# Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Governing Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING COMMENCED	2:00 PM, AUGUST 1, 2024 Online via Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	Claire Hall
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Jinguang Lin, Sam Rounsavell, Bryan Steinhauser
VERSION	Approved
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

ROLL CALL		Board Members Present or Absent									
	Pres	entAbsent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent			
Shelagh Baird			Laura Farmer	$\boxtimes$		Stephany Koehne	$\boxtimes$				
DeAnn Brown			Claire Hall	$\boxtimes$		Steve Martinelli	$\boxtimes$				
Belit Burke	$\boxtimes$		Susan Halliday		$\boxtimes$	Bettina Schempf	$\boxtimes$				
Dean Craig	$\boxtimes$		Jason Hay		$\boxtimes$	Paul Smith	$\boxtimes$				
Jeff Davis	$\boxtimes$		Todd Jeter		$\boxtimes$	Diane Wilkinson	$\boxtimes$				
Barbara Dougherty		$\boxtimes$	Lola Jones		$\boxtimes$	Lynnette Wynkoop	$\boxtimes$				
QUORUM											
A Quorum was present. There are currently 18 seated Board members, and 11 were present at this meeting.											

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** LBL Hub Updates

Kristi notified the Board that Al notetakers will not be allowed in EL Hub meetings unless it is a specific accommodation. Many Al notetaker programs have issues with data ownership and confidentiality.

Onward, Eugene completed a Best Place for Working Parents application. Oregon won a Ford Family Grant to become a Best Place Working Parents group statewide. Our Hub will soon receive a login and access to the data. Launching Best Place for Working Parents in our region is included in our Strategic Plan.

FISCAL REPORT Matt Grams

Matt presented the revenue, expenditures, and miscellaneous reports for June 2024. The Board asked about Pollywog's expenditures and funding levels for the second year of the biennium. Kristi explained that there are pending grants and grant proposals, and we hope to be awarded additional funds.

CONSENTI	TEMS	Ju	June 2024 Meeting Minutes								
The Board was asked to approve the June 2024 meeting minutes.											
Motion: Belit Burke											
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Laura Farmer											
	Υ	Ν	Α		Y	Ν	Α		Y	N	Α
Shelagh Baird				Laura Farmer	$\boxtimes$			Stephany Koehne			$\boxtimes$
DeAnn Brown				Claire Hall	$\boxtimes$			Steve Martinelli	$\boxtimes$		
Belit Burke	$\boxtimes$			Susan Halliday				Bettina Schempf	$\boxtimes$		
Dean Craig	$\boxtimes$			Jason Hay				Paul Smith			$\boxtimes$
Jeff Davis	$\boxtimes$			Todd Jeter				Diane Wilkinson	$\boxtimes$		
Barbara Dougherty				Lola Jones				Lynnette Wynkoop	$\boxtimes$		
VOTING RESULTS Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)											
Abstentions: Stephany Koehne, Paul Smith											
The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.											

DISCUSSION ITEM Additional Early Literacy Fund Request

Kristi shared that at the last Board meeting, there was a goal of getting more of these funds into Lincoln County. A proposal was received from Lincoln County School District asking for \$15,800.27. There are about \$50,000 in funding available.

The Board asked for the total award amount for the Birth to Five literacy funds. Matt responded that \$241,700 was the total award.

DISCUSSION VOTE Additional Early Literacy Fund Request											
The Board was asked to approve the Lincoln County School District proposal for Early Literacy Funds.											
Motion: Paul Smith											
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Bettina Schempf											
	Υ	Ν	Α		Υ	N	Α		Y	N	Α
Shelagh Baird				Laura Farmer	$\boxtimes$			Stephany Koehne	$\boxtimes$		
DeAnn Brown				Claire Hall	$\boxtimes$			Steve Martinelli	$\boxtimes$		
Belit Burke	$\boxtimes$			Susan Halliday				Bettina Schempf	$\boxtimes$		
Dean Craig	$\boxtimes$			Jason Hay				Paul Smith	$\boxtimes$		
Jeff Davis	$\boxtimes$			Todd Jeter				Diane Wilkinson			$\boxtimes$
Barbara Dougherty				Lola Jones				Lynnette Wynkoop	$\boxtimes$		
VOTING RESULTS Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)											
Abstentions: Diane Wilkinson											
The Board	voted	to ap	prove	the Item as	presei	nted.					

