

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	2:00 pm, November 3, 2022 Online via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	Jeff Davis
PRESENTERS	Eric Vinson HIT Program Manager, Liz Whitworth, Oregon Health Leadership Council
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Connie Adams, Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, Bryan Steinhauser, LeAnne Trask
VERSION	Draft
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

ROLL CALL		Board Members Present or Absent						
DeAnn Brown	P	A	Claire Hall	P	A	Neftali Pizano	P	A
Belit Burke	P	A	Susan Halliday	P	A	Chris Reese	P	A
Jeff Davis	P	A	Crystal Harris	P	A	Bettina Schempf	P	A
Barbara Dougherty	P	A	Melissa Isavoran, Eric Vinson was in attendance as a proxy	P	A	Lauren Sigman	P	A
Karol Elizondo	P	A	Lola Jones	P	A	Paul Smith	P	A
Tonja Everest	P	A	Stephany Koehne	P	A	Lynette Wynkoop	P	A
Laura Farmer	P	A	Steve Martinelli	P	A	Open		
QUORUM								
A Quorum was present because there are currently 20 members on the Board, and 11 were present at this meeting.								

DISCUSSION ITEM	Welcome and Introductions
Neither co-chair was available for this meeting, so Jeff Davis is acting Board Chair for this meeting. Board Members introduced themselves.	

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATION**

Community Information Exchange, Eric Vinson, Liz Whitworth

Liz explained the function of the Oregon Health Leadership Council and their work on the Community Information Exchange (CIE). She presented the statewide view of the CIE project. CIE is an electronic referral and case management tool for social needs using the Unite Us platform. CIE is branded as Connect Oregon powered by UniteUs. It is a tool to provide closed-loop referrals between health care, social service, education agencies, and others. 211 operates as the statewide resource directory and is integrated within the Connect Oregon platform. Some Early Learning Hubs, including LBL ELH, are using Connect Oregon. There is expected to be some legislation around community information exchange. Liz gave an overview of the 2023 Connect Oregon Priorities. She left her contact information If anyone has questions about this work. Liz Whitworth liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org

Eric presented information about the Community Information Exchange (CIE). He discussed:

- What is CIE
- Benefits of CIE
- Major CIE Efforts in Oregon
- Legislative Actions. The OHA's role in CIE
- 1115 Medicaid Waiver Update
 - \$1.1 Billion to implement social determinants of health strategies
 - IHN-CCO is asking for feedback on project implementation
 - Some waivers components are still under review
- Unite Us Expansion. IHN-CCO will provide Unite Us Utilization, including case management functionality, at no cost for community-based organizations in its region and affiliated providers.
- Next Steps
 - Finalize Unite Us expansion contract
 - Community Collaboration to implement expansion
 - Go live January 1, 2023

Reach out to transformation@samhealth.org to get involved.

The Board asked how the Medicaid Waiver would impact drug prices and if there would be cost caps. Eric explained that those negotiations are still happening. Board members are encouraged to email questions to the waiver team at: 1115waiver.renewal@odhsoha.oregon.gov

The Board asked where prevention falls versus basic needs in funding consideration. It was acknowledged that this is an excellent question. By providing funding for basic needs, people will be stabilized and able to engage with health care, allowing prevention services to be delivered. It was acknowledged that limits on resources factor into decisions about eligibility. CIE is a beginning effort to create wraparound services for those most at risk.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LBL Hub Updates

Kristi shared about the Jumpstart book delays. We are still waiting for all the books to arrive so we can send them out to partners. An eBook was available for Read for the

Record Day. The EL Hub will solicit partner feedback before deciding whether we will continue to participate in this initiative in the future.

Kristi, Bryan, and Lynnette will attend the Oregon Workforce Partnership Conference in Bend along with other Hub directors around the state later this month. All Hub directors and Resource and Referral directors were invited to participate. Staff from the Early Learning Division will be participating in the entire conference. Alyssa Chatterjee, the Early Learning Systems Director, will participate in the panel discussion regarding childcare on the eighteenth. Alyssa is also scheduled to meet with the Hub directors immediately following the conference. This will be the first time Early Learning Division leadership and Hub directors have been together in the same room since Covid. ELD has been made aware of Oregon Early Learning Hub Association (OELHA).

