

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Funding Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	9:00am, April 25, 2017 Old Mill Center, Corvallis
MEETING CALLED BY	Kristi May
WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Paul Smith, Bettina Schempf, Jennifer Moore
VERSION	Final
RECORDED?	No

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Site Visit Information
Lynn is conducting site visits with all of our funded partners, and has asked partners if they have programs that run during the summer, and if they will be impacted by lack of funding.	
We have a list of those that have said “yes”, so we are looking at bridge funding for these groups.	
We do not want any families or children services to be disrupted by lack of funding.	
Should we adjust our budget cycle in the future to account for this? This change could be really difficult to implement, from an accounting standpoint.	
Some funding will tell you to “pause” your program, if they are having funding issues. It’s not very effective, from a work perspective, but sometimes it has to happen.	
The programs that said “yes” are: Family Tree (home visiting), Strengthening Rural Families (outreach worker), Old Mill (home visiting), CCR&R (FCCN), Lincoln County School District (LIFT), Council of Government (foster grandparents), and Oregon Family Support Network (Parent Education). Some of the school districts (Corvallis, Philomath, etc.) run summer rodeo programs for incoming kindergartners, and they are hoping to be able to continue doing this.	
What do the twelve school districts need for bridge funding? We will have to speak to each one to see exactly what they need. We could “guesstimate” a number by dividing their current budget by quarter and try to give them that amount.	
The other problem is that we still don’t know what the new Hub metrics are going to be, so we want to be careful that we don’t assume that we’re putting funding into our metrics, when we don’t know what the metrics are.	
We went through an RFA process last year, but the GB said that they don’t want to do that again. So, as of September 1, how do we establish a criteria for who will continue to get funds, and how to search out new partners who need funding to continue their work?	
Could we figure out what the gaps are in our current funding, and then fill in?	
How is the equity lens going to affect where we spend our funding next fiscal year?	
Our intern is currently running a risk analysis of where our children are entering school unprepared, and that maybe the place that we can make strategic investments.	
Are there any non-traditional service groups that might benefit from our funding? Capacity-building funding?	
What about providing FTE to some of our stronger partners so that they can help some of our smaller partners that need mentoring? There are several free trainings that are available from non-profit state groups that would be helpful.	

Some of the agencies aren't taking advantage of the indirect funding either. That's a missed opportunity.
The agencies that we are going to be offering bridge funding to, we will look at amending their contracts through September 30. A simple, one-page amendment.
Next F/Y, we should consider making all of the contracts end on September 30.
We really need to see Anna's work to know where else we can allocate our funding.
We will need a GB vote to allow Kristi to start offering contract amendments, at the May meeting. And then another GB vote in June for the new July 1 contracts. Paul and Bettina will lead the conversation with the GB at the May meeting, including disclosing that we are waiting for the new metrics and new budget before we layout our plans for next year's funding.
The Hub is getting weekly legislative updates from the ELD, Lindsay Capp from the Governor's Office, and the Children's Institute.

NEXT MEETING	Monday, May 22
9:00-11:00am at Old Mill Center.	
MEETING ADJOURNED	10:23am