

# Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

## P-3 Alignment Work Group Meeting Minutes

<b>MEETING COMMENCED</b>	9:30 am, April 1, 2022 Online via Zoom
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Kristi Collins
<b>WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Katy Allaback, Deanna Brown, Tracy Erwin, Kathleen Feser, Susan Halliday, Jill Irwin, Stephany Koehne, Solano Lopez, Kimberly McCutcheon Gross, Lauren Sigman, Paul Smith
<b>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Kristi Collins, Sam Rounsavell
<b>RECORDED</b>	Yes

### Agenda topics

<b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b>	Welcome and Introductions
Workgroup Members introduced themselves.	

<b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b>	KPI Rules Advisory Committee
<p>Kristi and Paul shared about the Kindergarten Readiness Partnership &amp; Innovation Program Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting they participated in on March 4, 2022. The conversation was successful. The meeting was a learning experience for Remy Watts, Rules Coordinator for the KPI Rules Advisory Committee, and Carmen Ellis, Community Systems Director for the Early Learning Division. The committee was able to share the ground truth of the impact of the proposed changes to the rules on the ground level and how they impact programming.</p> <p>There was a belief that with Preschool Promise in place, programs would not need to use KPI for preschool or preschool-like programming. The way we have used KPI in our region in the past was not going to be, which would have hurt a lot of the programming that we have put in place over the last several years and have worked really hard to make happen. We shared that Preschool Promise is a very strict model that doesn't always work in every community, and it is not available everywhere to fill the needs that we see in some of our communities. We would like an opportunity to be innovative with the funds, especially in communities that have no other resources to provide preschool programming, to offer a lighter touch, and achieve a broader reach. The committee appreciated this perspective, and we will be able to continue supporting preschool-like programming with our KPI funds. This is a big win for our partnerships with K-12.</p>	

Kristi attended a second KPI Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting that discussed the KPI Program & Outcome surveys. It was shared that these surveys create a “teaching to the test” situation where what we can fund is based on what can be evaluated by PSU evaluation tools. The model should be that our innovative programming drives the evaluations. Carmen plans to set up some conversations with PSU about how they look at evaluations in the future.

**DISCUSSION ITEM** | P-3 Dare to Lead Training

Kristi shared an update on the P-3 Dare to Lead Training. Heidi and her partners at WOU are almost finished with the online format. Heidi suggests that the first and last sessions be done as a group in-person or on Zoom. The first session would be to overview the information and explain the eight-week program. She would have the opportunity for some personal discussion and little tutorials on using the online platform. The sessions between the first and last would be online and self-paced for participants.

The workgroup discussed that there is more capacity and focus for staff to attend in the summer months. There will be a Philomath Clemens Primary School pilot group with 4-5 people. This smaller cohort will test the online platform and offer Heidi feedback. After that, the training will be offered more broadly to all P-3 partners.

Kristi shared that she sees an opportunity to use this online training with the Early Learning Hub Governing Board. The self-paced work can be done between Board meetings, with check-ins occurring at the regular meetings.

She asked the workgroup to consider how this online Dare to Lead training could be shared among their teams and throughout the region. And also to consider what groups would benefit from training together and what size should those training cohorts be.

**DISCUSSION ITEM** | Marion County Kindergarten Transition kits

Kristi informed the workgroup that she had received an email from the Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub. They are offering kindergarten transition kits for children who have not had the opportunity to participate in preschool programs. To be eligible, the child must live in Marion County but could be attending programming in Linn, Benton, or Lincoln Counties. The fliers will be posted in Basecamp so that partners have access to them and can share them in those locations that could benefit.

**DISCUSSION ITEM** | Summer Learning

Kristi asked the workgroup members to share their summer learning and kindergarten jumpstart programming plans for this summer. The Early Learning Hub would like to support the messaging and recruitment efforts. Workgroup members

are asked to share summer program information and fliers to Basecamp or with Sam directly – [sam.rounsavell@linnbenton.edu](mailto:sam.rounsavell@linnbenton.edu). We can share the information in our summer parent newsletter and on social media platforms.

Funding may be available through ESD that may be used for Summer KPI. Interested workgroup members are encouraged to check with their local superintendent about opportunities.

<b>DISCUSSION ITEM</b>	Early Childhood Coordinating Council and P-3 future meeting schedule
	The P-3 Alignment Work Group meeting schedule is not working well for all partners. We need to find a time that will work for more partners and will work year-round.
	Kristi shared that the Early Childhood Coordinating Council will be restarting in April. There is quite a bit of overlap with this group in both participants and areas of focus. She asked the workgroup to consider integrating the groups at junctions where it would be most collaborative and efficient.
	In the past, we had “Workgroup Day,” where all the meetings happened on the same day. Kristi asked the workgroup to consider scheduling related workgroup meetings together on the same mornings. She proposed starting in May 2022 that ECCC & P-3 meetings happen on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 9 am-12 pm. The Workgroup agreed. We will plan the agenda intentionally to maximize everyone's time by having individual meetings with an overlap of shared time for mutual agenda items. Workgroup members can leave early or join late to participate in the meeting parts that most pertain to them.
	Kristi shared that many Early Learning Hubs are scheduling quarterly meetings for their Regional Stewardship Committee to hold space for content from the State. If there are agenda items, the committee meets, and if not, the meeting is canceled. We will be incorporating the Regional Stewardship Committee into the ECCC meetings every quarter because its membership overlaps.

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Third Wednesday in May Online via Zoom
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	10:16 am