



**SOELS
Agency Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
September 10, 2021
10:00-12:00pm
Zoom Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 989 2977 1308

Attendees: Darcy Larson, Devon Finley, Maureen Honeycutt, Alejandra Moreno, Bob Hendrick, Jennifer Gustafson, Peter Buckley, Momone Maley, Stacy Fields, Christina Finke, Bethanee Grace, Adrienne Auxier, Debbie Frierson, Stacy Inman, Diana Bennington, Riki Rosenthal, Christine Shepherd, Stephanie Finch, Sonja Herbold

Hub Staff: Rene Brandon, Teresa Slater, Vicki Risner

Welcome & Introductions

Update on Unite Us Platform and Discussion – Momone Maley

Connect Oregon is a network of providers that coordinate care in a closed loop referral system. Unite Us is a much broader platform. Available free from funding from Jackson Care Connect and AllCare. Live in 21 Oregon counties with 2 more coming this year. Started with 26, now have over 50 partners. 102 Active Programs. 78% of programs are receiving referrals. Have served 89 clients with 133 service episodes, 123 electronic referrals resulting in 77 cases.

Reclaiming Lives and La Clinica are the top receiving organizations. Top sending organizations are La Clinica, Mercy Flights and SOELS.

Why Participate? Improve efficiency and client experience.

- Information is stored and transferred on Unite Us' HIPPA, FERPA, FIPS and 42 CFR Part 2 compliant platform.
- Clients are matched with the provider(s) they qualify for
- Information is captured
- GET MORE DETAILS FROM RECORDING

From the original organization, screening, referral, resolution and feedback. Coordinated care.

Rene: Regarding maternal child health,
Momone: We have a weekly session, 4, for partners who work in this sector. How to achieve goals and better serve families in our community.

Rene: Rogue Community Health indicated that some didn't know that they are not receiving referrals and weren't aware of that. Momone: If a user or Admin turns referrals off while they are on vacation, some are forgetting to return them back on. It's easy to turn on and off, 3 clicks. Please let them reach out to me to help with that quickly.

Community Partner Updates

The Family Connection, Diana & Bethany: Free Parenting Programs from TFC: <https://thefamilyconnect.org/families-parents/> Or check our calendar for ALL parenting ed opportunities for families. If you have a parenting education event happening, please contact me so I can get it on the TFC Regional Parenting Hubs' Calendar: dbennington@socfc.org. Have Spanish classes, fathers program coming very soon. A lot more active parenting classes. Launching a teens class, teach the teens, teach the parents then bring them together. Send us folks!

Bridging Communities, Stacy Fields: We have virtual regular meetings. Have a good of Latinx parents which is growing, even attending from Mexico (about 20 parents). Have parent trainings, a Spanish parent advocate who is about to hold classes. Focusing on fire relief efforts in new positions. Parent and community focused groups are coming up.

CCRN. Devon Finley, Maureen Honeycutt: Providers don't have staff and parents need placements. Full calendar of trainings available this fall. We've moved to 502 W. Main.

Southern Oregon Success, Peter Buckley: Focusing on health care for early learning workforce. ADD INFO FROM RECORDING. There are subsidies. By using subsidies, one provider's employee's cost for health care went from \$1,200 a month to \$10 a month. There are bonuses available in this program if they sign up for health care. Open enrollment begins November 1st. https://docs.google.com/document/d/16SnjwD98caKsPafExwVkJq64M_7rZRVV/edit

PreK/K Summit. 133 people attended. Next summit is in March. Family advisory council is up and running.

SOU has a micro credential program in Behavioral Health. Most of the courses are online. SOU Micro-credential program in Behavioral Health: <https://sou.edu/academics/education/programs/foundations-in-school-mental-and-behavioral-health/>

JACKSON COUNTY EI/ECE: Have moved to a new building on Superior. Have a lot of open vacancies, which is preventing us from opening more classrooms. For early intervention, which is fully staffed, we started opening to out door visits over the summer which had to be closed down again with current Covid numbers.

Alehanjra Moreno: We have a new therapist. We are fully staffed with bilingual, bicultural members.

