

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Data & Evaluation Work Group Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	1:30pm, August 20, 2015 Old Mill Center, Corvallis
MEETING CALLED BY	Lynn Hall
WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Jerri Wolfe, Lynnette Wynkoop, Norma O'Mara, Susan Trachsel, Kristi May, Tab Dansby, Rebecca Austen, Julia Young-Lorion, Shelley Paeth, LeAnne Trask, Karen Levy, Dianne Scottaline, Peter Banwarth
VERSION	Finale
RECORDED?	Yes

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Oregon State Health Profile - Oregon Health Authority (Joyce)
	State Health Profile, Sep. 2012 – low birth weight, first trimester care, teen pregnancy, death rate, years of lost life.
	Oregon Health Authority has been gathering data and creating sub-county level maps that display data by ZIP code and/or census tract.
	Krista Markwardt – krista.a.markward@state.or.us - birth maps
	Vivian Siu – Vivian.w.siu@state.or.us – death maps
	Additional data will be available soon with tobacco maps.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Approval of previous Work Group Meeting Minutes
	Minutes were available on Basecamp and website.
	Correct the comments of Susan Trachsel about differential framework.
CONCLUSIONS	
	Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Kindergarten Assessment Documents
	How does the EL Hub compare to the state in terms of kindergarten assessment? We are almost exactly the same as the state, but that is the average so there are pockets that are not at average.
	Which subgroups of children in the EL Hub are below the EL Hub average? Very informative, but needs to include a scale to explain the numbers.
	How did children entering schools do in general (within the three county area)? We have some schools with VERY low averages that are not within Hot Spot areas. Throws a light on which schools need more help than others.
	Draft of <i>Cross Walk Analysis of Kindergarten Assessments and School Characteristics</i> : Kings Valley Charter school sticks out because most of their scores were above state average, but their approach to learning scores were the lowest scores in the county. Could this be a coding anomaly or do people at this school have other expectations and wiggly children are okay? Siletz Valley School has the lowest scores in

the Hub across all kindergarten assessment categories, a high level of free- and reduced-lunches, a large number of non-whites and it is designated a Priority school. Three Linn County schools (Sunrise, Waverly and Green Acres) had lower scores than the other poverty hot spot schools, so these three schools look to be a bigger priority.

Would be helpful to know the zip code of the children attending these schools. We are making assumptions that they are from the hot spot, but that might not necessarily be the case.

CONCLUSIONS

We haven't discussed any of this detail with the schools or the District, or even the Governing Board. What is our next step? Maybe a discussion with the School Superintendents in September? Including the Charter Schools?

The Governing Board has yet to get a Work Group report at a Board Meeting, so maybe September is the month to begin to hearing directly from the Work Groups themselves.

DISCUSSION ITEM Other Data Sets

QRIS: (Lynnette Wynkoop)

QRIS is focused on licensed child care providers. We show improvement in our numbers each quarter, but there is definitely room to grow. Providers sign a commitment to improve, and then work thru each of the star levels. Getting more training, hiring better qualified staff, identifying the needs of the families and children, determining what program they should be using with the children.

To get star-rated, you create a quality improvement plan and then create a portfolio that shows you meet the 35 standards. The portfolios are reviewed at Western Oregon College (WOC); their website contains the names of the programs that have star ratings.

The two programs in our area that are 5-star programs, were already nationally accredited before the QRIS program was implemented.

The new Hub funding will only be available to 4- and 5-star rated programs.

There is also new Hub funding for rural child care providers who will be helped through the QRIS program. At this point, there are 15 providers who will start on this program soon.

Our goal is to improve the quality of local child care.

DISCUSSION ITEM New Hub Metrics

These documents are posted on all Basecamp projects and the website.

The Hub Logic Model: The former "outcomes" are now referred to as "goals". There are 3 goals. Each goal section talks about what resources are specifically assigned to this goal, which sector/work group is aligned with this goal, and what exactly the metrics are for this goal.

Goal 1.1D: Partners share data regarding program participation. However, children are often counted more than once; duplication of data is a problem that we don't know how to solve.

Goal 2.3B: Increase number of QRIS providers and at-risk children served in "hot spots" (high needs communities). Data and Evaluation Workgroup should look at the number of QRIS programs in "hot spots".

NEXT MEETING September 3, 2015

Meeting will be held at the Newport Public Library.

MEETING ADJOURNED 3:04pm