



SOELS Governance Council

March 19, 2024

2:30-4:30 p.m.

IN PERSON at SOELS' office: 918 Chevy Way, Medford, Oregon

Zoom Meeting ID: 910 4266 7714

<https://soesd.zoom.us/j/91042667714>

Attendees: Katherine Clayton, Sam Watson, Cynthia Anderson, Bridey Mendoza-Moore, Brittain Zimmerman, Norma Pantoja, Kimberlee Whitney, Jessica Durrant, Mary Hough, Sara Hollingworth. **Absent:** Laura McKeane, Scott Beveridge, Stacy Inman.

Hub Staff: Rene' Brandon, Jordan Rogers, Sydney Wing, Teresa Slater, Molly McLaughlin, Vicki Risner

Call to Order: 2:33 pm

Welcome

Additions or changes to the agenda: None

Approval of minutes from 11-21-23 and 1-16-24

Motion to approve minutes: Jessica Durrant

2nd Motion: Sara Hollingworth

Approved

Legislative Short Session 2024 Highlights

Rene' shared slides. See slides for specific details.

- ERDC was funded adequately to address the deficit in this program.
- CHIPS & Child Care (HB 4098A) was passed and partially funded.
- Birth to 5 Literacy was passed and funded.
- Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education was passed and funded. They still need additional funding.
- Relief Nurseries were fully funded.
- Nurse Family Partnership was fully funded.
- Not Funded: Healthy Families Oregon, the Early Learning Scholarship Program, or

additional funding for the Child Care Infrastructure Fund.

- <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3005>

Child Care Expansion Update

Rene' shared slides. See slides for specific details.

- Child Care in Rural Communities
 - \$43,400 Providence Community Health Foundation
 - \$10,000 SOELS
 - Goal Remaining need: \$33,400
 - Have enough to fund 1 rural program.
- Subsize child care slots in Existing Programs
 - \$72,000 Infant/Toddler Slots: Providence Community Health Foundation
 - \$35,000 Preschool Slots: SOELS
 - Goal Remaining need: \$123,000
- Build the Early Learning Workforce
 - \$24,000 Rogue Workforce Partnership
 - \$9,600 Providence Community Health Foundation
 - \$2,400 SOELS
 - Exceeded Year 1 Goal, supporting 16 interns!
- Specialized Supports Available in Early Learning Classrooms
 - \$30,000 Josephine County System of Care
 - Remaining need: \$70,000

Raise Up Oregon 2.0 Introduction

Rene' shared slides. See slides for specific details.

<https://www.oregon.gov/delc/about-us/pages/raise-up-oregon.aspx>

- 14.2.1 Infants and Toddlers Partner Workgroup
 - Reviewing data
 - Creating a Data Dashboard
 - Surveying/interviewing families
 - Identifying Strategies to engage and support families.

Discussion: Mary: Rene' and I can meet to explore more connections and options.

- 2.9.3 Child Care Workforce
 - 107 RCC students currently funded by SOELS/Consortium; 303 total in 6 years.
 - RCC has created Fast Track for students not currently working:
 - Lead Teachers skilled up in 2-3 terms.
 - Teacher Assistants skilled up in one term.
 - Seeking funding for Fast Track

\$75,000 will support 10 teachers and 30 assistants.

- 4.1 Child Care Workforce (Teresa)
 - Rogue Workforce Partnership \$24,000
 - SOELS & Providence Foundation \$12,000
 - Navigation from Child Care Resource Network and WorkSource

To support 16 jobseekers in paid internships of 150 hours at early learning programs that are poised to hire at end of internship.

Jessica: Have we talked with Jill Dwyer, a teacher at North Valley HS in Grants Pass, who has started an early childhood program of study. Maybe you could speak in one of her classes to drum up interest into going through PYP.
- 14.2.1, 14.2.2, 14.2.3, 14.2.4 Child Care Slots
 - Providence Foundation \$72,000 Infant/Toddler slots
 - Providence Foundation \$43,400 for start up costs & tuition assistance for rural child care.
 - SOELS \$35,000 Preschool Slots
 - Continuing to seek funding.
 - Info Sessions last week to highlight grant opportunities.

