

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation – Strategic Planning Meeting

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| MEETING COMMENCED | 9:00am, December 11, 2015 Linn-Benton Community College, Albany |
| MEETING CALLED BY | Kristi May |
| WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT | Luke Zedwick, Todd Miller, Debbie McPheeters, Mary McKay, Carol O'Connor, Lauren Sigman, Shahnaz Sahnaw, Amy Lesan, Cindy Golston, Mark Thielman, Rob Hess |
| VERSION | Final |

Agenda topics

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | Welcome and Introductions |
| | Representatives from some of the School Districts, but not all. |

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation Funds |
| | Harrisburg School District doesn't feel that they have time to work out the details now, but they do have a "master plan" that they would like to present today. |
| | Philomath School District has the need for a preschool in Blodgett, and they want to work out the details to make that happen. |
| | Santiam Canyon has no preschools and is very spread out. Looking at doing a mixed model with events to happen on Fridays (when they have no school). They are also looking at sending materials home to families to give them some support. – Might also need to factor in transportation costs. Have a lot of rural families in our area that have no access to educational activities, at all. We want to help these kids to have crayons, paper, puzzles, etc. – anything that can help. We also have kids that are not identified. Want to help to identify kids before the first day of school. |
| | Corvallis School District wants to start something this spring, just a couple of days a week, to families with 4-year olds from the various preschools. Will need to have a Coordinator. Superintendent would like to see additional kids added to the preschools, in partnership with other groups. Have 51 languages spoken in their School District. Want to help Head Start wait-listers. |
| | Scio School District doesn't have a plan. Leaning towards supporting the existing preschools and not competing with them. |
| | Lincoln County would like to expand the LIFT program throughout their District. Want to add a bi-lingual class in Lincoln City, and add a second bi-lingual 2-day a week class in Newport. Expecting it to cost about \$12-15,000. Would like to investigate adding transportation. LIFT is open to the community. |
| | Alsea School District – want to increase their preschool program. Currently funded by School District and Strengthening Rural Families. |

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| DISCUSSION ITEM | Mixed Delivery Funds / KPI Funds |
| | RFP will be coming out December 22, 2015 for the KPI Funds. |

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| Due date will be March 15 – and only Hubs can apply. Award announcements will be May 1. Money is intended to be used in the upcoming school year. |
| Hubs can partner-up with other Hubs to bring Mixed Delivery Funds into their region. |
| Very specific funding requirements: |
| Want QRIS programs |
| Teachers must have a Bachelor's Degree |
| State will set salaries |
| For children at 200% of the poverty level |
| Will help children who have been wait-listed by Head Start |
| State is calling this "Preschool Promise" instead of Mixed Delivery Funds. |
| Are we in a competitive enough position to apply for these funds? Or, should we wait until the next rounds? |
| Webinar with RFP information will be held on 10-11:30am on December 23, 2015. |

| DISCUSSION ITEM | Programs Available for Use |
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| | Ready for K is being implemented by Yamhill, so we know what the actual costs are: \$543 for 22 children. Intended for 4-5 year olds. One school year will cost \$5,288 for 22 children. No additional instructor training costs. |
| | Kits program is \$58/kit (one for each family), which is a school years' worth of materials, and includes a toy or puzzle for each child. |
| | The Alsea Pups are spending about \$20,000/year. Created their own curriculum, which is an easy thing for a School District to do. Strengthening Rural Families pays for the teacher. 15 kids in their program. Feed them at the school. Piggy-back them on Kindergarten field trips. |

| DISCUSSION ITEM | Funding Available |
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| | Baseline Allocation: |
| | \$545,876.35 available from the State, for the biennium: for the remainder of this year and the following school year. |
| | 4% of the funds will go to Linn-Benton Community College Indirect costs, \$21,835.07. |
| | Leaves \$524,041.28 to be allocated to the 12 districts. |
| | There could be an application process OR we could contract with each District about how the funds are going to be used. The contract would need to be approved by the Hub and the State. |
| | These are reimbursable funds, through the Hub. Will have to do monthly or quarterly reporting to the Hub. |
| | If we were allocating on an ADM basis, the smaller districts would be basically pushed out. |
| | What is the base threshold that each district would need in order to have those funds make a difference? |
| | Does the State have a plan for how they plan to fund these programs after the initial KPI and Mixed Delivery Preschool money is gone? |
| | The Superintendents need to see what the reporting requirements are going to be and how much their representatives want for each district's project. Bring that info to the next Superintendent's Meeting. |
| | Schools would like to see if there is a flag that can be added to a Kinders' incoming record that shows whether or not this child has attended preschool and where. |
| | Also would like to see a flag with LBL ESD regarding WHEN a child is registered for kindergarten. The State wants to know how soon kids are being registered, because it shows that families are engaged. |

| DISCUSSION ITEM | Proposed Funding Requirements |
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| ADM rates: (current for this year and the way that funds are currently being allocated) |
| Alea .67% |
| Central Linn 2.1% |
| Corvallis 17.4% |
| GAPS 25.2% |
| Harrisburg 2.5% |
| Lebanon 11.7% |
| Lincoln County 14.9 |
| Monroe 1.4% |
| Philomath 4.4% (\$31,000) |
| Santiam Canyon 1.6% |
| Scio 1.6% |
| Sweet Home 6.4% |
| This is a very rough estimate, and would need to be approved by the Superintendents and the Hub Governing Board. |
| To get your estimate, multiple 308,000 x your percentage, plus \$18,000 (the base allocation). |
| Move our meeting from January 15, until after the Superintendents and Hub GB have met and approved the numbers. |
| If you need significantly more or less funding, let Kristi know and we'll see if there is a way to reallocate some funding to the places that it really needs to be. |
| The reporting will be specific to your contract. Measurements will require extracting progress reporting. Professional development and training would not include the measurement requirement. |

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| NEXT MEETING | TBD |
| MEETING ADJOURNED | 12:55pm |