

# PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes

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

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### In Attendance, Welcome, Approval of Minutes

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**Present:** Angel Reeves, CeCe Lynn, Cesia Ayala, Charlene Shaw, Dani McKiddy, Heidi McGowan, Judi Mahoney, Kendra Bickham, Sally Guyon, Shawn Lybarger, Theresa Songer-Tuckey

**Staff Present:** Gillian Wesenberg, Cynthia Hurkes, Danielle Walker, Susan Stiles-Sumstine, Athena Wikstrom, Vanessa Pingleton

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### Shared Services Alliance Information

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The shared services model is taking place across the country and is at various stages in the process of the development. A shared services model is assisting with the financial viability of child care. It's allowing child cares to receive the financial services (billing, collections, payroll, etc.) that they need without having to pay incredibly high rates to receive them. The Douglas County Child Care Coalition is looking at ways to support child care, and this model is also being shared with child care providers and partners. In Oregon, the Shared Services Alliance started in Coos / Curry when a fiscal analysis was conducted for a small program. It was realized that if they did infant / toddler care, they would be losing over \$40,000 per year. If a program isn't serving 100 children or over and they serve infants / toddlers, they will work at a deficit. Coos / Curry received a four-year pilot grant to lift up a shared services approach for child cares. Philanthropic organizations started funding pilot programs to work through this approach.

Baby Promise regions are starting shared services pilots because they are required by the state to have a shared services model. These regions are hoping to have funding by March. The shared services network in Coos / Curry moves child care facilities to using automated services which saves a lot of money. Everyone who signs up in year one has no cost for the year as costs will be covered by grants that have been received. Along with financial services, the members receive a business coach who teaches them how to use the system and move to the automated service.

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### Teach My Kits

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All three counties in the South-Central Early Learning Hub region support funding Teach My Kits as a gift to families that will provide educational supports. Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation (KPI) is purchasing 1300 kits for Douglas County. Cynthia sent a Doodle Poll out to get more information about who is wanting to assist with kit distribution. Julie discussed with the Fairgrounds the possibility of storing kits there. There will be availability to store eight pallets at the Fairgrounds. Teach My Kits will arrive after Thanksgiving. KPI and some partners are putting together brochure packets and will have the kits shipped after the packets are assembled together.

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### Hub and Partner Updates

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**Gillian** – Preschool Promise (PSP) slots are still open in each of our locations. Douglas County is filling up, but Klamath County still has a lot of open slots. COVID has made it difficult to fill slots as many parents are not comfortable sending their children back to school at this time. If you have any suggestions for marketing, please let the Hub staff know. State procurement requires Hubs to reapply periodically, the Requests for Applications (RFAs) will be coming out in February to existing backbones.

Early Childhood Expansion is expected in 2021, the State is starting it off with additional connections between the Child Care Resource and Referrals (CCRR) and Hubs. CCRRs are providing technical assistance and Hubs are responsible for Coordinated Enrollment of PSP.

On December 8 there will be a collective CCRR, Hub, and Head Start meeting facilitated by the Early Learning Division (ELD).

**Vanessa - Community UPLIFT** - Last quarter, Community UPLIFT received 525 to date referrals. There have been 340 for Douglas County to date. So far, in November, there have been 20 referrals for Douglas County. There are also Professional Development opportunities coming up such as on December 3 from 1:30 – 4:30 the Helping the Helper training will be held virtually with Dr. Amy Stoeber. In January, Aces 201 will be offered by Dr. Amy as well. Community UPLIFT is hoping to extend the data portal to include care plans that can be shared across providers.

The Family Resource Facilitator job description will be coming out soon so that position can be filled.

**Cynthia - KPI** – A Growing Early Mindsets (GEM) virtual lab series will be launching for Early Learning partners and K12 educators and will be held from December through May.

KPI will also be facilitating the development of early learning team gatherings that will be open virtually for the region. This group will build relationships, communicate, and create alignment between educators for age zero to grade 3. There are currently 30 slots available for the Dare to Lead trainings. These trainings will take place from January through March.

**Compass** – Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) is on pause as Compass lost provider supporting this therapy. They are currently looking for a new provider. COVID 19 has resulted in a reduction of services causing in person to only be approved if the individual will regress due to going virtual. Individuals can still enroll through walk in.

Oregon Health Alliance (OHA) is having Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) roll out Intensive In Home Behavioral Health Treatment (IIBHT) to treat children ages zero to 20 in home. This treatment includes four hours a week of contact either in home or in the community. Compass has some providers who specialize in infant / toddler mental health which is included in the IIBHT program. Additional information about the IIBHT program can be found at [oregon.gov/iibht](http://oregon.gov/iibht).

Compass and Adapt are holding a darkness to light initiative to reduce child sexual abuse. They are hoping to get five percent of all Douglas County adults enrolled in a two-hour training. Training costs \$10. This training is one of the only evidence-based trainings that allows those who are trained to identify signs of child sexual abuse.

**Care Connections and Education** - Fully staffed in Klamath now.

February the CCRR will start an infant / toddler network that will include small business training as well as best practices for infant / toddler programs. Second Step training will be held in April. Ten Core Knowledge Competencies (CKCs) in 221 days, is in the planning stages, those who join will receive a prize package when reach a new level.

**Family Development Center (FDC)** - Christmas for Kids shopping was completed yesterday. FDC is getting approvals for a new Sutherlin site at My Way church.

**Healthy Families** - Christmas for Kids shopping was completed yesterday. WIC and Healthy Start have a Baby Bounty program with supplies for families.

Healthy Families is conducting phone and video visits with families. Anyone can refer pregnant moms or moms with babies under two-weeks-old who are high risk.

**Healthy Start – Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon (HCCSO)** – HCCSO has developed new logos and is building a new website with resources for families in Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties called Welcome Baby. They have transitioned a lot of work to social media. The Welcome Baby Shower is ongoing virtually. November is Breast Feeding Month. December will wrap up the virtual baby shower with baby care and safety. HCCSO has additional funds in Douglas County to get supplies out to families in need including baby carrying, breast feeding supports, car seats, and safe sleep items.

HCCSO is looking to take the Perinatal Task Force into a more regional approach.

<https://www.facebook.com/HealthyStartofSouthernOregon>

**Umpqua Community College (UCC)** – Classes are being held online in Fall and Winter terms. This is allowing additional students to take classes with more availability. UCC will continue to have online classes going forward. Forty students are enrolled in early care and education classes this term.

**Head Start / Early Head Start** – There are four Early Head Start classrooms running and fully enrolled. Head Start has about 25 openings, mostly in the Green class site. Green and Melrose are moving to virtual classes starting next week with Roseburg Public Schools. Playgroup is operating virtually. Head Start is still hiring and looking for home visitors.

**Take Root** - Half way through Incredible Infants, Nurturing Parenting for Adolescents, and Make Parenting a Pleasure classes. All classes and workshops are being held virtually either on Zoom or Facebook Live. Mindsets and Mindfulness, Behavior Supports and Building Success for Children are all upcoming workshops. Take Root will have several groups and workshops for Winter term. Community UPLIFT sends a lot of referrals to Take Root.

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### Future Topics

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COVID-19 Updates with Dr. Dannenhoffer

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### Next Meeting Date

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No meeting in December.

Next meeting January 28, 2021 from 10:00am – 12:00pm.