

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	2:00 pm, May 4, 2023 Online via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	Claire Hall
PRESENTER	LeAnne Trask
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Connie Adams, Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Ana Reyes, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, Bryan Steinhauser, LeAnne Trask
VERSION	Final
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

ROLL CALL		Board Members Present or Absent							
	Present	Absent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent	
Shelagh Baird	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Claire Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Reese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
DeAnn Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Halliday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bettina Schempf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Belit Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Isavoran	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paul Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jeff Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lola Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diane Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barbara Dougherty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephany Koehne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynette Wynkoop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Tonja Everest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Martinelli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Laura Farmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neffali Pizano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

QUORUM

A Quorum was present. There are currently 19 seated Board members, and 13 were present at this meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Community Asset Mapping

At the request of the Early Learning Hub, the Health Care Integration Workgroup has begun work on an Asset Mapping Project for our region. LeAnne shared the purpose and scope of this project and the results of a recent mock asset mapping session. She informed the Board about the next steps in this project, including plans for the first round of community sessions in Harrisburg, Philomath, and Lincoln City.

Kristi asked the Board if they see the value in having a resource like this as we move forward. And if it would help inform the Board on how families are accessing services, what they're saying about the communities that they live in, and getting more details about our communities from the family perspective. The Board expressed interest and appreciation for this project.

Local School districts are looking for this type of data. It can help as they reach out to larger funding organizations and adds a new lens and perspective to the work.

The Board asked if there was an effort to crosswalk this project with the Community Health Assessment. It was explained that these projects are not currently in sync, but as we gather data, it will be shared with them. The System of Care Executive Council is interested in this project and will receive a presentation this week. There is expected to be a lot of crosswalk and overlay between the Community Asset Mapping and the Kindergarten Readiness Social Emotional Health metric. That is one reason the Health Care Integration workgroup was chosen for this project.

The Board asked if child care was an asset that would be mapped as part of this project. It was explained that, yes, that is one asset category that is included. Our project may not identify every asset in each city but those used by the families that attend the sessions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT	LBL Hub Updates
	<p>Kristi shared updates about the Lincoln County Relief Nursery. She spoke to the Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries (OARN). It is too late to get things on the table for this legislative session, but they are open to discussions with the Lincoln County community. Olalla will make additional announcements about their Relief Nursery in a few weeks. After that, we can do some planning on how to bring services back to Lincoln County.</p>
	<p>The Board asked if there was any more information from the Olalla Board. LeAnne has resigned from that Board and does not have any new information.</p>
	<p>The EL Hub hopes to have more conversations with Olalla about the new agency that will be taking on the Relief Nursery role. As we start over again, we understand the importance of being mindful of community relationships.</p>
	<p>Kristi shared about changes in the Preschool Promise Enrollment manual. We can no longer use SNAP eligibility letters to verify 200% of the federal poverty level. This means we have to go back to all of the other eligibility, documentation, and criteria for income eligibility, which places an increased burden on the families. SNAP eligibility makes a family categorically eligible for Head Start. PSP is now out of alignment with Head Start. This highlights the importance of giving the Coordinated Enrollment staff access to the ONE system to confirm eligibility and remove this burden from families. We will continue to advocate for that.</p>
	<p>Kristi gave some legislative updates. The transition from the Early Learning Division (ELD) to the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) is moving forward and on track to start on July 1st. The fiscal practice review has brought awareness to some allowable expenses that are not in alignment with the requirements of the funds. This may create barriers for the Parent Engagement work, specifically expenses around gift cards and food. Hub directors have requested a meeting to discuss these "immoveable challenges" to our work. The OELHA may be able to advocate for this work. The OELHA and Early Child Care in-person meeting is on June 22nd. We are meeting with the CFO and the new Deputy Director of DELIC and anticipate more information and conversation with them then.</p>

Kristi requested that Board members share resources around using funds for food, gift cards, and other family inclusion work. The Board suggested using the language of Title 1 to overcome barriers to family inclusion.

