



Steering Committee – September 19, 2017
 AllCare Health, Main Conference Room
 1701 NE 7th Street, Grants Pass
 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Date/Time: 9/19/2017

Location: AllCare, Grants Pass

Members Present (X): See attendance record

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| | Hannah Ancel Jackson Care Connect | * | Rosemary Jernigan DHS, District 8 | | Lisa O'Connor FNC |
| | Scott Beveridge SOESD | | Jennifer Johnstun Primary Health of Jo Co | | Kelly Soter Jackson Elementary |
| X | Amy Buehler Jackson Co. Mental Health | X | Karla McCafferty Options of So Oregon | X | Pam Thompson Arbogast EI/ECSE |
| X | Susan Fischer AllCare CCO | X | Eileen Micke-Johnson RCC | X | Mary Wolf CCRN |
| X | Michelle Gallas Imagine That | | Lee Murdoch Retired Physician | X | Susan Zottola GP SD #7 |
| X | Martha Ibarra Hispanic Comm Rep | X | Nancy Nordyke SO Head Start | | |
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*Participating on the Phone – Please note, R. Jernigan's phone failed at about 4:30pm.

Staff:

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

Guests: No guests present

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND GREETINGS

N. Nordyke called the meeting to order @ 4:08 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 16, 2017 approved. Motion by S. Fischer/Second by E. Micke-Johnson

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

R. Brandon: Vote on Investment Priorities, Action Item

BUDGET REPORT

S. Fischer announced all programs were able to draw down funds, with the exception of Healthy, Stable and Attached Families.

Rene' advised that Howard George has retired as Business Manager of SOESD. His successor, Daniel Weaver started today, and will be mentored by Douglas ESD's Chief Financial Officer. This should resolve problems related to Infinite Visions, the financial system which has been in place since January 2017. We are hoping to gain access to reports soon, which will enable us to more effectively manage funds.

NEW BIENNIUM FUNDING

While Early Learning experienced budget cuts in the new biennium, Southern Oregon will actually see an increase in funding for the most vulnerable. This is due to the increase in the number of aged 0-6 at-risk children and families in our region, based on SNAP data. The number increased by 1,321 to 17,330 children; we are not sure if it is caused by relocation, increased birth rate, or a rise in existing children falling into this category. A breakdown for the cause was suggested. In order to keep the smaller regions functional, there is a funding floor of 5000 children.

Funding streams for 2017-2019 biennium will result in net increase of about \$300,000 for the Hub. Preschool Promise is separate, and will see an increase from 180 to 194 children served for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, due to a 7% increase in funding. Ten of these slots went to Kid Time.

HUB RECOMMENDED FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR BIENNIUM

Would your program benefit from any particular issue? If so, you can take part in discussions, but not vote on that issue.

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| Yes | Amy Buehler Jackson Co. Mental Health | No | Rosemary Jernigan DHS, District 8 | Yes | Pam Thompson Arbogast EI/ECSE |
| No | Susan Fischer AllCare CCO | Yes | Karla McCafferty Options of So Oregon | Yes | Mary Wolf CCRN |
| Yes | Michelle Gallas Imagine That | Yes KPI | Eileen Micke-Johnson RCC | No | Susan Zottola GP SD #7 |
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The Hub is expected to take eight roles in the community, outlined in the Hub Roles and Indicators Logic Model for 2017, a five-year plan. Role 2.3 is more focused on early education and centers on the collaboration between early learning and K-12 partners.

SOELS Agency Advisory Council engaged stakeholders in FSG Actor Mapping Sessions to identify sub-groups based on SNAP data, which determined Investment Priorities for the 2017-2019 biennium. Each fund's priority areas were discussed:

KPI

- Professional Development for System Partners
 - In October SOELS will co-sponsor PAX Good Behavior Game trainings for early learning and K-3 educators.
 - 85 teachers registered for training; Medford sending 71.
- P-3 Alignment
 - Pam Thompson-Arbogast worked with social emotional working group. She will be rolling this out at EI/ECE system as well as improvement training in October – maybe this could be available?
 - Providing technical assistance to schools to entice participation and attendance.
- Kindergarten Readiness
 - The Hub will create a spreadsheet for calculating, recording, and reporting DIBELS scores from each school.
 - Offering Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Facilitator Training October 18th; an inexpensive way to bridge the gap between early learning providers, K-3 educators, and parents.
 - Staffing costs vary for Jumpstart, but \$1000 per site is a safe estimate. Program is for 1 week (4 days), 3 hours per day.
 - Best way to measure progress and emotional development. Go back to teachers to evaluate progress? Create incentives? Hire a data consultant? Surveys are currently sent out.
 - The Hub will continue to expand programs to new schools, and will request sustainability plans in an effort to continue expanding to new schools going forward.
 - The Hub did not allocate all funds in order to have a reserve for emerging priorities.

Focused Child Care Network - Hub does not hold funding for FCCN – fine tuning supports.

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)

- Co-sponsoring Program Provider training.
- Teresa is working with home-visit providers to improve services for at-risk children and families.

School Readiness

- Children without early learning opportunities – RFA process will focus on families affiliated with other partner programs, such as Spanish-speaking families.
- Spanish speaking families – partnered with migrant education. Eighty-six backpacks went out, provided training to home visitors, and doing post assessment.
- Families in poverty – Provide training to DHS Home Visitors. Goal is to provide 200 children with backpacks, 200 parents trained.
- Children with special needs or developmental delays – Providing funding for part-time staffing to Josephine and Jackson County EI/ECSE to reduce wait-time for families to receive evaluation and assistance is a temporary fix; a task group has been created to address the problem.
- Professional Development for Early Learning Workforce – \$12K over biennium. Chelsea has received her Special Needs Teaching Credential.

Healthy, Stable and Attached Families

- Josephine County is engaged.
- Perinatal Taskforce Community Baby Shower on October 7th at Grants Pass Community High School.

Family Support

- Families experiencing dysfunction in home – Mary Curtis wants to explore program that assists families with parents who have completed an in-patient rehabilitation program. They need support during this time. Could we offer child care slots for partnering child care providers who enter pilot program to support sobriety? Questions/ideas raised:
 - Would there be a central place to go to navigate help, i.e. a case manager?
 - Can we provide Peer Support Specialists?
 - Identify children who could benefit from wrap-around.
 - Should we integrate with RTI (Response to Investigate)?
 - Would the application process flow through counties?

Preschool Promise

- Is there an untapped capacity in daycares? Funders want to know.

- RFA Process/Braided Funds
- Move funding preschool enrollment opportunities outside of Preschool Promise?

Hub Coordination

- System of partners engage private sector business.
- Parent voices, keeping track of parent surveys and convene listening sessions.

Action Item: Move to approve Investment Priorities as a whole, with an understanding that funding for individual programs may be given additional consideration. M/A. Buehler S/S. Fischer All in favor – no opposition. R. Jernigan and S. Zottola were not present for vote.

NEXT MEETNG

November 21, 2017

SOESD, Upstairs Conference Room

101 N Grape Street, Medford

4:00-6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Submitted by K. Johnson