

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Early Childhood Coordinating Council Work Group

Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	9:30am, January 18, 2019 Philomath City Hall, Philomath
MEETING CALLED BY	Kristi Collins
WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Nina Petrovich, Barbara Dougherty, Aoife McGee, Shirley Blake, Misha Mayers, Autumn Belloni, Suzanne Miller
VERSION	Final
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Pollywog Update – LeAnne
LeAnne presents the Pollywog analytics from December and January.	
During the last Pollywog Partner meeting, partners were asked to review their 211 information for any updates.	
The 211 Coordinator position is part-time with benefits. We are flexible with the office location. Kristi invites Suzanne to connect possible applicants should she know anyone.	
CCR&Rs in our region should contact Family Connections/Pollywog.	
Although Pollywog has not moved into Benton county yet, Pollywog offers resources for Benton county. As for Lincoln county, we are looking for recommendations from the Oregon Community Foundation to become the full fiscal agent for a coordinator position.	
After the Pollywog partner meeting in Lincoln county, we will train multiple agencies at once on using the database rather than scheduling trainings with individual agencies.	
Next Steps:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Start of Lincoln County is 5-star rated. We need to clarify if Yachats is SPARK rated. • Suzanne agrees to connect with Jerri Wolfe regarding SPARK rated programs. • Barbara recommends checking Early Learning Council to confirm SPARK rated programs. 	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Sub-Committee Updates
Jerri Wolfe plans to speak about PBIS and future need for trainings at the February meeting.	
The participants range from little to extensive experience in PBIS.	
The Early Learning Division (ELD) announced their selection of three regions in Oregon as grantees to develop and administer the Baby Promise Pilot program. Our CCR&R was not selected. However, we are now prepared should funding become available. As a community, we can speak to the need and have partners ready to go.	
There is a huge need for infant care that Baby Promise should improve with the upcoming legislative session.	
For additional information, consider contacting Jerri Wolfe.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	ECCC Work Group Priorities
<p>There is a need to restart local groups to engage community engagement and feedback. Many small entities are unable to send a representative to a regional meeting. In order to uphold integrity, we must understand our entire community is impacted by decisions made by those attending regional meetings, which means there is need for local meetings so that those who cannot attend regional meetings can impact decisions that affect the greater community. How can we manage this in every county?</p>	
<p>A comprehensive list of the childcare services is necessary for work group members to support and assist families. We can speak with our regional CCR&R about refining this list. Can this get done within the next two weeks.</p>	
<p>Create a basecamp for each local group. Consider adding as an agenda item in order to direct members into appropriate local groups. This would also improve the process of distributing and collecting parent surveys.</p>	
<p>Connect with Lynnette Wynkoop, a Resource Consultant for Family Connections at Linn-Benton Community College.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Oregon's Preschool Development Grant
<p>The Early Learning Hub was awarded less funding than proposed due to the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) awarded all states amounts that represent 71% of their original requests.</p>	
<p>There will be state-level planning, discussions at the Early Learning Hub collaborative in February, and discussions with Miriam Calderon of the Early Learning System Director.</p>	
<p>Kristi is interested in piloting certain activities and projects, such as: <i>Maximizing parental choice and knowledge</i>, which aligns with Pollywog. Consider restarting the ECCC subgroup with Eric Pommier (or other personnel, possibly Julie Lovell) from Kidco Head Start. In addition, Kristi is strongly interested in piloting <i>Improving the overall quality of early childhood education services</i>, which aligns with the expansion of Preschool Promise.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Work Group Updates
<p>For more information on becoming DHS certified, please contact Misha with DHS. She explains to the group about their payments and billings procedure. Call the DHS Direct Pay Unit (DPU) for more in-depth information.</p>	
<p>SNAP benefits will end in February.</p>	
<p>The Early Learning Hub will be out of the office on February 4-6th, 2019 for the Early Learning Hub State Collaborative.</p>	
<p>The three-county region for Early Childhood Intervention is overall higher; however, Lincoln county is lower. Under the Governor's proposed investment budget, they are received a flat budget. This is a deficit in funding, but they are working with partners and legislature to increase funding. Lack of investment and funding for early education is a state-wide issue.</p>	

NEXT MEETING	February 15, 2019
9:30am, Clemens Primary School, Philomath	
MEETING ADJOURNED	11:30am