



**Early Care and Education Workforce Committee**

**May 6, 2021**

**10:30 am-12:00 pm**

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 926 5062 3888

**Attendees:** Mary Wolf, Lisa Farlin, Peter Buckley, Katrina McGrath, Greg Thweatt, Devon Finley, Crystal Rowbotham, Henry Olivia, Bridey Mendoza-Moore, Eileen Micke-Johnson, Gary Taylor, Kathy Stassi, Stacy Inman, Jim Fong

**Hub Staff:** René Brandon, Chelsea Reinhart, Vicki Risner

**Agenda**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Bridey:** On May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 4-5 pm, Rogue Community College is going to have a Zoom information session about our Early Childhood Education Program. I will get a flyer sent out to everyone to share with the community.

**Mary:** CCRN is offering mini grants to providers around outdoor play equipment.

**Mary:** Eileen has agreed to work on the issue of streamlining the process to get interested students to teacher level.

**Legislative Letter – Peter Buckley**

At their last meeting, the Early Learning Council discussed the letter. Their new guidelines are coming out May 15<sup>th</sup>. Peter was assured that the request for flexibility was heard and that there would be more flexibility with staffing and rules in the new guidelines.

### **Mini Grant for Child Care Centers – Chelsea Reinhart**

Chelsea shared a summary worksheet from the incentive mini grant applications. The report will be sent out after the meeting. René stated plans to have a second round after the new biennium contract is in place.

### **Review Child Care Center Survey Draft – Chelsea Reinhart**

Chelsea shared the draft of the Child Care Center Survey. Changes were made during the discussion. Jim stated that Rogue Workforce Partnership could utilize the raw data that was collected from the survey. The survey will be sent out after the meeting for last review.

### **Engage Center Director’s Group in WorkSource Rogue Valley Services – René**

At a previous meeting, Jim suggested that Tammy with WorkSource Rogue Valley/Employment Department might be able to join the directors’ group for a meeting to explain the types of services that are available for centers that are looking to recruit and onboard staff. No directors from the Director’s Group were in attendance to comment. Jim offered to create a flyer with Hub staff. Jim also stated that Representative Marsh is interested in working with this group. This will continue as a floating agenda item.

### **CCRN support of RCC and SOU**

CCRN has a funding program for those with an AA or AS degree who want to earn their ECE over the summer. Mary will have a flyer to send out with details.

### **Other Business & Closing**

**René:** I will send the KPI update out separately.

### **Next Meeting:**

June 3, 2021