This may require changes to some of our subcontractor documents and reimbursement request forms and may delay contracts.

Kristi announced that the EL Hub would submit a letter of interest for Upstream Initiative.

The mission of the Oregon Health and Education Collaborative is to disrupt intergenerational cycles of trauma and adverse experiences, particularly in historically marginalized populations, by supporting community-based collaboration between partners that will achieve positive outcomes in health and education for all children. The Collaborative's first effort is an Upstream Initiative: A Focus on the First 1000 Days of Life. The vision for the Upstream Initiative is that partners in healthcare and education will collaborate to implement sustainable Child Success Models that can eliminate health and educational disparities based on race, zip code, and socio-economic status.

Four communities in Oregon will be selected to participate. We would be well suited for this work and have all the key partners in place.

Today is Classified Appreciation Day at LBCC. Kristi expressed appreciation for her staff and their hard work for the EL Hub. The Board offered a virtual round of applause.

FISCAL REPORT	Matt Grams
Matt presented the revenue, expenditures, and miscellaneous reports for March 2023.	

CONSENT ITEMS	April 2023 Meeting Minutes
The Board was asked to approve the April 2023 meeting minutes.	
Motion: Lola Jones	
2 nd : Laura Farmer	

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Shelagh Baird	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Claire Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Reese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DeAnn Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Halliday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bettina Schempf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Belit Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Isavoran	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lola Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diane Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Dougherty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephany Koehne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynette Wynkoop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tonja Everest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Martinelli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Farmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neftali Pizano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTING RESULTS	Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)
Abstentions: DeAnn Brown, Susan Halliday	
The Board voted to approve the April 2023 meeting minutes.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Removal of Board Member
<p>Kristi led the discussion of the removal of the Linn County Human and Social Services representative due to non-participation. Chris Reese emailed to say he does not have the capacity to sit on this Board and asked about appointing a new person for his seat. That is not within the guidelines. A formal resignation was never submitted. Kristi recommended that the Board act to remove him without a formal resignation.</p>	

DISCUSSION VOTE	Removal of Board Member
<p>The Board was asked to approve the removal of the Linn County Human and Social Services representative due to non-participation.</p>	

Motion: Tonja Everest

2nd: Jeff Davis

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Shelagh Baird	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Claire Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Reese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DeAnn Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Halliday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bettina Schempf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Belit Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Isavoran	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lola Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diane Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Dougherty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephany Koehne	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynette Wynkoop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tonja Everest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Martinelli	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Farmer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neftali Pizano	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Abstentions: None

The Board voted to approve the removal of the Linn County Human and Social Services representative due to non-participation.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Filling Board Vacancies
<p>Kristi reminded the Board that there are vacancies to fill. As sector partners, please use your networks to find candidates. If you need help in those recruitment efforts, please contact Kristi. Potential Board members are welcome to observe a meeting to get more information about the work of this Board.</p>	

PROGRAM UPDATE	Business Liaison Update
<p>Bryan shared the Business Outreach Initiative updates, accomplishments, and near-term goals. April was a very busy month. Seven grant applications were submitted. Child Care initiative now has a name – Growing Care. It will roll out on July 1st. Bryan is working to gather funding and opportunities for advertising.</p>	

PROGRAM UPDATE	Pollywog Update
LeAnne shared the Pollywog updates and analytics for referrals, the website, newsletter, and social media.	
LeAnne shared that Pollywog will no longer be the Community Lead for Family Connects. The health departments plan to take that on individually. As of June 30th, our contract with Family Connects will end.	

PROGRAM UPDATE	Family Connects Update
Connie shared a Family Connects data update and program news.	

PROGRAM UPDATE	Coordinated Enrollment Update
Antonia shared the current data for Preschool Promise, including applications received, new eligible children, number of open slots, and percentage of providers at capacity. The 2023-24 application is now live, and we can accept applications for this year and next school year.	

NEXT MEETING	2:00 pm, June 29, 2023 Center for Health Education, 740 SW 9 th Street, Newport
MEETING ADJOURNED	3:20 pm