

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	Thursday, October 11, 2018 Old Mill Center, Corvallis
MEETING CALLED BY	Kristi Collins
WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Kristi Collins, Julie Manning, Sarah Dorgan (remotely), Rich Waller, Glenna Hughes, Paul Smith, Lauren Sigman (remotely), Stephany Koehne (remotely), Jennifer Gere (remotely), Kelly Locey, Jeff Davis, DeAnn Brown (remotely), Lorena Reynolds, Marco Benavides, Laura Farmer
VERSION	Draft – Awaiting Board Approval
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Special Presentation – Community Partner Doulas
Alicia (Elle) Bublitz is the President of Heart of the Valley Birth and Beyond, as well as the Program Coordinator for the Community Doula Program.	
Schedule flexibility and family support encourage opportunities for working as a Doula.	
Clients are often heavily in-need, including people who are homeless or who are losing housing.	
Normalizing birth helps reduce the C-section rate.	
Bilingual doulas support the entire family who may not speak the language of the medical personnel.	
Anyone can refer a client to this doula program.	
A member of the governing board recommended Alicia connect with nurse home visitors.	
This doula program is one of the few in the nation that attempts to match clients with a culturally appropriate doula.	
Kristi will post Elle's handouts to basecamp.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Director's Report / EL Hub Updates
Jumpstart Read for the Record:	
October 25th will be the third year our Hub region will participate in the national Jumpstart Read for the Record campaign. This year's book, <i>Maybe Something Beautiful</i> , celebrates the magic that can happen when a community comes together to create something beautiful and bring about change — a fitting metaphor for a campaign that features thousands of events in communities across the world each year. Currently, we have distributed 206 books in both English and Spanish to 40 partner organizations who have registered to read to approximately 3401 children. This is our highest level of participation since beginning our participation in this event.	
Lincoln County Press Release on the Childcare Crisis:	
The Central Oregon Coast Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) addressed the "Crisis in Child Care in Lincoln County." The event grew to include a panel, community discussion, and about 50 attendees, including elected officials and expecting mothers. Since childcare is scarce in Lincoln County, and because the Hub is preparing for Preschool and Baby Promise should funding become available, there is a possibility for future related presentations or events.	
Preschool Development Grant:	

The Early Learning Division (ELD) held a stakeholder engagement meeting on October 3rd regarding an exciting grant opportunity that has been announced by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The grant applications are due November 6, 2018. The new PDG B-5 grant seeks to empower State governments to lead the way in leveraging Federal, State, and local early care and learning investments. Funds are for States to help coordinate early care and learning programs and services that already exist based on identified needs. This ACF is targeting these funds to assist States in the coordination of their existing early care and learning services and funding streams for the purpose of providing equal access to more children birth through five in a mixed delivery model. The ELD plans to work with its partners, stakeholders, and external consultants over the next month to identify the most effective strategy in applying for this grant opportunity.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Fiscal Report
LeAnne presents the revenue, expenditures, and miscellaneous reports for August.	

CONSENT ITEM	September Meeting Minutes
The board is being asked to approve the September board meeting minutes.	
Amended changes include omitting Lauren Sigman and Sarah Dorgan; they were not in attendance.	
Motion: Jeff Davis	
2 nd : Laura Farmer	
The board voted unanimously to approve the September minutes with the amended changes.	

VOTING RESULTS	Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)														
Benavides	Y	N	A	Everest	Y	N	A	Dorgan	Y	N	A	Waller	Y	N	A
Brown	Y	N	A	Hall	Y	N	A	Schempf	Y	N	A	Reynolds	Y	N	A
Cohen	Y	N	A	Hannahs	Y	N	A	Sigman	Y	N	A	Hughes	Y	N	A
Davis	Y	N	A	Koehne	Y	N	A	Smith	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Farmer	Y	N	A	Locey	Y	N	A	Sneddon	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Gere	Y	N	A	Manning	Y	N	A	Thielman	Y	N	A	Open			

DISCUSSION ITEM	Parent Engagement Update – Informational
Shirley Blake held a Parent Engagement Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at Old Mill Center.	
She updated partners on the Parent Newsletter, Parent Voice blog, Parent Cafes, our regional data book, and Pollywog.	
The Parent Engagement Committee is working on implementing Parent Cafes in the region. This is a parent-led project that encourages parents to discuss general topics, as well as personal feelings, in a safe environment. These cafes are specifically designed for discussion without advice or judgement.	
The Parent Engagement Committee represents the tri-county region and includes partners who work with partners working directly with parents and families.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	DST Proposal – Update
The DST responded by asking us to work with Samaritan Health Services Care Management (SHS CM) and 211info to submit a combined proposal. Within 1 month, the 3 organizations prepared a joint proposal that	

will create a shared, integrated information and referral system for the Social Determinants of Health in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties.
The combined proposal was submitted on August 06, 2018 and Hub staff presented to the DST on August 23, 2018.
The DST ultimately decided against funding this combined proposal.
<u>Next Steps:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Claudia Torres to a future board meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Pollywog Expansion Update – Informational
LeAnne presents analytics on the Pollywog expansion into Lebanon.	
LeAnne is awaiting word from about six agencies in Lebanon regarding MOUs or trainings.	
Julie asks LeAnne to contact her should she need additional supports.	
Bruce Goldberg a consultant working with the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) is interested in the concept of Pollywog, including the online database and pairing prenatal and parenting education/supports.	
One board member stated that if Pollywog can demonstrate how the project addresses the quality metrics, we can make a case with the CCO to receive funding for Pollywog efforts moving forward.	
OCF is meeting with Pollywog staff to discuss a demonstration project.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Board Vacancies – Informational
Vacant board positions include K-12 Education in Linn county (appointed by the superintendents group), Business in Lincoln county, and Health and Social Services in Linn county.	
Marco is retiring at the end of December; the board will welcome his replacement at that time.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Early Learning Council Draft Strategic Plan – Review & Discussion
The accompanying document was sent separately and not available as a handout at this meeting.	
The Early Learning Council hosted cross-sector engagement sessions to create a strategic plan for the early learning system.	
The Measuring Success Committee is creating an early learning dashboard to track work and foresee next steps. The dashboard demonstrates long-term population change.	
Referring to the strategic plan, feedback for the first draft is due Friday, October 12, 2018. Feedback given by the governing board during this meeting will be included in moving forward with the second draft.	
Approaches to Learning includes supporting children and families as a unit.	
Reducing expulsions is discussed on page 7.	
The document is intentionally broad (not specific).	
This plan is for the early learning system and not specific for hubs.	
The Hub's strategic plan extends through year 2020. There have been adjustments as metrics have changed, which are reflected in our strategic plans.	
Kristi encourages board members to contact her before Friday with additional feedback.	
<u>Next Steps:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider including trauma informed care and extend past kindergarten. • Consider demonstrating coordination of cross-sectors. • Heed creating bottlenecks in the process. 	

PUBLIC COMMENT	No members of the public were present.
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NEXT MEETING	Thursday, November 1, 2018
	2:00pm, LBL-ESD building, Albany
MEETING ADJOURNED	4:00pm