



SOELS Steering Committee
 January 16, 2018
 AllCare Health, 1701 NE 7th Street, Grants Pass
 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Members Present (X): See attendance record

	Hannah Ancel Jackson Care Connect	X	Jennifer Johnstun Primary Health of Jo Co	X	Lisa O'Connor FNC
*	Scott Beveridge SOESD		Geoffrey Lowry Oregon Child Dev. Coalition	X	Danielle Ring DHS ²
*	Amy Buehler Jackson Co. Mental Health	X	Karla McCafferty Options of So Oregon	X	Kelly Soter Jackson Elementary
X	Susan Fischer AllCare CCO	X	Nancy McKinnis Jackson Care Connect ¹	X	Pam Thompson Arbogast EI/ECSE
	Michelle Gallas Imagine That	X	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
	Rosemary Jernigan DHS, District 8	X	Nancy Nordyke SO Head Start		

*Participating via phone – *Scott Beveridge & Amy Buehler - Amy joined about 2:45.*

¹ Representing Hannah Ancel

² Representing Rosemary Jernigan

Staff:

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

Guests: No guests present

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND GREETINGS

E. Micke-Johnson called the meeting to order @ 2:07 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from November 21, 2017 approved. Motion by J. Johnstun/Second by L. Murdoch.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No additions or changes made.

HUB FINANCIAL UPDATE

The HUB has not yet received the 2017-2019 biennium template from ELD; we are using last biennium's template, with a column added for July-September 2017. There have been no expenditures to date for School Readiness, Healthy, Stable Attached Families or Family Support. KPI has charged very little at the time of reporting as the school personnel were just coming back for the new school year. Preschool Promise is not part of this report as ELD tracks it separately, but we are keeping thorough financial records and are on track with spending.

Daniel Weaver, SOESD Business Manager, is working with R. Brandon in an effort to help the HUB's financial needs, and has been very responsive to our concerns and requests. For the 2015-2017 biennium, over 50% of SOELS expenses were billed out during the last quarter, which caused significant challenges to managing each fund and demonstrating to ELD that our funds were being spent and that we were on target for the year. For 2017-2019, our financial reporting will closely match our programmatic reporting.

BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH EFFORTS

In November, the HUB convened a Preschool Promise meeting in which providers reiterated their struggles with challenging behaviors in their classrooms. This is also a big concern for K12 teachers. S. Zotolla advised that "majors" such as cursing at teachers and throwing furniture have escalated, even doubling and tripling in recent years. R. Brandon expressed the HUB's determination to learn how SOELS can best help providers and teachers meet the needs of these children. She advised that there is funding of \$130,000 per year for Preschool Promise professional development, and \$30,000 in School Readiness funding for professional development and that the HUB is in the process of identifying the most effective ways of investing these funds. It is clear that both training and coaching are vital, and that teachers urgently need support to prevent burnout and attrition. It is also important to discover why there has been a drastic escalation in behavioral issues; to go further upstream and support families with newborns with services such as child development information, parenting education training, referrals to interventions, and opportunities for social connections.

SCHOOL READINESS PROJECTS

Douglas ESD and Southern Oregon ESD are both continuing to receive funding for early intervention services this biennium, \$75,000 and \$45,000 respectively. Additionally, \$150,000 was awarded to five entities through the RFP process and contracts are now being signed. LISTO was awarded \$50,000, which will provide the funds needed for staffing and allow for the

program's growth. The Sugarloaf Community Associate (SCA), with Williams Elementary, was awarded \$35,000 to provide free or low cost preschool four hours a day, four days a week to children in the Williams/Applegate area. Kid Time was awarded \$25,000, which will allow for a variety of activities to be offered in Spanish, five to six days per week. Child Care Resource Network was awarded \$20,000, which will provide funding necessary to increase their Inclusion Specialist's hours, and expand their Warm Line program. Lastly, SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) was also awarded \$20,000 to offer, in partnership with eleven preschool providers, to provide both books and parent/family training to children on the wait-list for the SMART reading site preschools.

R. Brandon shared results from our DHS Backpack Initiative Parent Survey and displayed graphs to illustrate the community resources parents 'have', 'had', 'want', or 'don't want'. The resources that parents report having the most of are dental and medical, followed by food and child care. The resource that parents indicate they want the most is parent education; however, that is still only 18%. A significantly large number answered that they do not want assistance with violence interventions (86%) or addictions (85%). The second chart illustrates how parents feel about services offered. These results are mostly positive. The Hub is administering this survey to various parent groups connected to partner organizations. Cumulative data will be available as we build the database. The purpose behind the survey is to gauge, over time, how supported our families feel in getting their needs met, identify gaps in services, and other trends.

PROGRESS ON EQUITY

R. Brandon shared Preschool Promise Provider race and ethnicity demographics for years one and two. Race and Ethnicity data from 2016-17: 45% Hispanic, 41% White, 8% Biracial/Multiracial, 3% African American, 2% declined to answer, and 1% Asian. Race and Ethnicity data from 2017-18: 50% White, 42% Hispanic, 4% Biracial or Multiracial, 1.5% declined to answer, 1% African American, 1% Asian, .5% American Indian/Native Alaskan, 0% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. The Hub has equity data from other ELD funded programs as well and a database will be created for this work.

NEXT MEETING

March 20, 2018
SOESD
101 N Grape Street, Medford
2:00-4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm

Submitted by K. Johnson