Recordings in both English and Spanish are available. Please reach out to Jordan for those.
- 4.1, 14.11.4 Child Care Advocacy and Fundraising
 - Child Care Expansion Kick-off Event
 - Child Care Data Roadshow
 - Local city and county government. Great conversations.
 - Local legislators
 - Philanthropy
 - Health Partners
- 12.2.1 Child Care Supports
 - Family Nurturing Center has been awarded 1 year planning grant for 2024.
 - Eligible for Implementation Grant 2025
 - Train Consultants to provide support to child care providers.
- 10.5 Home Visiting (Sydney)
 - Home visiting leadership planning meetings
 - Home visiting network meetings
 - Regional trainings: infant massage, FAN, motivational interviewing, and more.
 - Materials for home visitors to bring on visits.
- 5.1.2 Home Visiting (Sydney)
 - Cohosting Service Collaboration Planning Sessions (April 5th) with Jackson County EI/ECSE to discuss the overlap and efficiencies of services among partners providing home visiting services, first focusing on families who are in, or entering recover.

- 10.1 Family Engagement & Stability (Jordan)
 - The Family Connection is the region's designated parent education hub with online and in-person trainings designed to meet the needs of all families.
 - Grants Pass Early Works playgroups started this school year.
 - Growing Together Family Community Center offering free programming.
 - Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups at various community locations.
 - Family Support & Connections (rural efforts) Cynthia will do a presentation about how this works.
<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/children-youth/pages/family-support.aspx>
- 2.2 Family Engagement & Stability
 - Local ODHS office has started engaging local partners to educate us on this work.
 - SOELS/SORS partnering to leverage Early Childhood Success Plan
 - Possibly have Kim present this program at a future meeting.
- 7.2.4 What's Next (Cynthia)
 - We will be co-convening a Regional Pyramid Implementation Team soon in partnership with Child Care Resource Network!
<https://challengingbehavior.org/pyramid-model/overview/basics/>
 - Defining Suspension and Expulsion in Early Childhood
 - CCRN has 4 staff who have gone through train the trainer training. We are actively utilizing the Pyramid model.
 - Let Cynthia know if you would like to receive newsletters for the Pyramid Model Updates. Includes training information, resources, community contribution highlights, activities.
 - The link above includes webinar recordings available. Upcoming conference trainings (4/15-16/24).
 - Oregon Inclusion Initiative (from Oregon State University). Statewide leadership is being formed.
<https://health.oregonstate.edu/elsi/oregon-inclusion-initiative>
 - There will be regional teams. Cynthia, Rene' and Peter Buckley are beginning to form this group.
 - Bridey: We are infusing the pyramid model and tools that Cynthia was sharing, as well as conscious discipline into one of our basic certificate programs for social emotion development at RCC. Working with Molly Clement at CCRN. The feedback from students is that they are feeling more confident and appreciate the familiarity there coming out of the program.
- 5.2 What's Next. (Jordan)
 - We are currently collecting information on existing navigator type positions in the region and will be inviting them to come together to improve coordination and communication.

By-law Revisions

DELC, as a new entity, has asked Hubs to update their By-laws.

See attached file for changes highlighted in red.

Motion to approve: Sam Watson

2nd: Sara Hollingworth

Approved.

Conflict of Interest Forms

They will be sent after this meeting. Make sure you read through it, make any notations, and get back to Vicki this week.

Norma: Expressed her appreciation for everything that the Hub and its partners are doing. I am grateful to hear that our educators were brave enough to say that they needed help. They keep asking if these resources and programs are offered in Spanish. It's wonderful that so much is offered in Spanish, but many in our community also struggle with technology. Language and technology are our biggest challenges currently. If there is any way I can help support this, let me know. It is so important to be inclusive and accessible for everyone.

Cynthia: There could be people out there who have questions that we don't know they have. If you hear of anyone who has questions and doesn't know where to go, refer them to CCRN or if they are comfortable, send us their name and contact information and we will reach out to them. We have the infrastructure to provide support, but we don't always know who needs our support. Let's make that warm referral and we are ready to provide that support.

Motion to Adjourn:

Vote taken: approved.

Adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2024

2:30 – 4:30 pm