

Monthly Director's Report

June 2017



The June Governing Board Meeting marks the end of term for five members of our Hub Governing Board, and we wanted to express our deep thanks and gratitude to these people who have given so much time and attention to the work of the Hub.

Anne Peltier and Linell Wood represented the Health Sector and Tony Lewis, Jennifer Moore, and Paula Grace represented the Business Sector. All of these people came to us with a desire to serve, but with a need to learn everything possible about the world of early learning. They quickly learned about ASQs, relief nurseries, early intervention, CCR&Rs, and a host of other acronyms needed to understand this work!

So, as of June 1, we have five openings on the Governing Board that need to be filled as quickly as possible. We have posted a Governing Board Application on the Hub website and on Basecamp. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining us, please forward them the application.

***Thank you for your support,
Kristi May, EL Hub Director***

OPEC Conference

On May 22, 2017, a presentation on the Pollywog Project was given at the OPEC Conference at Oregon State University by three members of the Hub staff. Kristi May introduced the project and provided a history of how the project got started. LeAnne Trask shared the website, database, and marketing materials. Cathy Corkery talked about where we are in the implementation process and next steps.

As anticipated, the presentation drew a small group that were focused on system work, but very interested in how the process was working, where problems had arisen, and how we had solved for HIPAA and FERPA compliance.

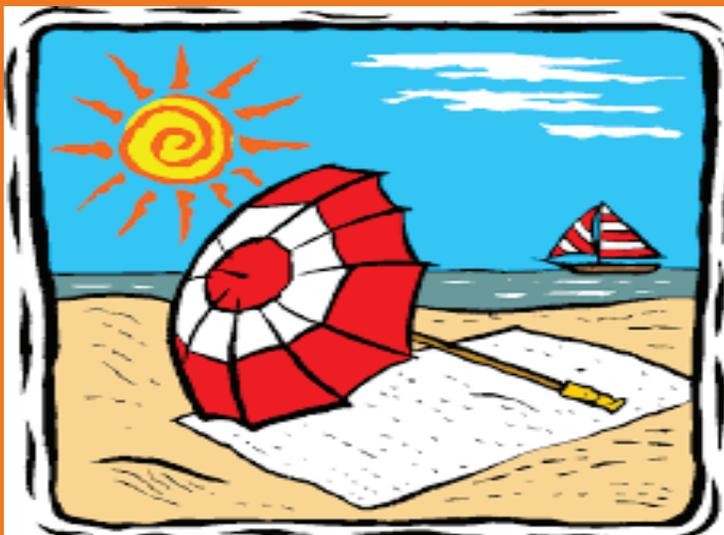
LB Health Equity Alliance Presentation

On May 18, a presentation was provided at the Linn-Benton Health Equity Alliance Coalition meeting on the work of our Early Learning Hub. Prior to the Hub presentation, the Linn County Public Health and Benton County Public Health Departments each gave a presentation about their work. This was a great opportunity to share about our aligned efforts and our relationship with Benton County Public Health for our Epidemiologist Internship position.

On a side note, our current intern, Anna Menon, will be graduating from OSU this month with a Master's in Public Health. We want to congratulate Anna and appreciate all of the excellent work that she has done for the Hub.

LBCC Summer Closure Schedule

As summer approaches, we want to take a moment to remind everyone that LBCC is closed on Friday's from the last Friday in June through Labor Day weekend. Hub offices will be closed on Friday's during this time.



Pollywog Project "Friday Updates"

A significant amount of time and effort has gone into getting the Pollywog Project to implementation this month. Cathy Corkery is now sending out "Friday Updates", a short newsletter, to keep all interested partners up-to-date on our progress. This seems to be a very effective communication tool and partners have expressed that they feel "in the loop" on what's going on.

If you wish to receive the Friday Update newsletter, please email us and let us know that you wish to be put on the Pollywog listserv, or all Friday Updates are stored on the Hub website, in the "Resources" section, under "Partner Resources". Below is a link to the latest Friday Update released on May 26: [Friday Update](#)

Hub Work Group Updates:



WORK GROUP DAY: The Hub Work Group Day was held on May 11, 2017 at the Old Mill Center. The group discussed Vroom, KPI Funding, SB 3106, the D&E's proposed Social-Emotional Summit, and the Pollywog Project. The next Work Group Day is scheduled for August 10, 2017 at the LBL-ESD Offices in Albany.



DATA & EVALUATION WORK GROUP: The Data and Evaluation Work Group will be meeting on Tuesday, June 13, at the LBCC Luckiamute Building, LM-115, in Albany, from 9:30-11:30am. The group will be discussing infographics, Pow-Toons, the latest Kindergarten Assessment Data, the Summit on Social-Emotional Research, and the EL Hub Annual Report requirements.



HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION WORK GROUP: The Health Care Integration Work Group met on May 24 at the Benton County Sunset Building in Corvallis, to discuss the scheduled START trainings, the Developmental Screening Attitudes Survey presented by the Oregon Rural Practice-Based Research Network, and representatives from the RHIC came and spoke about the ASQ data that they are attempting to gather for their system.



EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL: The Early Childhood Coordinating Council met on May 9 at the Philomath City Hall to discuss SB 3106, and the implications that has for preschools in our area. The group formed a subcommittee to review the preschool intake processes in our region and how we could become compliant if the Bill passes.

Have questions?

Visit the Early Learning Hub website at: <http://lblearlylearninghub.org/>

Early Learning Hub Mission and Vision Statements:

Mission: The Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties brings partners together to increase family stability, improve kindergarten readiness, and ensure service coordination that is equitable and culturally and linguistically competent.

Vision: Our communities provide an easily accessible and collaborative system of support and care for families that help children to grow up safe, nurtured, healthy, and ready for school and life.