

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	2:09 pm, October 5, 2023 LBCC, Luckiamute Bldg., Rm 116
MEETING CALLED BY	Lola Jones
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz, Kelly Schell, Bryan Steinhauser
OTHERS PRESENT	Maria Mendoza, DELC Early Learning Hub Coordinator
VERSION	Approved
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

ROLL CALL	Board Members Present or Absent							
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QUORUM

A Quorum was present. There are currently 18 seated Board members, and 15 of them were present at this meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Welcome and Introductions

Board Members introduced themselves.
Maria Mendoza, DELC Early Learning Hub Coordinator, introduced herself.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

LBL Hub Updates

Kristi announced that the EL Hub received our new contract one day before the previous contract expired. There will be more to come with deliverables as Hubs and DELC are co-creating the templates and tools and the strategic plan template. DELC and the Hubs are working together to figure out how to create a useful and meaningful system.

Kristi shared that the Early Learning Hub Association executive committee and the Early Learning Council (ELC) have met twice to discuss how the ELC can leverage Hubs and the work of Raise Up Oregon and start to think about other agency leaders, state agency leaders and the cross-sector work and funding opportunities that where the work that system building work with families with young children is already happening at the EL Hub level. This group will continue to meet regularly to discuss how the ELC can leverage the Hub Association for legislative planning once the Governor's proposed budget comes out. DELC staff are very limited in what they can advocate for, but as a Hub Association, we have our own lobbyists and can do that differently. We want to have a plan in place for this process before the next legislative session.

The Early Learning Collaborative with EL Hubs and CCR&Rs are focusing on the mental health of early learning providers. This is within the scope of our Early Learning Coordinating Council workgroup and will be discussed more in the future.

The EL Hub and Pollywog have been attending more in-person tabling events to share information about free preschool, preschool promise, and Pollywog. Board members are encouraged to inform us of any upcoming events we should attend.

Jumpstart Read for the Record Day is October 26, 2023. Seventy organizations have signed up to read over 250 copies of With Lots of Love by Jenny Torres Sanchez. This year has been notable because it has been so smooth. Books arrived on time and were distributed to partners well before the event date.

The Board asked for the definition of flat funding in the contract. It was explained that all DECL contracts had about a 4% increase over the last biennium, but there was a reduction in Federal Title IVB2 funding. Contracts were issued with flat funding to get them out on time, but there will be addendums to the contracts that may add additional money for the current service level.

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

CONSENT ITEMS	August 2023 Financials										
The Board was asked to approve the August 2023 Financials.											
Motion: Laura Farmer											
2 nd : Bettina Schempf											
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VOTING RESULTS	Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)
Abstentions: None	
The Board voted to approve the August 2023 Financials as presented.	

CONSENT ITEMS	September 2023 Meeting Minutes
The Board was asked to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes.	
Motion: Jeff Davis	
2 nd : Lynnette Wynkoop	

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Abstentions: None	
The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	2023-2025 EL Hub Budget
<p>Kristi reviewed the 2023-2025 budget. The biennium total for Coordinated Enrollment is not accurate. This was an estimate. It will be \$35K less. \$725,000 instead of \$760,000. She explained the KPI allocation process.</p> <p>The board asked about the reserve funds. This is money that was underspent and reserved in the early days.</p> <p>The Board asked how many children will be served by the Coordinated Enrollment funds. It was explained that there are 252 slots per year, but we process more applications beyond those slots. CE funds are used for Preschool Promise and a few schools we partner with. These funds cover staff time, marketing, etc.</p> <p>The Board requested to look at the history of our funding. Has base funding of funding decreased? It would be a task for the fiscal oversight committee to generate the reports and present their findings to the Board. The Board discussed historical funding changes.</p>	

There was a request for data on family stability and children's outcomes for those who access Preschool Promise and other programs. Kristi invited Belit to have a more detailed conversation about this request.

DISCUSSION VOTE 2023-2025 EL Hub Budget

The Board was asked to approve the 2023-2025 EL Hub Budget with the amended total.

Motion: Bettina Schempf

2nd: Laura Farmer

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

Abstentions: None

The Board voted to approve the 2023-2025 EL Hub Budget with the amended total.

DISCUSSION ITEM Funding allocations

Award letters will be coming out soon after the budget is approved. There was a discussion about the funding allocation processes and timelines.

DISCUSSION ITEM Raise Up Oregon 2.0 Work Session

Board members discussed the following prompts:

Related to Objective 3 regarding Early Learning Hubs

- What does this objective mean to you?
- What do we need from the state (DELIC & the ELC) to meet this objective?
- What should we be doing more of or differently at the local level?

Additionally:

- Review the objectives and areas where you want more information (a Special Presentation). If it's work that your organization is involved in, could you or someone from your organization provide a presentation to our Board?
- Are there objectives/strategies you are excited about and want to see our region

focusing on more? How should we prioritize our work and funding moving forward?

