

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	2:00pm, May 28, 2015 Old Mill Center, Corvallis
MEETING CALLED BY	Bill Hall and Julie Manning, Co-Chairs
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Linell Wood, Jennifer Moore, Antonio Hernandez, Anne Peltier, Jeff Sneddon, Stephany Koehne, Guadalupe, Diaz, Paula Grace, Paul Smith, Jeff Davis, Mary McKay, Marco Benavides (proxy)
VERSION	Final

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Review of March Meeting Minutes (Julie Manning)
	Review of April draft minutes.
CONCLUSIONS	
	Board voted to approve April Meeting Minutes:
	Motion to pass – Bill Hall
	Seconded – Jennifer Moore

SPECIAL PRESENTATION	Madison Avenue Collective (Lainie Taylor)
	Review of final version of new EL Hub logo, with explanation of symbolism.
CONCLUSIONS	
	Board voted to accept the new Hub logo:
	Motion to pass – Bill Hall
	Seconded – Anne Peltier

SPECIAL PRESENTATION	QRIS (Lynnette Wynkoop)
	The QRIS program is a nationwide accreditation program (except in Missouri) and has been in use for about 10 years. QRIS has been in Oregon for about 2 years, and it is available in all Oregon counties, and is run out of Western Oregon University, who provide policies and site visits.
	Encourages providers to: use best business practices, a quality curriculum, implement family integration, and increase the qualifications of their personnel.
	Providers were initially invited to “come to the table”, and about 100 came to an informational meeting that explained QRIS goals and provider problems, such as serving low income, serving special needs children, and licensing issues.
	Within the three counties 45 programs have committed and are working on advancing through the QRIS

program.
9 programs have a “star rating” which means that they are meeting the QRIS standards.
4 programs have a “three star rating” which means that they are raising the bar for providers.
Family Connections has a full-time staff person working on QRIS with our providers.
QRIS also offers incentives to providers: financial (\$500-\$1500), training, educational awards (for staff members to increase their education).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION	Relief Nurseries (Cindy Bond and Marie Jennings)
Relief Nurseries are child abuse and neglect agencies, and began in 1977.	
Eugene, OR developed a program that became the model for the nation. Takes the needs of the communities and tailors the program to fit the needs. Relief Nurseries have a 98% success rate of keeping kids safe at home and out of foster care.	
Relief Nurseries in this state belong to an association that offers core services: social & emotional support for traumatized children, therapeutic classrooms, toddler and preschool classrooms, home visits, outreach services, and respite care.	
The goal is to create stable and attached families.	
The program also may include stand-alone programs such as DHS programs, kindergarten readiness, anger management classes, parenting classes.	
Relief Nurseries accept: agency referrals, school referrals, physician referrals and self-referrals.	
In Linn County, they provide 2 days of classes for kids (weekly), 1 parent class (weekly), and 1 home visit (monthly).	
In Benton County, they normally provide 3-4 hours of class time per child (weekly), but up to 80-90 hours if they need it.	
DHS is using differential response now – trying to keep kids at home and out of foster care.	
No groups are excluded from Relief Nurseries.	

COORDINATOR'S REPORT	Kristi May
Review of May Early Learning Division Leadership Institute.	
Work Group Day going forward. Partners requested it and we feel it is a better alignment of our time. First one will be held on June 11, from 9:30-2:45pm in Newport.	
EL Hub contracts have been extended until 10/31/2015. Funding levels and work plans will remain the same; however, new metrics are coming from the State.	
EL Hub received its first Quarterly Data Report. (Copies on Basecamp)	
VROOM – A new statewide initiative for connecting parents with young children to specialized text messages. More information will be coming later.	
Healthy Families RFPs have been submitted.	
The Hub will be sponsoring a Lincoln County Networking Breakfast for their Early Learning organizations on May 29, 2015. The goal is to restart their program.	

COMMITTEE REPORT	Fiscal Oversight Committee (Jennifer Moore)
Explanation of Budget reports and brief description of Hub financial status (on Basecamp).	

CONCLUSIONS	
	Board accepts report as given, and will receive the Budget annually.
	Board will accept monthly reports from the Fiscal Oversight Committee.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Lincoln County OPEC Funds (Julie Buck)
	The OPEC grant held by Coastal Families Together of Lincoln County was not renewed for 2015-2016. (\$50,000).
	No issue with service or leadership, but the lack of a strong fiscal agent. Lincoln County was the fiscal agent but cancelled, and OPEC reacted.
	Bill Hall, Lincoln County Commissioner, called OPEC and talked to them about their decision, but they will not change their decision.
	Julie Buck elaborated on the services that will be lost by this decision.
	When asked what the Hub can do to help, Julie responded that they need a strong, fiscal home.
	OPEC funds require “universal parenting” – classes available to all. Children’s Advocacy Connection (the current fiscal agent) requires parenting classes for only a specific group. Different philosophies.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Family Support and Great Start Funds (Kristi May)
	All five agencies that are receiving funding will keep receiving funding, at this time. The Hub asked for reports from each agency, and the Leadership Committee reviewed:
	Quarterly data reports were submitted from each agency.
	Contracts are being extended for an additional four months, per ELD instructions.
	It is unclear if the contracts will be under the State or under the Hub. ELD doesn’t know yet.
	Hub wants to continue with the services these agencies provide, but outcomes and reporting need to focus on aligning outcomes reporting to Hub metrics.
	The Leadership Committee recommended maintaining current funding.

CONCLUSIONS	
	Motion to pass: Paula Grace
	Seconded: Bill Hall
	Board unanimously approved. Paul Smith abstained.
	On 5/29/2015 both Jeff Davis and Anne Peltier sent emails stating that they felt that they should also have abstained from the vote on these funds because of a potential conflict of interest. This item will need to be a consent item on the June Agenda due to no longer having a quorum.

CONSENT ITEM	ECCC Charter (Kristi May)
	The ECCC Work Group has completed their Charter and would like the Governing Board to approve it.
	Should Sections 2 and 3 be changed from “Hub” to “Work Group”? The ECCC voted to keep that language because they took it directly from the Hub Charter. Should language be added to reflect WHY the language is this way? “Bylaws” not appropriate to a Work Group. Rephrase?

CONCLUSIONS	
	Motion to pass with changes: Jennifer Moore.
	Seconded: Anne Peltier.

CONSENT ITEM	Benton County Social & Human Services Nominee Recommendation (Kristi May)
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Bettina Schempf from the Old Mill Center has been recommended for the open Governing Board position.	
CONCLUSIONS	
Motion to pass: Jennifer Moore.	
Seconded: Jeff Davis	
Unanimously approved.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	November & December Governing Board Meetings (Kristi May)
There has been a suggestion that the November and December Governing Board Meetings be combined into one meeting and be held in early December, instead of two separate meetings because of the holidays. Possibly the 10 th or 17 th of December?	
CONCLUSIONS	
Send a Doodle poll to the Governing Board members to see which date works best for them.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Length of Term (Kristi May)
Handed around a spreadsheet showing the proposed term lengths for each member of the Governing Board, based on last month's term preference spreadsheet.	
If this term length works for you, please initial the spreadsheet. If it doesn't work, call Kristi May to discuss.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	No one signed up to speak.
NEXT MEETING	Thursday, June 25, 2015 from 2-4:00pm Samaritan Pacific Community Hospitals Education Conference Room 930 SW Abbey Street, Newport, OR 97365
MEETING ADJOURNED	3:47pm