# **DISCUSSION ITEM** Funding Proposal for Title IV-B2 Funds

Kristi explained the tighter regulations around how Title IV-B2 funds can be spent and details of the proposals being made.

The funding proposals are as follows:

### Family Support Funds:

LPHA Family Connects Programs: \$22,445 each

To support referral services in Connect Oregon (Unite Us)

# **Family Preservation Funds:**

Family Tree: \$30,350 Old Mill: \$30,350

To enhance Relief Nursery Services (in alignment with fund requirements)

# Healthy, Stable & Attached Families:

Open, rolling RFA for community-based organizations to offer parenting classes focused on Budgeting/financial planning, Stress Management, Health, and Nutrition.

The Board asked if the Healthy, Stable & Attached Families (HSAF) proposals must be classes or if education, financial literacy, and opportunities such as financial or parenting coaching would be acceptable. Kristi responded that the contract language specifies parenting education, so those would fall under that criteria.

The Board asked if the HSAF proposals could be expanded to include basic needs, such as resource closets, emergency food, diapers, etc. Kristi responded that basic needs

meet the criteria for using the HSAF funds. The Board could entertain a motion to amend the HSAF proposal to include basic needs.

DISCUSSIO	DISCUSSION VOTE   Amendment to the HSAF program for Title IV-B2 Funds										
The Board was asked to approve and amend the HSAF program to include basic needs. Motion: Laura Farmer											
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Paul Smith											
	Υ	N	Α		Y	Ν	Α		Y	Ν	Α
Shelagh Baird				Laura Farmer	$\boxtimes$			Stephany Koehne			
DeAnn Brown				Claire Hall	$\boxtimes$			Steve Martinelli	$\boxtimes$		
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Jeff Davis	$\boxtimes$			Todd Jeter				Diane Wilkinson	$\boxtimes$		
Barbara Dougherty				Lola Jones				Lynnette Wynkoop	$\boxtimes$		
VOTING RE	SULTS	Ir	ndividu	ual Votes ca	st by B	oard I	Memb	ers (Yes, No,	Absto	nin)	
Abstention	s: Nor	ne									
The Board	voted	to ap	prove	the Item as	presei	nted.					
DISCUSSIO	DISCUSSION VOTE Funding Proposals for Title IV-B2 Funds with amendment										
The Board was asked to approve the amended Funding Proposals for Title IV-B2 Funds.											
Motion: Belit Burke											
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Laura Farmer											
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Shelagh	Y	N	A	Laura	Y	N	A	Stephany	Y	N	A
Baird				Farmer				Koehne			
DeAnn Brown				Claire Hall				Steve Martinelli			
Belit Burke				Susan Halliday				Bettina Schempf			$\boxtimes$
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VOTING RE	SULTS	Ir	ıdividu	ual Votes cas	st by B	oard 1	Memb	ers (Yes, No,	Absto	in)	
Abstention	s: Bett	ina Sc	hemp	f							
The Board voted to approve the Item as presented.											

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

2024-2028 EL Hub Strategic Plan - Informational

Kristi presented the final Strategic Plan to the Board. It will be submitted to the state well ahead of schedule. The plan can be found online in digital flipbook form at <a href="https://issuu.com/pollywogprogram/docs/2024-2028\_strategic\_plan">https://issuu.com/pollywogprogram/docs/2024-2028\_strategic\_plan</a>.

The Board asked if the EL Hub Board or staff members were involved in the LBCC campus-wide strategic planning process. Several people shared that they are participating.

#### **PROGRAM UPDATE**

Kristi mentioned the Business Liaison update that is included in the Board packet.

The Board asked about the growth of our region's new child care businesses. Bryan responded that he believes there is and that the data will be available by the next Board meeting.

Bryan gave an update on Growing Care funding, including pending grants and grant proposals.

The Board asked about Growing Care outreach in Lincoln County. Bryan discussed the existing marketing strategies there.

The Board asked about the criteria for applying for home-based child care funding. Bryan responded that getting licensed is the most critical criterion. Lynette added that there is an emphasis on accepting ERDC and providing infant and toddler care.

The Board asked about a funding dashboard for Growing Care. Kristi clarified that grant funds supporting Growing Care are not part of the Early Learning Hub budget but are directly funneled to the CCR&R Family Connections.

Bryan shared about future Business Outreach Initiative projects and partnerships.

NEXT MEETING	2:00 pm, September 5, 2024 Online via Zoom
MEETING ADJOURNED	2:42 pm