Kairos Jackson Services, Adrienne: Have open access, they can come into our office during office hours. Focusing on recurring therapeutic foster care providers with sign on bonuses, up to \$3,000 for newly certified families. Kairos Jackson Services walk in access, 1175 East Main St. Ste 1C, Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon-3pm and Thursdays and Fridays 8:30am-3pm. We are able to currently provide services to JCC covered youth and young adults 0-24 years of age.

Sonja Herbold, Healthy Families: Experiencing staffing issues. Getting some family referrals for our programs. Serve moms, babies up to age five focused on school readiness.

Stephanie Finch, So OR Headstart: We are not fully staffed and are gearing up to open as many classrooms as possibly next week.

Christine Shepherd, WIC: We received a grant to purchase a van to create a mobile office. Need letters of support from partners in Josephine County so we can reach out to parents in locations where they are dropping off children. Will be sending out a questionnaire for partners so we can get a sense of needs, health equity and inclusion. Maybe partner with Autumn and her program and cross county lines. Looking to Curry County as well. If anyone is interested in partnering with our WIC mobile clinic and willing to offer a letter of support please feel free to email me your interest and we can get the process started. I would greatly appreciate it :)
cshepherd@josephinecounty.gov

Christina Finke, Foster Family warehouse: Toys, suitcases, clothes. We need volunteers to sort donations, keeping thing stocked and on the racks.

Bob Hendrick: Work with resource families on retention and recruitment issues. We are looking to recruit families who are LGBT inclusive families, tribal families and sexual behaviors. One of the main focuses on retention of our focused homes to make sure they feel successful. Mentor programs. Having an after hours support line is something we are looking into. Developing better placement protocols. Going to have a resource parent support group.

So Or Pediatrics, Debbie Frierson: We have a licensed social worker now. Looking to add an orthopedic specialist to our team.

Teresa Slater, SOELS: This summer we received some kindergarten resource dollars. We offered 83 children prek opportunities, free preschool. Worked with 8 different providers for almost \$200,000 in opportunities. They were all able to enter into kindergarten this year. Our coordinated enrollment, preschool promise is active. Getting families through the eligibility process. Our team is currently homeless. SOESD lost a facility in the Alameda fire and have done a lot of office shuffling. We are finalizing a lease for a new facility with meeting rooms that we can share with partners when needed.

Starting Strong, Riki: With the current surges, no new return to office dates, probably not until next year. We are doing no contact ordering. There is a drop off location at the Family Nurturing Center in Medford. Looking to open other options to resume some face to face work with

families. The plan is to cohabitate with Family Nurturing Center when they find their new location. Let me know if you need help with distributing vouchers. Email is the best way to reach me at

Breakout Room Check-in for Child & Family Wellbeing & EI/ECSE-MH Partnership

Family and Child Wellbeing Committee: Trying to find a better way to engage these families early. Having a hard time getting a foot hold in this work.

LISTEN TO RECORDING

Transition parents from child birth classes into parenting education classes. Interconnections. Creating a memorandum of understanding. Next step of engagement. Promoting the engagement of the new Unite Us platform. More info about this contractor after the Governance Council meeting. Have a six month contract with this One on one partner conversations to make this happen. Model to engage families from childbirth to kindergarten. We're going to need all partners to meet

Pregnant women receiving prenatal care:

- Childbirth classes:

 - Parenting Education

 - Parent Support Groups

 - Kaleidoscope play and learn groups

- Doula Services

 - Pediatrican

 - Health care for mom

Early Care and Education Workforce Committee: Focused on recruitment, education and retention of the workforce.

The need for more of an infrastructure to support behavior issues in the classroom. Especially with the upcoming "no expulsion or suspension" rule for the state. We have a model that we would like to unpack. Let me know if you are interested in participating in this. (Maureen Honeycutt, Peter Buckley, Stephanie Finch said count SO Head Start in are interested). SEE RECORDING FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Rene shared the Arkansas Expulsion and Suspension Workgroup information. We want to leverage what is already existing.

Include SOU's ... program, possible practicum opportunity.

NEXT SOELS AGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING:

October 8, 2021

10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.