

Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

P-3 Alignment & Early Childhood Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	9:30 am, July 19, 2023 Online via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	Kristi Collins
WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT	Barbara Dougherty, Deanna Barclay, Diane Wilkinson, Donna Brown, Kelly Culbertson, Kimberly Gross, Lynnette Wynkoop, Nicole Kalita, Stephany Koehne, Susan Halliday
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Antonia Huerta, Jinguang Lin, Ana Reyes, Sam Rounsavell, Carmen Santacruz
RECORDED	Yes

P-3 Alignment Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Welcome and Introductions
Work Group Members introduced themselves.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Kindergarten Partnership and Innovation Updates
<p>KPI is a funding stream that comes into the Early Learning Hub, and we then contract it out to all 12 school districts to support their P3 initiatives. There is a funding formula for equitable distribution among all districts.</p> <p>The Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) hasn't yet shared our funding amount for the upcoming biennium. Once the amount is announced, EL Hub will work with the ESD to get those funds distributed.</p> <p>The Early Literacy funds passed through this legislative session. It is \$10 million statewide for birth to five literacy strategies starting in 2024 and an additional \$10 million for community-based literacy interventions. And then the \$100 million investment to school districts for early literacy instruction in preschool through third grade. The first year of funding is allocated to K-12 school districts and includes preschool. The second year has not been allocated yet. However, there is a possibility of adding to Early Learning Hub funding.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEM	KPI Reporting
The workgroup discussed the challenges of KPI Reporting. Kristi shared what the EL Hub is doing to support our districts.	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Looking Ahead
<p>Kristi asked the workgroup to consider what partners would like to use this meeting time for and if there were any presentation requests.</p> <p>Meeting Chairs are needed for this workgroup. We aim to have partner-led and facilitated workgroup meetings with the Hub acting as support.</p> <p>The workgroup discussed the question, “What made you prioritize this meeting?”. Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gather information about the EL Hub activities • To represent my agency • To build community and network • To learn about partner activities • To learn more about the connections between preschool and K-12 so we can better advocate for each other <p>There was a discussion about resuming in-person meetings. There was consensus to gather in person three times each year, once in each county.</p> <p>The workgroup asked for clarification on the target audience for this group so that they could share this opportunity directly with the intended audience. The target audience is the people in each district whose role involves KPI funding or focusing on P-3 alignment work.</p> <p>Diane was asked to do a future presentation about her P-3 alignment work with Children’s Institute. A Children’s Institute representative should also be invited to that meeting. This presentation could be scheduled in September or October this year.</p>	

P-3 & ECCC/Regional Stewardship

DISCUSSION ITEM	Welcome and Introductions
<p>Work Group Members introduced themselves.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Growing Care Update
<p>Lynnette shared that Growing Care is our region’s recruitment campaign for home-based childcare providers. This campaign is paired with a Business Accelerator program specific to supporting the business needs of a new startup, family childcare businesses. After completing that business accelerator course, individuals can access grant funds to help start their businesses. The Growing Care website will be launched very soon.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEM	Raise Up Oregon, Objective 2
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The next step after the regional system assessment is strategic planning related to the prioritized pathways examined within the regional system assessment.

There was a discussion about the Education Pathways and considering each in terms of:

- Equity of Access
- Affordability
- Career Pathways

DISCUSSION ITEM	Strategic Planning Activity
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The workgroup was divided into breakout rooms to complete a strategic planning activity on Jamboard.

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1kl-IzI6gn1GHgiH6fjZEgDYoAu7dSDbIWYbb1nb4Ud4/edit?usp=sharing>

They were asked to consider:

What strategy would we want to be added to the Strategic Plan to improve Equity of Access, Affordability, and Career Pathways to increase the workforce and child care slots?

The Equity of Access group shared their discussion. The workgroup suggested that language of instruction should also be added.

The Affordability group shared their discussion.

The Career Pathways group shared their discussion.

This workgroup will do similar brainstorming exercises with other priority items on the Raise Up Oregon Objective 2 System map in the next few months. This will help the EL Hub create a strategic plan.

The workgroup agreed that Jamboard is an inclusive way to gather group feedback on these topics.

Early Childhood Coordinating Council Agenda topics

DISCUSSION ITEM	Welcome additional participants
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DISCUSSION ITEM	Jumpstart Update
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Sam shared the number of Jumpstart books requested from 67 local classrooms and providers. Ordering is still ongoing if anyone else would like to join.

DISCUSSION ITEM	Legislative Update Roundtable
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Kristi shared the Oregon Legislative Update 2023 from Children's Institute. That handout will be posted in Basecamp.

Susan shared that school funding was hit and miss in this legislative session. There will be a legislative update for schools next week.

EI/ECSE was expecting flat funding but received a decrease in funding. They are trying to figure out how to maintain service levels with less funding and possibly with staff.

NEXT MEETING	9:30 am, August 16, 2023 Online via Zoom
MEETING ADJOURNED	10:58 am