The OELHA co-presidents and legislative affairs consultant met with Alyssa and others within the Early Learning Division to discuss partnering for the upcoming legislative session and how the Association can best support the Early Learning Division. There was a significant acknowledgment that the Hub system is one of value and that the ELD wants to do more to support and strengthen it.

Kristi met with Alyssa to discuss the challenges around Coordinated Enrollment. The ELD is considering how to use Hubs strategically, include Hubs in the newest version of Raise Up Oregon, and have Early Learning Hubs be more central to some of the Early Learning Division strategies. The acknowledgment from state leadership was appreciated.

Kristi discussed the Child Care Voices project. The EL Hub is requesting local parents send in short videos, 2-5 minutes long, sharing their experience trying to find child care in our region. We have shared this project on social media, our website, and with printed posters. Board members were asked to help spread the word.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the December Board Packet will be sent out later than usual. Board members should receive their packet on the Monday before our next meeting.

FISCAL REPORT

Matt Grams

Matt presented the revenue, expenditures, and miscellaneous reports for September.

The Board asked about Pollywog Funding. LeAnne shared that Pollywog will receive funding from IHN-CCO for Family Connects in January. OHA has agreed to extend funding for another year. We are still waiting for Traditional Healthcare Worker contracts; a budget cannot be finalized without them. The budget has not been updated to reflect the new funds.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Strategy 9.2, Title IV-B2 Fund

There are just over \$53,000 of Title IV-B2 funds available, and funding parameters were posted to Basecamp to inform a discussion in this meeting around new projects for these funds.

Board Members suggested:

- CASA
- Relief Nurseries (where the funds have been allocated in the past). It was noted that transportation costs for Relief Nurseries have gone up 25%. Resource closets are also seeing increased use.

Kristi requested permission to reach out to CASA and the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County Relief Nurseries with a request for proposals. These proposals would be brought back to the Board in December for approval.

DISCUSSION ITEM 2023 Meeting Schedule

Kristi opened a discussion about in-person Board meetings for 2023. She reassured the Board that meetings will always have a virtual option.

There was a general consensus that a hybrid Board Retreat and quarterly meetings would be welcome.

For the Board Retreat on Feb 2nd, we would like to meet at the beautiful new Chinook Hall in Corvallis. Then the second quarter meeting in May and the third quarter meeting in September would be held in Lincoln and Linn County. Those in-person meetings will have this Board visiting each county at least once through the calendar year, and we can plan for the December meeting at a later time.

QUORUM

Kristi proposed that Eric Vinson be accepted as a proxy for Melissa Isavoran. Melissa Isavoran gave electronic consent, and the Board agreed.

CONSENT ITEMS October 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Board was asked to approve the October 2022 Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Tonja Everest

2nd: Eric Vinson

Brown	Y	N	A	Farmer	Y	N	A	Koehne	Y	N	A	Smith	Y	N	A
Burke	Y	N	A	Hall	Y	N	A	Martinelli	Y	N	A	Wynkoop	Y	N	A
Davis	Y	N	A	Halliday	Y	N	A	Pizano	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Dougherty	Y	N	A	Harris	Y	N	A	Reese	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Elizondo	Y	N	A	Isavoran	Y	N	A	Schempf	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Everest	Y	N	A	Jones	Y	N	A	Sigman	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A

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

Abstentions: None

The Board voted to approve the October 2022 Meeting Minutes.

