

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

MEETING COMMENCED	9:30 am, November 14, 2023 Online Via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	LeAnne Trask
PRESENTERS	Chantelle Estess, Lincoln County Winter Shelter Program
WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Monica Boylan, Alicia Bublitz, Belit Burke, Karol Elzondo, Annie Gottfried, Mike Jerpbak, Georgia Smith, Miranda Tasker, Karen Weiner
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Ana Reyes, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, Leanne Trask
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda Topics

Discussion Item	Welcome and Introductions
Workgroup members introduced themselves.	

Special Presentation	Lincoln County Winter Shelter Program
<p>Chantelle Estess, the Winter Shelter Coordinator for Lincoln County, introduced herself. She has a background in mental health and criminal justice., The Winter Shelter program in Lincoln County opened 43 days ago and will move into its permanent facility on November 27th. They are currently serving 23 people per night and have had 65 new unique individuals since this program began. Over 60% of the guests are over 55 years old, with the oldest being 79 years old. The program is working with senior and disability services for support and connecting services.</p> <p>The new facility is the old Crossroads building on 351 SW 7th Street, Newport. They are designing policies and facilities around the guests that arrive. It is a low-barrier program, but some safety rules are in place. Sobriety is not required as long as behavior is appropriate. Pets are welcome.</p> <p>Chantell described the intake process for guests. Their permanent location can hold 50 guests, and they will maintain overflow spaces on standby for an additional 60 people. There will be a men's wing, a women's wing, and a wing for couples. The new facility will also include onsite laundry and showers.</p> <p>They have hotel vouchers for families working through the Lincoln County School District.</p>	

De-escalation and other safety training are provided to the volunteer staff. Two awake staff are required to open the shelter, do intakes, and monitor the shelter overnight. Staff are volunteers, and more volunteers are always needed.

This is a shelter-only program. They are collaborating with other programs for services for guests.

They will be opening a permanent location on December 1st in Lincoln City, location TBD.

The Winter Shelter Program is open October 1 – March 31st, seven days a week. It is supported by multiple funding sources and partnerships.

Chantelle offered her phone number, 541-270-2396. She can authorize a guest's admission outside of registration times if they are escorted by an agency or partner.

Discussion Item	Raise Up Oregon 2.0
LeAnne introduced Raise Up Oregon (RUO). Kristi added further details. The Early Learning Hub is using RUO as part of our strategic planning. EL Hub workgroups are being asked to take the lead on specific RUO objectives and strategies.	
There is a crossover between health care home visiting and family support home visiting. We are hoping to create a subcommittee to focus on the RUO home visiting strategies. Monica and Karol agreed that Babies First and Cocoon programs can support this work.	
LeAnne reviewed the goals of RUO and the specific strategies and areas of focus that may be relevant to this workgroup.	
The Early Learning Hub is in a strategic planning phase, and we want the strategies that go into our strategic plan and the areas of focus to come up from the local level from the partners who are implementing this work on the ground.	
In workgroups, the EL Hub would like partners who are doing the work to say this is where we're at in this work, this is what we've been focused on, and this is the direction we would like to move towards. Then, workgroups can tell the EL Hub Governing Board what help is needed and what is needed to make this work more meaningful.	
The workgroup was asked to review RUO to identify specific strategies and areas of focus for this workgroup and come back to the December meeting with ideas to discuss.	

Next Meeting	9:30 am, December 12, 2023 Online Via Zoom
Meeting Adjourned	10:58 am