

of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties

# Governing Board Packet December 2024

Governing Board Early Learning Hub December 5, 2024 Iblearlylearninghub.org

### **Packet Overview**

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## **Agenda**

### **Governing Board Members**

Claire Hall, Co-Chair Lincoln County Commissione:

Lola Jones, Co-Chaii Samaritan House

Shelagh Baird Samaritan Health Service

DeAnn Brown

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Belit Burke
Department of Human Services

Dean Craig Willamette Workforce Partnershi,

Jett Davis Linn-Benton Community College

Barbara Dougherty Samaritan Farly Learning Centel

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Susan Halliday
Philomath School District

Jason Hay Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service Distric

Todd Jeter

IHN-CCO – Standing Position

Stephany Koehne
Kids & Company of Linn Count

Tammi Martin Department of Human Service:

Steve Martinelli Scio School District

Bettina Schempi Old Mill Center

Paul Smith
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Diane Wilkinson Lincoln County School Distric

Lynnette Wynkoop
Child Care Resource & Referra



# Governing Board Meeting

December 5, 2024 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Members of the public who want to make public comment must sign in. During the public comment portion of the agenda, each individual speaker will have 3 minutes.

- I. Roll Call Zoom Participants List
- II. Special Presentation Community Capacity Building Fund Grant, LeAnne Trask
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Fiscal Report
- VI. Consent Items
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- VIII. Next Meeting February 6, 2024. In-person at LBCC Albany campus
- IX. Adjournment

All members of the EL Hub Governing Board *must disclose* when they believe they have or may have a conflict of interest and may participate in discussions that are leading to consensus. If, however, consensus cannot be reached and the group uses the fallback voting process, the individual with the conflict of interest may not participate in that final vote.

## **Fiscal Report**

### October Financial Narrative



## MONTH-END DETAILS

### Revenue:

In the month of October, we received our monthly amounts of \$34,200.81 for Coordination For Pollywog we received \$82,145.05 from IHN-CCO for October through December. Also under Pollywog, we received \$10,686 for Asset Mapping.

### **Expenditures**:

Wages came to a total of \$55,057.02 for the month of October. The benefits total was \$37,553.41. And the total for services and supplies came to a total of \$4,975.64.

### Other Information:

We are still in discussions with IHN-CCO about an MOU for future services of Pollywog.

# **October Financial Summary**

# Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties Early Learning Hub - 2-Year Budget (7/1/23 - 6/30/25)

Governing Board Summary Financial Update as of the end of October 2024

Revenues		Budget	Current Month			YTD		Balance	% Revd	
Grant Resources										
Pollywog	\$	497,694.65	\$	92,830.05	Ş	344,913.80	\$	152 <b>,78</b> 0.85	69%	
State Resources										
Dept. of Education - ELD - Coordination (carry-over)	\$	132,779.30	\$	-	\$	1 <b>32,779.30</b>	\$	-	100%	
Coordination	\$	817,724.00	\$	34,200.81	\$	544,117.53	\$	273,606.47	67%	
Coordinated Enrollment	\$	725,074.00			\$	523,733.50	\$	201,340.50	72%	
Reimbursement Grants										
Dept. of Education - Title IV-B2	\$	238,744.00	\$	-	\$	17,802.00	\$	220,942.00	7%	
Dept. of Education - Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation	\$	719,514.00	Ċ		\$	128,714.51	\$	590,799.49	18%	
Total All Resources	\$	3,131,529.95	\$	127,030.86	\$	1,692,060.64	\$	1,439,469.31	54%	
Expenditures		Budget		Current Month		YTD		Bajance	% Used	
Grant Expenditures		•								
Pollywog Program	\$	497,694.65	\$	23,281.88	\$	409,744.49	\$	87,950.16	82%	
State Expenditures	•		•	,	•		•			
Coordination	\$	950,503,30	\$	38,157,47	\$	605,814.87	\$	344,688,43	64%	
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## **Consent Items**