DISCUSSION VOTE				Outreach for Title IV-B2 Fund Proposals											
The Board was asked to approve outreach for Title IV-B2 Fund proposals															
Motion: Tonja Everest															
2 nd : Paul Smith															
Brown	Y	N	A	Farmer	Y	N	A	Koehne	Y	N	A	Smith	Y	N	A
Burke	Y	N	A	Hall	Y	N	A	Martinelli	Y	N	A	Wynkoop	Y	N	A
Davis	Y	N	A	Halliday	Y	N	A	Pizano	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Dougherty	Y	N	A	Harris	Y	N	A	Reese	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Elizondo	Y	N	A	Isavoran	Y	N	A	Schempf	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
Everest	Y	N	A	Jones	Y	N	A	Sigman	Y	N	A	Open	Y	N	A
VOTING RESULTS				Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)											
Abstentions: Jeff Davis, Bettina Schempf															
The Board voted to approve the outreach for Title IV-B2 Fund proposals.															

WORKGROUP UPDATE	Data & Evaluation
Jinguang shared the project timeline for the Data Book. The goal is to present the final edition of the 2023 Data Book in June 2023. He walked through the outline and discussed the intended content and formatting of each section, chapter, and subchapter of the Data Book. We hope to provide yearly updates to this Data Book.	

WORKGROUP UPDATE	Health Care Integration
LeAnne shared information about the Health Care Integration Workgroup (HCI). For the last year, this group has focused on the IHN-CCO/Samaritan metric from Oregon Health Authority, The System-Level Social-Emotional Health metric, to support the work the IHN is doing. This kindergarten readiness metric is a four-year project beginning this year, and there are deliverables over the next few years. The deliverable for this year was a review of OHA data for our region to create a resource map of where social-emotional supports are in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties and to create an action plan. The HCI workgroup reviewed the data and assisted with creating a resource map. That resource map is finished, and we'll be seeing the November HCI meeting next Tuesday. The next step is to engage the community and then create an action plan. And all of this is due by the end of December.	
This workgroup is looking at the need for a full-scale asset mapping project for our region. LeAnne shared an example asset map created by Harder + Company Research.	

WORKGROUP UPDATE	P-3 & Early Childhood Coordinating Council
The P-3 Alignment and Early Coordinating Council workgroup are meeting back to back, with time for the Regional Stewardship Committee work in between, at the request of partners. The P-3 Alignment Workgroup has focused on KPI and Dare to Lead training. The Regional Stewardship Committee has been focusing on Regional System	

Assessment and Sector planning. We recently explored the Ecosystem conditions helping and hindering childcare expansion in our region. The Early Childhood Coordinating Council has been discussing Community Inclusion Teams and provider training and recommendations from our community partners on what types of training are needed.

This group will have an in-person meeting in Philomath, hosted by Susan Halliday, to work on the Early Childhood Service Analysis, formerly called the sector plan. It is a deliverable due to the State by December 1st, and we will be requesting an extension because we will not have the required parent input by that deadline.

PROGRAM UPDATE	Business Liaison Update
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The Business Outreach Initiative updates, accomplishments, and near-term goals are available in the Board Packet. Bryan shared about his recent meeting with Linn County Commissioner Will Tucker.

PROGRAM UPDATE	Pollywog Update
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The Pollywog updates and analytics for the database, website, newsletter, and social media are available in the Board Packet. LeAnne shared that the annual Holiday Resource Guide was launched on Monday, 10/31. It has reached over 3100 people through social media, and over 150 people have visited the newsletter section of our website. She also discussed the Pollywog Parent Satisfaction Survey and the results received so far.

PROGRAM UPDATE	Family Connects Update
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The Family Connects updates, including regional data, recent provider and partner outreach efforts, and an update on commercial insurance billing, are included in the Board packet.

PROGRAM UPDATE	Coordinated Enrollment Update
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The current data for Preschool Promise, including applications received, new eligible children, number of open slots, and percentage of providers at capacity, are in the Board packet. Antonia shared that the Coordinated Enrollment Team has been working on recruiting families for the three new Preschool Promise Providers in our region.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES	
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The Board expressed appreciation for Eric's participation and for helping fill the quorum. Jeff announced an opening in the Family Resource and Education Center for a Financial Program Assistant position.

NEXT MEETING	2:00 pm December 1, 2022 Online via Zoom
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MEETING ADJOURNED	3:58 pm
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