



## **Early Care and Education Workforce Committee**

**June 3, 2021**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 926 5062 3888

Greg Thweatt, Renee Breznay, Crystal Rowbotham, Katrina McGrath, Devon Finley, Peter Buckley, Mary Wolf, Kathy Stassi, Eileen Micke-Johnson, Bridey Mendoza-Moore, Michelle Gallas, Jim Fong, Ida Saito, Crystal Persi

Hub staff: René Brandon, Chelsea Reinhart, Teresa Slater, Vicki Risner

### **Agenda**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Family Survey of Child Care Needs:** Chelsea shared preliminary data on screen: 152 responses to date. Working to refine response data for better graphics. Please continue to promote.

**Status Update on Child Care Center Survey Draft:** Chelsea shared Early Learning Educator Survey results from 26 programs. Will revisit again in fall to see how things are changing. Jim stated that Workforce will follow up to obtain more data. Mary suggested an updated survey to see what's changed since April.

**Mini Grant for Child Care Centers:** Teresa shared the ECE Incentive Grant Summary. 13 applied, 9 eligible centers returned the secondary application. No one applied for option #3 for child care. This is phase 1. Intention is to have a second round after new biennium funding is announced.

**KPI Summer Funds for Kindergarten Transition:** Teresa presented ECE Summer PreK Grant Summary. Funds for early learning program to offer Kindergarten Readiness programming over the summer. 10 programs applied, 8 were eligible. All 8 will be funded at 100% of their request. 91 children will be served. \$221,580 awarded.

**Phase 5 Grant Opportunities:** – Mary shared the ELD Grant Information for Emergency Child Care (ECC) providers. See attachment for details.

**Katherine Tovar News:** René shared that Katherine Tovar, director of Blossom Hills Early Learning Center and cochair of this committee, has been recruited by Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay, Oregon to be the director of their Bright Beginnings Learning Center. We are all excited for her new venture.

**Summer Meeting Schedule:** Discussion regarding meeting schedule for the summer. The group agreed to hold July meeting, but not in August.

**Other Business & Closing:**

Mary saw spot on TV for Child Care from Workforce. Jim acknowledged that they have included Child Care in their promotion rotation and shared slides. They are available on the Workforce Rogue Careers website. Big push to come during the Olympics, while unemployment benefits are changing.

It was determined that we need a sub-work group for what should be done with the Child Care Center survey results to do some raw data analysis to identify the demand needs. This will ensure that our regional needs are met. May have Tammy Shorter to do some follow-up with respondents. Group to meet before July 1<sup>st</sup>. René, Mary, Peter, Jim and Ida volunteered.

Early Learning Hub collaboration in August. Have requested that they do a good canvas in the state for what is happening across the state, to leverage pilot programs.

Former Oregon Early Learning Systems Direct Miriam Calderon has been announced as the US Department of Education's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Learning.

**Next Meeting:** July 1, 2021