

# Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Health Care Integration Work Group Meeting Minutes

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| <b>MEETING COMMENCED</b>         | 9:30 am, June 13, 2023<br>Online Via Zoom  |
| <b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>         | Deanna Barclay   |
| <b>PRESENTERS</b>                | Miranda Tasker, Nurture Oregon   |
| <b>WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT</b> | Alicia Bublitz, Amy Bliege, Annie Gottfried, Belit Burke, Deanna Barclay, Karen Weiner, Karol Elizondo, Katie Walsh, Mary Jackson, Mike Jerpbak, Miranda Miller, Monica Boylan, Natalee Rothstein, Shelagh Baird |
| <b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>     | Connie Adams, Kristi Collins, Jinguang Lin, Ana Reyes, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, Leanne Trask  |
| <b>RECORDED</b>                  | Yes  |

## Agenda Topics

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| <b>Discussion Item</b> | Welcome and Introductions                |
|                        | Workgroup members introduced themselves. |

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| <b>Special Presentation</b> | Miranda Tasker, Nurture Oregon   |
|                             | <p>Miranda Tasker, project manager for Mid Valley Nurture, presented her program to the workgroup Mid Valley Nurture is based on the Nurture Oregon program, which integrates maternity care, substance abuse treatment, in-home Public Health Nursing Programs, and social service coordination for pregnant people. Nurture Oregon's mission is to keep families healthy and unified by providing quality, integrated care - from prenatal to postpartum. Nurture Oregon envisions a state where pregnant people who use substances receive safe, supportive, stigma-free care. This program operates under the umbrella of ReConnections Counseling in Newport.</p> <p>The team provides evidence-based practice through an integrated care model. It's a very high-touch team-based model, with much interaction between the peer wellness specialists and clients. Mid Valley Nurture is a unique set of community services and individualized support for each qualifying pregnant person.</p> <p>Mid Valley Nurture is housed in the Monarch on 4<sup>th</sup> building in Corvallis. Their grand opening will be in September this year. They are partners with the Community Doula Program/ They plan to have childbirth, lactation, and other perinatal and parenting classes in their building.</p> |

The workgroup asked what Mid Valley Nurture will be able to offer for behavioral and mental health for young children. This is not a service they can provide at this time, but they hope to expand in the future.

The workgroup asked how registered nurses are tied in. Mid Valley Nurture will try to connect families in labor and delivery with trauma-informed, stigma-free-care-trained nurses.

LaLori, from Reconnections Counseling in Newport, primarily works on the coast but is supervising this expansion to Benton County.

This program is currently in the hiring stages but is hoping to take clients beginning this fall.

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| <b>Discussion Item</b> | Pollywog Update |
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LeAnne shared that Pollywog will be joining Unite Us beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pollywog is withdrawing from Family Connects. Each County Health Department will be taking on its own Family Connects program.

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| <b>Discussion Item</b> | IHN-CCO/Samaritan Update |
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Annie shared that IHN is updating its asset map survey to include mental health. They are gathering resources for children under age 5.

Alicia shared that they are seeking capacity-building partners to engage with the delivery system transformation committee.

<https://www.ihntogether.org/transforming-health-care/request-for-proposals>

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| <b>Discussion Item</b> | HCI Business |
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Asset Mapping Project plans to visit sixteen local cities to complete an asset mapping session with families. The Early Learning Hub has applied for the IHN Transformation Grant to help fund this project.

Connie will be transitioning to more project management.

The EL Hub has also applied for the Upstream Initiative. The Upstream Initiative: A Focus on the First 1,000 Days will build community among leaders to collaborate on preventative and systemic solutions and generate Child Success Models (CSMs) through a year-long Community Design Pilot. It is an exciting project, and we hope to be selected.

The summer meeting schedule was discussed. LeAnne cannot attend the July meeting, and this workgroup has traditionally not met in August. There was a consensus to skip summer meetings and reconvene in September.

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| <b>Next Meeting</b> | 9:30 am, Sept 12, 2023 |
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| <b>Meeting Adjourned</b> | 10:07 am        |