



SOELS Governance Council
 July 16, 2019
 101 N Grape St, Medford
 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Members Present (X):

x*	Scott Beveridge SOESD	x	Jennifer Johnstun Primary Health of Jo Co		Andrea Wakeland Parent Voice
x	Susan Fischer-Maki AllCare CCO		Geoffrey Lowry Oregon Child Dev. Coalition	x	Mary Wolf CCRN
x	Michelle Gallas Imagine That		Karla McCafferty Options of So Oregon		Melissa Wolff DHS Self Sufficiency
	Michelle Gury Parent Voice		Eileen Micke-Johnson RCC	x	Susan Zottola GP SD #7
	Kerri Hecox, MD Oasis Center of the R.V.	x	Nancy Nordyke S.O. Head Start		
x	Mary Hough S.O. Pediatrics		Lisa O'Connor FNC		
x	Martha Ibarra Hispanic Comm Rep	x	Pam Thompson- Arbogast EI/ECSE		

*Arrived at 3:20

Guests: Sue Parrish – Early Learning Division and Katherine Clayton - S.O. Head Start

Staff:

x	René Brandon Director	x	Chelsea Reinhart Early Learning Facilitator	x	Karen Johnson Administrative Assistant
x	Teresa Slater Early Learning Facilitator		Molly McLaughlin Early Learning Facilitator		

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND GREETINGS

S. Zottola called meeting to order at 2:06.

WHY WE DO THIS WORK – STORIES FROM THE REGION

- Kaleidoscope Play and Learn Groups – T. Slater shared pictures and stressed value families and facilitators are finding in these play groups.
- Early Childhood Enhancement Project (ECEP) consists of an online class, Community of Practice meetings and onsite coaching for early learning professionals – C. Reinhart shared reflections from professionals

who participated in the cohort, stating they found it very helpful, learning skills to use in their teaching careers as well as ways cope with stress on the job. The Hub will offer terms in fall 2019 and winter 2020.

- The Hub, in partnership with CASA, sponsored a local screening of the documentary *FOSTER* and presentation by Ashley Rhodes-Courter – bestselling author of *Three Little Words* on June 18, 2019
- The Hub provided Protective Factor kits for partners who committed to taking the Strengthening Families Protective Factors series.
- Grants Pass School District offered their third annual KinderCamp with about 125 incoming Kinders participating.
- CCRN now has 53 Spanish-speaking migrant children enrolled in Preschool Promise with seven providers participating.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

ADDITIONAL TOPIC DISCUSSED

Is there an update on Little Trackers since On-Track stopped providing the childcare program at the end of June? Some community partners have expressed interest, but no commitments have been made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2019 AND MAY 21, 2019 MEETING

Minutes from January 15 and May 21, 2019 approved unanimously. M/S. Fischer S/N. Nordyke

HUB INVESTMENT PRIORITIES – INTRODUCE VISUAL AND DASHBOARD

The Hub has not yet received a budget for the 2019-2021 biennium. There is a \$500,000 reduction in Hub funding overall at the state-level; however, due to the cost of living adjustment, ELD does not anticipate a decrease in funding streams. At the May Executive Committee meeting, the group discussed sending out quarterly scorecards to update members on the work the Hub is doing and, perhaps, displaying a poster at each meeting outlining priority investments. We will have more to share at the September 17, 2019 meeting.

PROTECTIVE FACTOR TRAINING FOR GC MEMBERS

The idea was discussed that all Governance Council members, and those within their organizations, should consider completing the Strengthening Families Protective Factors training series. Members expressed agreement that taking this series is important given that the Hub uses the protective factors as the lens through which regional investments are made. R. Brandon advised the Hub would send a survey to determine which members would like to participate and if so, how (e.g. one full day, two half days, five 2-hour sessions) they would prefer to receive the training.

MEMBER ROLES – REVIEW AND UPDATE

A copy of the Governance Council member roster was provided, which includes a statement on each member's contribution to the Council. Everyone was asked to review his or her position description and update as needed on a form provided to more accurately reflect what they feel they bring to the council. These statements will be added to back of each member's name tent.

REVIEW OF ELD MONITORING RUBRIC AND NEXT STEPS

- S. Parrish with the Early Learning Division will participate in future meetings to make certain state-level support, guidance and technical assistance is provided. With the increase of funding in the Early Learning System, it is imperative that we have transparent, detailed processes in place that clearly demonstrate how we are addressing real or potential conflicts of interest.
- The Southern Oregon Early Learning Hub Assessment Rubric was provided. ELD selected indicator #1 - Governance Council – as the area for quality improvement. The Hub selected family engagement and equity as two additional areas for quality improvement.
- The Early Learning Council, the ELD's advisory body, is in the process of changing its roles and composition; a new Council will start convening in the fall
- Should the Governance Council adopt a regional approach, and not focus on county structures? Is this appropriate considering the cultural differences in Jackson and Josephine Counties?

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Legislative updates
- Update on dashboard
- Current structure of ELD
- Structure of Governance Council
- Community Planning – what will it involve?
- Address quorum issues (a quorum was not present until 3:20)
What are members hoping to get out of meetings? Why the low attendance?
- How are other Hubs structuring themselves to avoid conflicts of interest?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm

NEXT MEETING

September 17, 2019

AllCare Health

1701 NE 7th Street, Grants Pass

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Submitted by K. Johnson