The board shared their notes:

- Raise Up Oregon is very aspirational
- There were questions about the map on page 8. This map reflects the work of Parent Engagement and the topic of the listening sessions for Raise Up Oregon
- Objective 3, Strategy 12.2
 - CCR&R is writing a grant to bring together infant and child mental health specialists to prepare for child suspension and expulsion
 - It was noted that infant mental health is now being termed infant relational-health
- More engagement between teachers and family improvement specialists.
- Appendix E – Workforce. Career Pathways.
- Raise Up Oregon integrates and aligns with other programs. Highlights structural deficits – living wages, health care. Covid has caused more siloing and a famine mentality. Not all key players are mentioned in Raise Up Oregon. This would be a good conversation to bring to the Early Learning Council. Or to invite Sue from ELC to come down for a conversation.
- Are the heads of each agency on the Flower coming together to discuss the commitment to early learning? How can we get our message to that table?
- Long-term impacts of investment in early childhood education need to be considered. Benefits roll forward to K-12.
- Strategy 16. Coordinating Early Learning and K-12. Antiquated systems that aren't meeting the needs of students. K-12 is a prime example. No longer preparing students for factory jobs. We need to reimagine systems for the new post-pandemic world.
 - Wish for students – that they would be unaware of transfer from Early Child to K-12 systems. Systemically Improving the warm handoff between Early Childhood and K-12.
- Strategy 8.
 - How education and educators are valued. The rating system is not working and not recognizing skills. SE and relational skills need to be valued. Developmental education should be added to K-12. Workforce considerations
 - Coordination between DHS and other systems. DHS caseloads are too high.
- Interaction of the Court System is not addressed in Raise Up Oregon. It affects family stability.
- Strategy 1 – relationship reorientation with Confederated Tribes. How will Tribal Early Learning interact with EL Hub?
- Strategy 2.8 – Child Care. Affordable Housing Partners. Catalog of affordable housing partners. Recruiting housing champions to this Board. Certification for housing embedded programs.
- Objective 3 – Mapping our impact in the communities. Following the dollar to communicate our impact better. Example: Dolly Parton Imagination Library investment from EL Hub. Show where the gaps in our impact are.
- Objective 3 – risk-taking and novel solutions. Pilot project. Look for external partners to match innovative projects.
- Need durable and sustainable funding for early childhood programs

Strategy #	Action Step	Person/Org Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Priority Level 1-5, with 1 being the highest
Objective 1	Re-engage CTSI voice and Partnership	Lola will talk to Lisa Norton to inquire about the process	Conversation	Two weeks	
Objective 1	Interview confirmed appointee to better match opportunities for engagement. Primary conversation: Tribal EL Hub	Kristi		End of Year	
2	Special presentation for this board on family preservation sites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What are those family preservation sites? •What are they doing? •What are the needs? •And how could we be in support of that work? 	ODHS, Healthy Families, Self-Sufficiency			
2.4	Align ELD standards and practices between grades K-2.				
2.5	Map it, Share it, and Facilitate collaborations.				
2.8	Lincoln County: Kristi or EL Hub Staff to join the Affordable Housing workgroup	Lola to add Kristi to the invite.		End of October	
2.8	Cataloguing potential housing partners in the region	Housing Champions: Lola, CSC, DevNW	Benton County Housing	End of Year. Feb 2024	
2.8	Recruiting Housing Champions to this Board	Corvallis Housing First, Linn County		April 2024	
2.9	Credit prior learning to fast-track credentialing.	Partnerships with community colleges and some four-year colleges.			
3.4	Provide Resources		Noting positive – this hub leaves no money unspent.		
8.3	Reduce the caseload of DHS workers	ODHS	Money	Soon	1
10.1	Expand parenting and family education.			Short term (2024)	
12.2 (Crosswalks to	Hire IECMH coordinator	Lead for this effort. +	Direct & OPE. Clear P.D. Falls outside of our	July 2026	1 Based on what is

Strategy 13.5)		Statewide workgroups	budget but directly parallels our programming		going on on the ground
14.11	Value holistic early childhood professional approach. Include developmental education in K-12 training.	Community Colleges & Colleges	Money, Curriculum, Design practicum, Funding	Soon	1
14.5	Revisit the rating system and allow below AA based on Skills	DELIC	Comparable systems in other countries	Soon	1
14.9	Reduce Family Financial Burden				
16.1	Align Early Learning and Kindergarten guidelines to ensure consistency.				
16.2	Join professional development for early learning and K-12 education.				
16.3	Align policies and programs across Early Learning and K-12.			Short term (2024)	

WORKGROUP & PROGRAM UPDATES	These were included in the Board packet but not discussed in the meeting.
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NEXT MEETING	2:00 pm, November 2, 2023 Online via Zoom
MEETING ADJOURNED	4:00 pm