

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Early Childhood Coordinating Council Work Group Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	1:00pm, May 9, 2017 Philomath City Hall, Philomath
MEETING CALLED BY	Kristi May
WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Autumn Belloni, Shirley Blake, Lynn Hall, LeAnne Trask, Cindy Bond, Jerri Wolfe, Debbie McPheeters, Nina Petrovich, Peik-Kwan Lim, Barb Dougherty, Kristi May, Laura Lundeen, Eric Pommier, Heather Trolley, Stephany Koehne, Nicole Shumaker
VERSION	Final
RECORDED?	No

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Introductions
Introductions and welcome to everyone.	
Debbie McPheeters will be conducting the meeting.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Old Business: Metrics Update
The update to the metrics by the State is moving forward, and our meeting is tomorrow.	
This time the state is looking at work that we can measure, and then create the metrics around that data point.	
This is causing a big time-crunch for the Hubs, but these metrics have to be in Hub contracts, and the contracts have to be place by October 1.	
Still more verbage to work out, but the committee working on this is getting close.	
We will have to revise our Strategic Plan because of the complete change in metrics.	
Lynn has been going out on visits to our funded partners, and discussing with them if they have projects that are going to be in trouble without funding for the summer, and so we are discussing "bridge funding" with them to hold on until the next contracting period.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Data and Evaluation Committee Requests (Jerri Wolfe)
The Data Committee is creating a Social-Emotional Summit, set for Friday, October 20, 2017 at the Linn-Benton Community College Forum Auditorium. We want to have data driven presentations in the morning (Portland State--self-regulation, Oregon State--self-regulation w/Megan McClellan), and then more practical presentations in the afternoon. More information will be forthcoming. Also, we are looking for a speaker for the afternoon to discuss and explain male scores on the Kindergarten Assessment tests.	
Look at David Hodgison, "Change the Classroom, Not the Child".	
Look at the "Yoga Calm" program.	

When we had the Hub Site Visit in February, one of the Superintendent mentioned absenteeism as a major issue for a child's success. We have taken that information and tried to put together some information to illustrate the issue.
Showed the "Regular School Attendees" infographic, and suggested that this is within the purview of this committee.
Head Start representatives at the meeting talked about Head Start attendance issues. Their number one problem is health, but number two is parent choice. Head Start is now working with their families to understand how important it is for children to attend school. They feel that families aren't prioritizing preschool as an important issue.
The Hub is also working to create more PowToons and infographics to share with this committee.
At what point is the school checking on a child that is absent? According to Nina Petrovich, the Philomath School District checks on an absent child once they are out for 10 days in a row.
Also, the D&E Committee is working to understand the population within the Hub. We have created infographics about data we received from Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education. Showed the infographics and asked for feedback. (Added suggestions to infographic sheets for update.)

DISCUSSION ITEM	House Bill 3106
Basically, the Bill states that the Hub and State-sponsored Preschool Promise will collaborate to better serve children entering preschool. Since we don't have Preschool Promise, we should consider the thoughts behind this bill and get on-board with coordinating their existing preschools before they force us to get on-board.	
Head Start has 489 slots.	
Head Start is mandated to serve families in poverty, but there are 52 families wait-listed in Albany alone who are "over-income" and cannot be served by HS.	
Head Start is asking this committee to help serve these 52 families. These families might never get in, or they could get in tomorrow if someone else who is over-income and in Head Start leaves the program.	
We'd like to have a meeting with all of the preschools in the area, walk through the wait list and any eligibility requirements, and then give the family the options.	
It would also be nice to have a universal application that would allow parents to fill it out once, and all of the preschools would accept it.	
Also, with Oregon increasing a family's minimum wage, at minimum wage they will not qualify for Head Start anymore.	
Early Head Start is almost always full, but their normal Head Start program has 10 open slots that they cannot fill.	
Maybe we could hold a Preschool Rodeo, and invite other preschools to attend? Jerri Wolfe expressed interest in being part of this and including the Linn-Benton Community College Preschools. We should also invite the Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Santiam who run the Pumpkin Seed Preschools, and there should be someone from a Relief Nursery included with this group.	
Should Lincoln County be included? If we are creating a universal intake application, it should definitely be all three counties.	
Eric Pommier will be the Chair of this Committee. Meet up with him to plan a date.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Replacing Co-Chairs
We have two Co-Chairs who have served their time on this committee and need to be replaced.	
We will ask for nominations this next month and do our voting at the next meeting.	

NEXT MEETING	TBD
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We should probably not plan meetings during the summer, but we need to get the nominations taken care of, so maybe plan a July meeting?

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2:45pm