



SOELS Steering Committee  
 November 21, 2017  
 SOESD, 101 N Grape Street, Medford  
 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Members Present (X): See attendance record**

	Hannah Ancel Jackson Care Connect		Rosemary Jernigan DHS, District 8	X	Nancy Nordyke SO Head Start
X	Scott Beveridge SOESD	X	Jennifer Johnstun Primary Health of Jo Co	X	Lisa O'Connor FNC
X	Amy Buehler Jackson Co. Mental Health		Geoffrey Lowry Oregon Child Dev. Coalition	X	Kelly Soter Jackson Elementary
X	Susan Fischer AllCare CCO	X	Karla McCafferty Options of So Oregon	*	Pam Thompson Arbogast EI/ECSE
	Michelle Gallas Imagine That		Eileen Micke-Johnson RCC	X	Mary Wolf CCRN
X	Martha Ibarra Hispanic Comm Rep	X	Lee Murdoch Retired Physician	X	Susan Zottola GP SD #7

\*Participating via Zoom – Pam Thompson-Arbogast

**Staff:**

X	Rene Brandon Director	*	Chelsea Reinhart Early Learning Facilitator		
X	Teresa Slater Early Learning Facilitator		Molly McLaughlin Early Learning Facilitator		

\*Please note, Chelsea joined the meeting at 4:45.

**Guests: No guests present**

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND GREETINGS**

N. Nordyke called the meeting to order @ 4:12 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from September 19, 2017 approved. Motion by M. Wolf/Second by L. O'Connor

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

R. Brandon: Add 211 Funding to agenda, Action Item

N. Nordyke recognized K. Soter as Principal of the Year.

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – NEXT STEPS**

\$150,000 in School Readiness funding is available. The deadline to submit RFPs was November 17, 2017 at 5:00pm. Twelve proposals were received: Butte Falls Community School Partnership, Child Care Resource Network, Family Nurturing Center, Kid Time! Discovery Experience, Oregon Child Development Coalition/Kids Unlimited, Phoenix-Talent Schools, Roots and Wings Community Preschool, The Sugarloaf Community Association (SCA)/Williams Elementary, Siskiyou Community Health Center, SMART (Start Making a Reader Today), and Southern Oregon Child and Family Council Inc. (SOCFC) submitted two applications: Listo Program and The Family Connection. The next step is form a sub-group to review the proposals; at least three volunteers are needed. A. Buehler, E. Micke-Johnson, and K. Soter have volunteered. S. Beveridge, M. Ibarra, N. Nordyke, L. O'Connor, P. Thompson-Arbogast, and M. Wolf are not eligible to review the proposals. It was noted that HUB staff would not vote or review, but will be available for questions during the review process. Applicants are to be notified no later than December 4, 2017.

Packets were to be made available at SOESD and Grants Pass School District for onsite review and scoring; however, upon further discussion, it was decided that, since there are no concerns of confidentiality, packets will be made available to reviewers electronically and then they will meet in person to debrief and make final award decisions.

*Please note, it was later determined that A. Buehler did not have the time to review the proposals, so Belle Shephard with Oregon Health Authority will review and score in place of her.*

### **HUB WORK PLAN CONTENT AND TIMELINE**

R. Brandon will use the 2017-2019 Investment Priorities Document that was approved at the September meeting to complete the annual work plan.

Early Learning Division has changed the program year to October 2017 through September 2018 for reporting purposes. This change was made due to the long contracting process ELD has with DOJ during the beginning of each biennium. By extending contracts and awards through September, it allows for hubs to continue operations without interruption.

### **EQUITY ANALYSIS OF REGION**

The HUB is looking at how effectively capture and analyze data related to race, ethnicity, language, and rural status. We will be building a longitudinal spreadsheet with demographical data going back to 2014, to gauge the effectiveness of our outreach, and determine where resources are needed. The Committee was asked for data sources to consider. A. Buehler offered that DHS should have parent-level data. J. Johnston reported that Pediatric Improvement Partnership is working to create a composite score that adds parent's data and child's codes,

which might be available soon. It will start at birth and follow the children through 18. This is an ongoing project and there will be more updates to come.

### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EFFORTS**

R. Brandon announced that a CCO/EL HUB meeting held the first Friday of every month from 2:30-4:00pm. A focus has been on how to help providers and parents navigate the mental health care system. Preschool Promise providers and Kindergarten teachers report escalated aggressive behavior issues in classrooms, sometimes resulting in student injuries. S. Beveridge reported that superintendents are concerned about distraught teachers as well. He proposed putting together a conference or set of trainings in the summer as a kick-off for the new school year, and then follow up during in-service and mid-year or spring. The HUB will continue working with partners to determine how to invest hub funding to provide training, technical assistance, and coaching to providers, educators and families so that all the adults supporting children receive support. Additionally, we are working with perinatal partners to identify strategies to reach children and families during pregnancy, after birth and during the birth to age five timeframe prior to kindergarten so that they receive the supports they need and children arrive at kindergarten ready for success.

### **REVISIT MEETING TIME FOR STEERING COMMITTEE**

R. Brandon proposed changing the meeting time from 4:00-6:00pm to 2:00-4:00pm, effective beginning January 16, 2017.

M/N. Nordyke S/J. Johnston No objections

### **211info FUNDING**

R. Brandon proposed the HUB use 15K of Hub Coordination funding to help strengthen 211 during the next 12 months as AllCare funding is ending in December. The program's efficacy was questioned by several Steering Committee members. R. Brandon acknowledged those concerns and suggested pulling a focus group together to determine 211's weaknesses and work to improve the tool. S. Fischer offered to assist with this process.

**Action Item:** Move to approve HUB providing 15K to 211 info. R. Brandon and S. Fischer will bring in facilitator for focus group, including DHS Self Sufficiency since they are planning to create their own navigational guide. Steering Committee will re-evaluate the 211's progress in one year.

M/K. Soter S/L. Murdoch All in favor – no opposition. S. Fischer abstained. H. Ancel, M. Gallas, R. Jernigan, G. Lowry, and E. Micke-Johnson were not present to vote.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Daniel Weaver, SOESD Business Manager will attend meeting in January.

**NEXT MEETING**

January 16, 2017

AllCare Health

1701 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Grants Pass

2:00-4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Submitted by K. Johnson