

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	3:00pm April 1, 2021 Online via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	Claire Hall
WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Connie Adams, Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, LeAnne Trask
VERSION	Final
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

ROLL CALL	Governing Board Members
Sandy Chase, Claire Hall, Sarah Dorgan, Lorena Reynolds, Bettina Schempf, Lauren Sigman, Paul Smith, Rich Waller, Rebecka Weinstein, Jerri Wolfe (for Jeff Davis),	

DIRECTOR REPORT	Kristi Collins
<p>New federal funding – Kristi shared information about new funding from the federal level for early learning and child care, including \$2 million for summer Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation programs to be disbursed via Oregon's Early Learning Hubs. The LBL Hub will contact partner school districts regarding summer Jump Start programs and supplies that might be needed.</p>	
<p>Child care needs – Kristi participated in a state-wide discussion facilitated by Senator Merkley regarding the need to increase access to and supply of child care services and reducing barriers that are in the way. The participants recognized the increase in women leaving the workforce and/or not returning to the workforce due to a lack of child care. Other barriers noted are a lack of facilities, the low pay to child care professionals, and urban vs. rural child care supplies.</p>	
<p>LBCC Inservice – In addition to the campus-wide Inservice program, staff members from the Hub and Pollywog will be looking at a crosswalk of the new Theory of Change document along with the LBCC Mission, Vision, and Values. The goal is to</p>	

create a one-pager to share with the college or others with how the work of the Hub aligns with the work of LBCC.

FISCAL REPORT

Matt Grams

Matt presented the fiscal report for February, 2021.

CONSENT ITEM

March Meeting Minutes

The Board was asked to approve the minutes for the March, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Bettina Schempf

2nd: Rebecka Weinsteiniger

VOTING RESULTS

Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)

Brown	Y	N	A	Gere	Y	N	A	Reynolds	Y	N	A	Weinsteiniger	Y	N	A
Chase	Y	N	A	Hall	Y	N	A	Schempf	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Davis	Y	N	A	Koehne	Y	N	A	Sigman	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Dorgan	Y	N	A	Locey	Y	N	A	Smith	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Everest	Y	N	A	Manning	Y	N	A	Thielman	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Farmer	Y	N	A	Miller	Y	N	A	Waller	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A

Abstentions: Sarah Dorgan, Rich Waller, Claire Hall

The Board voted to approve the March meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Pollywog Budget

LeAnne Trask discussed the budget for the Pollywog program.

CONSENT ITEM

Pollywog Budget

The Board was asked to approve the Pollywog budget.

Motion: Bettina Schempf

2nd: Rich Waller

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Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)

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Everest	Y	N	A	Manning	Y	N	A	Thielman	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Farmer	Y	N	A	Miller	Y	N	A	Waller	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A

Abstentions: Jerri Wolfe (for Jeff Davis)

The Board voted to approve the Pollywog budget.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Pollywog and Family Connects programs updates
LeAnne Trask shared updates for the Pollywog program and the Family Connects Program.	
Family Connects will be launching on May 1. Preparation updates include: ads on the Pollywog and Hub Facebook pages; brochures being printed; Samaritan has signed an MOU for Family Connects nurses to meet families at the hospital; agreements with insurance companies are not complete and so the counties have adjusted their scaling plans; marketing items have been ordered; the Clinical Champion role still needs to be filled.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Coordinated Enrollment update
Antonia Huerta and Matt Grams provided the board with information about the Coordinated Enrollment process, the number of families that they are processing, and the vacancy numbers for Preschool Promise programs.	
A hopeful change to the Coordinated Enrollment process has been approved at the state level. This will allow families that already receive TANF funds, SNAP benefits, or OHP health insurance to automatically qualify for Preschool Promise slots. Families will no longer have to provide months of income proof, which had been a barrier to completed applications for some families.	
Matt, Antonia, and Kristi will attend an event at the Albany YMCA to promote the new child care center and Preschool Promise.	

DEEPER DIVE	Raise Up Oregon
Kristi led the continuing discussion regarding the Theory of Change and the Raise Up Oregon document. The board reflected on the work that had been completed at the 2020 board retreat that divided up goals between work groups.	
Kristi proposed the use of Miro for this collective work.	

NEXT MEETING	May 6, 2021 Online via Zoom
MEETING ADJOURNED	3:00pm