## **October Meeting Minutes**

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

MEETING COMMENCED	2:00 pm, October 3, 2024 Old Mill Center, 1650 SW 45th St, Corvallis, OR 97333, Owl Rm
MEETING CALLED BY	Lola Jones
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Kristi Collins, Matt Grams, Sam Rounsavell, LeAnne Trask
OTHERS PRESENT	Nancy Hauth, DELC Hub Coordinator; Tammi Martin, ODHS Self Sufficiency Program; Tabietha Hunter, Strengthening Rural Families
VERSION	Draft
RECORDED	Yes

Agenda topics

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ROLL CALL	Во	Board Members Present or Absent						
	Present	Absent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Shelagh Baird		$\boxtimes$	Laura Farmer			Stephany Koehne		
DeAnn Brown		$\boxtimes$	Claire Hall		$\boxtimes$	Steve Martinelli	$\boxtimes$	
Belit Burke			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			Lola Jones			Lynnette Wynkoop	$\boxtimes$	
QUORUM								
A Quorum was present. There are currently 18 seated Board members, and 13 were present at this meeting.								

DISCUSSION ITEM	Welcome and Introductions				
Board Members introduced themselves.					

DISCUSSION VOTE Board Representatives											
The Board was asked to approve Tammi Martin as the Oregon Department of Human Services representative and Belit Burke as the Linn County Human & Social Services representative.											
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2 <sup>nd</sup> : Laura l	Farme	r									
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Barbara Dougherty				Lola Jones				Lynnette Wynkoop			
VOTING RESULTS Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)											
Abstentions: None											
The Board voted to approve the Item as presented.											

# SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Role of Hubs

Kristi updated the Board on the work that has been happening with Early Learning, Hub directors, DELC leadership, the BUILD initiative, and the Early Learning Council, focusing on the role of hubs and what is shared work around the State versus the work each Hub individually prioritizes in their own regions. The goal is to define our shared role as a Hub system and identify what support Hubs need, specifically around infrastructure, training, and technical assistance from DELC. A draft agreement document was shared.

Kristi reviewed the following items defined in the document:

- The first purpose of Early Learning Hubs is to advance the regional early childhood system
- The second purpose is our work to expand access to early care and education, opportunities, and partnerships with our child care, resources, and referral.
- To do this work, Hubs function as conveners, connectors, and capacity builders

The Board was asked to consider how our strategic plan aligns with the State's definition of the Early Learning Hub's role. Kristi reviewed each of the following points and shared how our current strategic plan addresses them:

- Build community support for the shared vision and facilitate opportunities for partners to integrate that vision into their own work plans.
- Identify and prioritize barriers children and families experience when accessing support and achieving positive outcomes, and work to remove prioritized barriers.

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- Create and promote opportunities for family leadership and advocacy to ensure the regional early childhood system is family-centered
- Convene and lead regional implementation of statewide early childhood initiatives

The Board discussed the role of the backbone organization in the work of an Early Learning Hub and was asked to share feedback on the relationship between our Hub and our backbone organization, LBCC.

It was noted that our role with our backbone and with our governing board is high functioning. It is working the way it's supposed to work with the board, having the authority to take action and make decisions, and the backbone working as that fiscal agent who does the hiring and the staffing. However, the work is led by the board and the staff rather than the priorities and mission of the backbone organization. We align with the backbone organization's priorities and mission, but that's not what drives the work.

### Feedback included:

- In the early days, when there was a change from the Commission on Children and Family system to the Early Learning Hubs, there was a great deal of organizational humility within our new Early Learning Hub and Governing Board. We worked to hear the concerns of providers on the ground and to assure them that we would retain the flexibility and the ability to move forward in a way that felt meaningful for our individual counties.
- LBCC, as a backbone, has been supportive. It had internal skills and structures (HR, IT, etc.) to support a developing EL Hub. The ties to early learning work already at the college were beneficial.
- LBCC was already grounded in coalition work when it became the backbone of the EL Hub. The people involved in the establishment of this Hub were already familiar with collective impact and the importance of coordination and alignment.
- There is a vibrant connection with LBCC as a backbone organization because, in the community college setting, we have the early learning accreditation program that is educating the employees that we are hiring
- LBCC kept the expectations elegant and small and in a way that could be achievable. It is comfortable with trusting professionals and getting out of the way.
- Coalition work includes systemic partners, such as IHN-CCO, DHS, ESD, etc., who work in all three counties.

