

## October 2020 DIRECTOR UPDATES:

**State Budget Update:** As you may be aware the Governor recently vetoed the proposed General Fund cuts for Healthy Families Oregon, CCRR – Focused Child Care Networks, and Early Learning Hubs. Subsequently, the Governor signed the final budget on September 20th, which means the budget is now considered final. We will present a new budget to the Board at our November meeting reflecting this exciting news.

**Coordinated Enrollment for Preschool Promise:** The EL Hub and CCR&R continue to meet with Preschool Promise providers weekly. This has been a great opportunity for relationship building with providers, information sharing, and peer networking. Currently, all but one contract for our region have been fully executed by the ELD. The ELD has developed a process for notifying Hubs of fully executed contracts so that we may begin the process of accepting Conversion Applications for eligible, currently enrolled children. As of 9/30/2020, we had 45 applications in process.

We have worked closely with LBCC's IT Department of the last month to develop an online interest survey and application for enrollment. The system allows documents to be uploaded and signatures captured electronically. We are excited to launch this contactless process and hope that it can help remove barriers for families that may have transportation challenges. Families can complete a paper application and submit paper documentation if they prefer.

**New Intern:** I'm excited to report that our intern this year is Drew Docter. Here are some details from Drew's resume:

- 2nd year MPH student studying Epidemiology
- This summer he work with OHA to draft a Senate Bill report on child and adolescent health strategies incorporated within community health improvement plans across the state
- OSU Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Wellness Agents Program. Conducts program evaluation and strategic planning.
- Americorp/VISTA for 2 years with Deschutes County Health Services. "Spearheaded regional health equity assessment" for 3 counties. "Interpreted expansive data sets from assessment and created response summaries to inform subsequent strategic planning amongst regional public health agencies.
- Worked with the Epidemiologist to create quarterly communicable disease summaries and infographics
- Analyzed and coded qualitative focus group data included in the 2019 Regional Health Assessment in Central Oregon

**New President at LBCC:** As many of you may know, Dr. Lisa Avery began in her role as the new President at LBCC on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I can only imagine how challenging it must be to step into this new role during these ever-changing times. Recently the Department Leads from the Family Resources and Education Center had the opportunity to "meet" with President Avery and share about the work in our Department. I got the sense that she was impressed. She asked for a list of EL Hub Board Members and I took that opportunity to invite her to an upcoming Board Meeting. I will keep you posted as to when she may be able to participate.