

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Health Care Integration Work Group Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	9:30 am October 12, 2021 Online via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	LeAnne Trask
WORK GROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Deanna Barclay, Jessica Barker, Jeff Davis, Karol Elizondo, Melissa Isavoran, Mike Jerpbak, Linda Lang, Michelle Mayers, Sommer McLeish
PRESENTER	Joell Archibald
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Connie Adams, Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, LeAnne Trask

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Welcome and Introductions.
	Committee Members introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Special Presentation: Joell Archibald, Oregon Health Authority Innovator Agent
	Joell gave a detailed presentation on the CCO System Level Social-Emotional Health Measure. Her presentation slides are included in the handouts.
	<p>Where does this work group come in?</p> <p>The measure requires CCOs to lead cross-sector community engagement. This means CCOs must engage cross-sector community partners to review and discuss data, asset maps, barriers, and opportunities. CCOs must work with community partners to create an action plan to address any barriers. CCOs are very committed to partnerships. Together we are going to improve conditions for kids and improve their readiness for school.</p>
	Kristi shared that our IHN-CCO relationships and opportunities for collaboration are excellent.
	LeAnne asked about what is needed from the Early Learning Hub? Will we be asked or should we volunteer? What is the road map for engagement?
	The IHN-CCO will assess data and then come back to this group with that information and discuss strategies for intervention. The gaps must be assessed before we can move forward.
	The group asked about how Social-Emotional Health is measured? How can that be standardized across cultural groups?

This highlights why it has taken 8 years to develop this measure. This is a more qualitative area. The Kindergarten entry assessment does capture some of this data. It captures how is a child able to function and participate in the classroom. That assessment tool is 4 years old and what has been shown is that the biggest reasons for a child not succeeding in school are social-emotional reasons. Children with social-emotional challenges are not ready to learn. That Kindergarten assessment will be used to measure progress on this metric. Children receiving behavior services also contribute to the data. Part of this feedback loop is discovering the important data. We can't wait for the perfect data set to go forward and try to improve. We will be working together to form the asset map and necessary planning documents.

Kristi invited Joell to give this presentation at the Early Learning Hub Governing Board. Kristi also shared that the Hub Governing Board is made up of cross-sector leaders that may be available to be tapped into for convening the cross-sector group required for IHN-CCO.

Joell's contact info with materials and this group is invited to contact her with questions. Additional materials including the 2020 report, 2022 selected metrics, and overall metric history will be available after the meeting.

The group asked what happens next, what happens after the Year 4 goal 2026? Joell explained that the ultimate goal is working down from the system level metrics down to individual child level metrics. To be able to look at individual children and equip them and their families for success.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Workgroup Scope of Work
Sounds like we need more time for information to come down from OHA before this group can create a scope of work.	
We can work on asset mapping considering regional geographics. Do very small places have assets to include on our map? This is an opportunity for our group to work together to create those maps.	
The group will table the scope of work discussion for now.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Committee Chair and Co-Chair nominations
The Early Learning Hub will act as facilitators for this committee but the community needs to act as committee chair and co-chair. Please speak up if you are interested before our next meeting.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Meeting Schedule for 2022
Is this a good time for this meeting in the future? Please let us know if the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 9:30 – 11 am doesn't work for you.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Family Connects Update
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Connie shared community alignment is going well. We are branching out to medical provider engagement.

LeAnne shared that the Family Connects home visiting nurses are able to send many referrals out to other agencies through Pollywog.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Pollywog Update
LeAnne shared that our Traditional Health Workers have all completed their training. One staff member received their certification, the other two are still waiting. Pollywog hired Kelly Schell who is a Traditional Health Worker, and she will be working with Pollywog families to help them enroll with Preschool Promise.	
Pollywog has been Invited to speak at Mid-Valley Spotlight, the UniteUs Committee. We will be presenting information about our services. Committee members are invited to attend.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Preschool Promise Update
Antonia shared that Preschool Promise is very close to full enrollment. There are only 23 slots left in the three counties. Many providers are full. There has been a decrease in the number of applications recently. Committee members are encouraged to share Preschool Promise information out to families.	
Kristi added that the Free Preschool page will soon be up on the Pollywog website. This will include Preschool Promise and all publicly funded preschool programs in the region.	
Preschool Promise expansion may double our capacity. Preschool Promise is up to 200% of the federal poverty level, whereas Head Start is up to 100% of the federal poverty level. The Early Learning Hubs are doing the coordinated enrollment for Preschool Promise across the state. An RFA will be coming out on Nov 1 st for preschool providers.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Program Update
Misha from DHS discussed the ERDC update. Employment related daycare has had a co-pay waiver during the pandemic. Starting in October, co-pays will be required again unless families are already certified. The new copay structure will be significantly lower than previously, which is a big improvement.	
Family Relief Tree Nursery still has preschool slots left. They are at 100% service levels with at-home services being done outdoors or meeting in the office.	
Healthy Families is short-staffed, so there will be longer wait times for home visitor assignments.	
Sommer is working on a system for informing Samaritan Health providers and staff about what is available for families in Lincoln County. She has been attending meetings to give presentations and sending flyers for classes and ongoing supports out through interdepartmental mail.	

Karol, Benton County Health shared that Family Connects now has a Medical Champion. They are mostly doing virtual home visits at this time, but some home visits can be done if needed.

Linda, from IHN, offered a Covid update. We are holding steady and have achieved the OHA vaccination goal. There are some declines in the Covid hospitalizations. For the regional health assessment, IHN has been collaborating with the regional health systems and the three counties, so not everyone has to do their own data collection and reporting. That will feed into a lot of population health activities. They are looking to collaborate on training activities to help individuals and community partners get training and credits for OHA-certified roles. Housing and behavioral health pilots will be operational on Jan 1.

NEXT MEETING	9:30 am November 9, 2021 Online via Zoom
MEETING ADJOURNED	10:46 am