The Board was asked to consider what has helped the Hub thrive through transitions in leadership at our backbone.

### Feedback included:

- Clear roles and autonomy of our El Hub
- Centered on policy and infrastructure. Allows Hub to be nimble in changes in the community.
- Board members are allowed to be subject experts, which lends the Board a vibrancy not found in all community action agencies.
- A focus on supporting successful programs already in place to do better.

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

The Board acknowledged Head Start Awareness Month.

Pollywog's existing contract with IHN-CCO was ending on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Funding has been secured through the end of the year, and then the MOU will be reviewed. Todd shared that the IHN deeply values Pollywog and will be working to create a contract that offers longer-term stability to the program in the future.

### FISCAL REPORT Matt Grams

Matt presented the revenue, expenditures, and miscellaneous reports for August 2024. The Board asked about the deficit. A resolution is expected by the end of the quarter. It is a timing issue.

CONSENTITEMS August 2024 Meeting Minutes											
The Board was asked to approve the August 2024 meeting minutes.											
Motion: Bettina Schempf											
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jeff Davis											
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VOTING RESULTS Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)											
Abstentions: none											
The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.											

### DISCUSSION ITEM Strategic Plan Update Development of a Work Plan

Our strategic plan was approved by the Board and submitted to DELC. Kristi is working with workgroups to gather priorities and feedback to develop a 2025 work plan. The board was asked for input on how involved they would like to be in the work plan development.

The Board commented that work groups have been successful in the past and would be a good path for the future. There was a general consensus that the Board would like to approve the final work plan. The timeline for a work plan is driven by the state deliverable deadline. A draft will be available for the Board to review by the February meeting.

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The Board asked if any new workgroups would be needed to cover all aspects of the strategic plan. Our current workgroups will be able to cover most necessary topics, and there has been discussion of using standing meetings to get feedback from homevisiting workgroups.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM** Draft Food & Gift Card Policy

DELC has shared a draft of the food and gift card policy for Early Learning Hubs. Hub directors were given the opportunity to provide feedback on that draft. This policy will apply to contracts after September 1 st.

The Board discussed the intentions behind such a policy and what concerns it may be attempting to address. Board members expressed concern that this policy will make it more difficult for Hubs to do parent engagement work and subcontractors to do their work in the community.

This policy is now in the Equity workgroup at DELC. There are differences in guidelines between partner meetings and community meetings.

This policy will apply to DELC funds used by Hub subcontractors.

It was suggested that the Hub present the final policy once available to LBCC.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM** Birth to Five Literacy Funds Update

The El Hub has about \$27,000 left of these funds to send out to community partners. Projects being considered are:

- Culturally specific books to Tribal Head Start
- Books for Home Visitors to share with families they visit

The Board shared that Newport Public Library has found books in Mam. These would be a good addition to our project.

The Board suggested investigating books in languages including Arabic, Farsi, Mam, Ukrainian, etc. It was suggested that the Hub purchase the books and then distribute them to partners.

It was suggested that some funds be reserved to help cover registration fees, stipending, or associated expenses for the upcoming Early Literacy Conference.

DISCUSSION VOTE Birth to Five Literacy Funds											
The Board was asked to authorize the Early Learning Hub to spend \$17,05.63 on purchasing books, specifically prioritizing culturally specific books, tribal books, and books in different languages. And allocate \$10,000 to a fund to cover registration fees, stipending, or associated expenses for those attending the Early Learning. At the time of the conference. Whatever is not spent in that \$10,000 line will be revisited upon the book buying line.											
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VOTING RESULTS Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)											
Abstentions: None											
The Board voted to approve the Item as presented.											

