services they may need. There needs to be a universal form that meets the state requirements that can be expanded on. Once the state requirements are sent out, we can take action towards developing the family resource form.

### Klamath Family Resource Facilitator position

Gillian Wesenberg, Kathleen Walker-Henderson, Rhonda Neighorn & Vanessa Pingleton will be conducting interviews for this position on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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### Next Meeting Date

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Friday, February 17, 2017 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Klamath SOESD