



SOELS Governance Council  
 October 15, 2019  
 Southern Oregon ESD  
 101 N Grape Street, Medford  
 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Members Present (X):**

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

\*Via Zoom

**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**

E. Micke-Johnson called meeting to order at 2:10.

**WHY WE DO THIS WORK – STORIES FROM THE REGION**

- R. Brandon shared that the Hub collaborated with CCO partners to create a behavioral health flyer for children and adults. Spanish version is also available.
- The Hub launched a primary care provider survey to determine the kind of information they are providing families and how they deliver it - or would like to deliver it. Families will be surveyed next.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 MEETING**

- Agenda item was tabled, as quorum was not present.

### **ELD CONTRACT UPDATE**

- René shared that the 2019-2021 Hub contracts are pending sufficiency review by Department of Justice. Once executed, they will be retroactive to October 1, 2019; however, no funds can be drawn down in the meantime. S. Beveridge, Superintendent of SOESD does not anticipate any delay in current obligations.

### **PROTECTIVE FACTOR TRAINING – SURVEY FOR GC MEMBERS & OUTREACH TO SECTORS**

- Several months ago, it was suggested that Governance Council members take the Strengthening Families Protective Factor training. The Hub sent out a doodle poll on October 10, 2019 to determine how the members would prefer to receive the training. To date, we have received six responses. (Poll was resent on October 22.)

### **REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- In Phase 1 of the ECE Sector Planning, each of the 16 hubs have been charged with convening a Regional Stewardship Committee with cross-sector stakeholders and parent voice.
- The goal is to determine the types of care and reach rate in the region, and compare that with family demographics to identify gaps and better meet the needs of families. Hub is working with data provided by PSU and will be surveying parents and providers as well.
- M. Wolf suggested that the Child Care Desert Data report might be a useful tool.
- J. Grazioli suggested that we have a central place to hold the data – perhaps a google folder.
- Once complete, this “mixed delivery profile” will be part of the RFP for preschool expansion.
- The Hub convened the first Regional Stewardship Committee meeting on October 11, 2019. Only one parent was able to attend; however, the meeting was recorded and sent to each of the seven parents. T. Slater will be meeting with each parent individually to clarify any questions and collect suggestions and contributions from the parents unable to attend the meeting.

### **NO SMALL MATTER SCREENING**

- No Small Matter, a documentary on the child care crisis, will be screened at Inn at the Commons on October 30, 2019, 4:30-7:30. Discussion will follow screening. Registration closes on October 24, 2019.
- It was suggested that someone speak on *Power to the Profession*, perhaps providing a handout. C. Reinhart will revise the agenda.

### **RAISE UP OREGON STRATEGIC PLANNING PROGRESS**

- In February, the Early Learning Council released Oregon’s Early Learning System five-year strategic plan – RAISE UP OREGON. For the first time, all of the state agency departments came together to strategize how to best support children and their families.
- The plan was shared and laminated copies were provided.
  - Page 1 – illustrates the “why”
  - Page 2 – illustrates the three overarching goals:
    - Children Arrive Ready for Kindergarten

- Children are Raised in Healthy, Stable, and Attached Families
  - The Early Learning System is Aligned, Coordinated, and Family Centered
  - Our Agency Advisory Council spent several meetings exploring how our region is supporting (or not) these system goals/objectives/strategies. The Council covered goals 1 and 2, but have not completed goal 3 yet. Feedback received will be disseminated to sector partners and the results of this body of work will feed into SOELS' Strategic Plan and Annual Work Plan.
- R. Brandon suggested the Governance Council discuss workforce challenges at the November meeting. With the passing of the Student Success Act, funds will be available to provide more capacity to serve children and families but without a workforce ready to meet that increase in services, we will not be ready. Mental health, EI/ECSE and ECE sectors are already facing a shortage of qualified workers. Community partners who should be part of the conversation:
- RCC/SOU
  - Other business sector partners
  - Employment Department

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm

#### NEXT MEETING

November 19, 2019  
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Submitted by K. Johnson