### **DISCUSSION ITEM** Jumpstart and Holiday Resource Guide

Sam shared that 38 organizations are participating this year. The Hub has purchased and is distributing 225 books in English and 100 books in Spanish. Each book is a special edition that includes play-based activities to support children's learning and engagement while reading. Read for the Record Day is Thursday, October 24.

Jumpstart's Read for the Record is the world's largest shared reading experience, celebrating early literacy and supporting children's early language and social-emotional development. The annual initiative raises awareness of the critical importance of early literacy and access to inclusive, high-quality books through shared reading.

DELC will assemble a legislative report on the Birth to Five Literacy Funds. So, our Hub will be collecting testimonials, event pictures, and information about Jumpstart and Read for the Record Day in our region to add to that report.

Sam gave an update on Pollywog's annual Holiday Resource Guide project. In 2022, 95 organizations were contacted, and 76 were listed. In 2023, 125 were contacted, and 82 were listed. So far this year, over 140 organizations have been contacted, and so far, more than 80 have agreed to be listed. We are emailing and calling to gather resources before our Nov 1st publication date.

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DISCUSSION ITEM	Growing Care					
Lynnette shared a growing care update.						

NEXT MEETING	2:00 pm, November 7, 2024 Online via Zoom
MEETING ADJOURNED	3:11 pm

### **Discussion Items**

### 2025 Board Meeting Schedule



# 2025 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

January 2, 2025	No Meeting
February 6, 2025	10-year Celebration! Governing Board Retreat Time TBD, In-person at LBCC Albany campus
March 6, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, Online via Zoom
April 3, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, Online via Zoom
May 1, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, Online via Zoom
June 5, 2025	No Meeting
June 26, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, In-person, Lincoln County
July 3, 2025	No Meeting
August 7, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, Online via Zoom
September 4, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, Online via Zoom
October 2, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, In-person, Benton County
November 6, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, Online via Zoom
December 4, 2025	2:00 – 4:00 pm, Online via Zoom

Unless otherwise advertised, all board meetings will be open to the public. Time for public comment will be scheduled after the Special Presentation at approximately 2:30 pm. The Zoom link for our meetings is posted in Basecamp, or you may contact us to request the link at elhub@linnbenton.edu.

The Governing Board of the Early Learning Hub of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties brings partners together to understand and find solutions for the unique problems of our region and fulfill the mission of the Early Learning Hub to increase family stability, improve kindergarten readiness, and ensure service coordination that is equitable and culturally and linguistically competent.

### **DELC Work Plan & Strategic Plan Update**





700 Summer Street NE #350 Salem, Oregon 97301 DELC.Info@delc.oregon.gov Oregon.gov/delc

November 15, 2024

Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub Linn-Benton Community College 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW LM-127 Albany, Oregon 97231

Dear Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub,

This letter is to notify you of a change in the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Deliverable for your Early Learning Hub Grant #23038. Due to the ongoing work with BUILD, The Department of Early Learning & Care has decided to remove the Strategic Plan as a mandatory submission for this cycle. Instead, it will be an optional document.

This adjustment ensures that we align strategically with the timing of the efforts surrounding the BUILD initiative. Looking ahead to the 25-27 biennium, we are excited to streamline deliverables and improve processes to better support your work.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we continue this important work. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your Hub Coordinator.

Regards,

### Karla Branson

Karla Branson, MS Grant Manager Department of Early Learning & Care

**The Mission** of the Department of Early Learning and Care fosters coordinated, culturally appropriate, and family-centered services that recognize and respect the strengths and needs of all children, families, and early learning and care professionals. **Our Vision** is that all children, families, early care and education professionals, and communities are supported and empowered to thrive.

# Board Retreat, 10th year celebration, DELC Caring Communities visit

No handout for this item