



SOELS Governance Council

July 18, 2023

2:30-4:30 p.m.

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

OR

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Attendees: Katherine Clayton, Laura McKeane, Sam Watson, Geoffrey Lowry, Kimberlee Whitney, Mary Hough, Scott Beveridge. **Guests:** Naomi W., Irma Rivera, Gen Snow, Stacy Hoffman, Tomas Monter-Rangel **Absent:** Cynthia Anderson, Stacy Inman, Brittain Zimmerman, Bridey Mendoza-Moore, Jessica Durrant

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

Call to Order 2:37 p.m.

Welcome and Greetings

Brief delay to set up interpreter settings.

Additions or changes to the Agenda

None

Approval of minutes from 5-16-23 – no quorum

Welcome Parent Advisory Council Members!!!

Sydney: Introduced the visiting members of the Jackson Co. Parents Advisory Council.

Stacy Hoffman. I live in Medford, and have a 2-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter. It's important to be part of my children's education and being part of what this group is doing in our community.

Yuriko Warden. I live in Talent, and have a 4-year-old daughter. I want to do whatever I can to improve the situation for everyone.

Council Members & Families introduced themselves and why they serve.

Adrienne's Term of Service is Complete – Gratitude

Adrienne just completed her 3-year term. Thanked her for representing the health care partners. She has been an active member of several of our committees.

Child Care Provider Survey Results

Rene': The Ivy School had their teachers participate in a survey. We asked to borrow and expand their survey and sent it out. We heard from 213 teachers between Jackson and Josephine counties. Up to 74% indicated that they had experienced behaviors not typical for this age group. Shared slides.

This survey has been shared with the Early Learning Division. Will be sharing it with Representative Pam Marshall and other legislators, other Hubs across the state.

Preschool Promise & Coordinated Enrollment Update

Molly shared slides. Demand is up and applicant families are more engaged! Snapshot of Lottery waiting pool as of 6/15 prior to 1st lotteries. Currently 476 screening form submissions, ended the 2022-2023 year with 608 forms submissions.

Almost every program had screening forms that surpassed the number of openings that they have.

Started the enrollment season w/233 children selected for openings after first lotteries.

- Increased engagement from families, fewer declines, quicker responses from applicant families
- More limitations on income eligibility options that are linked to categorical eligibility and certain benefits

Family Community Center Model – Rural Expansion

Jordan. Shared slides

If you have a contact or know of a center that we can connect with, please let Jordan know.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Y0-rNEz6w1ldRTgPD0LByAS3jvcCpVfncrs2BjOMdN4/edit#gid=0>

Send list to Kimberly Whitney.

ELD Suspension & Expulsion Plan Update and Regional Efforts

Rene'. Who might be available to provide services? The limitation is that the consultation is directed at the teacher, not the child. The survey showed that the experts are out of tools. Consultation is not enough.

We will be convening legislator to help shape what comes next. Will be sending out an email to invite folks to be part of an advisory council to guide the work.

Starting with our own pilot program, selecting 2 programs: a large center and a smaller single program. Goal is to attract more funding from additional sources.

Infant & Toddler Workgroup

Rene': There just isn't enough resources for infants and toddlers. The teacher to child ratios just doesn't work out financially. The majority of our families don't have access to care. The few available are very expensive.

A couple weeks ago we pulled together a group of our partners to start the conversation. What data do we have available to tell us the needs? Current opportunities and supports do we currently have? Looking to create a group that can identify what is needed. We can attract the resources to make those happen. Going to meet monthly for the next several months.

Recruitment of New Council Members

We need to fill our mental health representative and Spanish speaking representative. Will send an announcement to our contact list. If you would nudge those you think might fit these needs, please reach out to Rene'.

Governance Council Retreat

Before the pandemic, we had a retreat scheduled. It ended up being a Zoom meeting and less than awesome. Some folks have still not met each other in person. We want to change that.

We need to remind us to why we are here. Jessica Durant is hoping that it could fall in October. At the September meeting we will do regular business. Then October 17th would be the retreat. Half day, off site. Afterwards we would like to have the Governance Council meet in person as the norm, instead of Zoom. There would always be a Zoom option if needed.

Suggested locations: The Bear Hotel in Grants Pass (HS is a member of the bank and uses it for meetings per Katherine)

Solasta Retreat in Central Point (owned by someone from La Clinica, Sam Watson will check on it)

Motion to Adjourn:

Vote taken, approved

Adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2023 2:30-4:30 p.m.