**Early Childhood Hub of Lane County**

**Governance Consortium**

**October 13, 2023**

**1:00 - 2:30pm**

Hybrid Meeting

**NOTES**

**Present:**

Cheryl Henderson, Lane Community College

Judy Newman, Early Childhood CARES

Kellie DeVore, Pacific Source Health Plan

Kraig Sproles, Bethel School District

Noreen Dunnells, United Way of Lane County

Sol Granados, Parent Representative

Holly Mar-Conte, Childcare Sector Strategist

Becky Lamoureux, Moss St School

Megan Miller, Parent Representative

John Lively, Oregon State Representative

Tony Scurto, Lane Education Service District

Debi Farr, Trillium Community Health Plan

Todd Hamilton, Springfield Public Schools

Sheila Wegener, Department of Human Services

**Absent:**

Charleen Strauch, Head Start of Lane County

John Stapleton, PIVOT Architecture

Lane Tompkins, McKenzie School District

Jacob Fox, Homes For Good

Misael Flores Gutierrez, Eugene 4J School District

**Guests:**

Regan Gray, Childcare Policy Advisor

Dana Hepper, Children’s Institute

Sue Wilson, Mapleton School District

**UWLC/Hub Staff:**

Kris Coomes, Co-Dir Early Learning

Michelle Sheng-Palmisano, Co-Dir Early Learning *meeting facilitator*

Anika Miller, UWLC

Amy Bradbury, UWLC

Jessie Daher, Early Learning Hub

Lisa Milton, Early Learning Hub

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Consent Agenda**

* August 11, 2023 meeting notes.
* Acknowledge receipt of written reports

**Action requested:** Motion to approve August 11, 2023 meeting notes, accept or ratify items listed on consent agenda as submitted.

**Motion: Noreen Dunnells** motioned to approve the consent agenda.

**Support: Tony Scurto** seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda.

**Ayes:** Cheryl Henderson, Judy Newman, Kellie DeVore, Kraig Sproles, Noreen Dunnells, Sol Granados Holly Mar-Conte, Becky Lamoureux, Megan Miller, John Lively, Tony Scurto, Debi Farr, Todd Hamilton **Nays:** none **Abstentions:** none

1. **Family Leadership Council Report**
   * Parent representatives Sol Granados & Megan Miller
     + October meeting included a pizza party and discussion about Social Emotional Learning with Pacific Source’s Katharine Ryan
     + Meeting take-aways:
       - Of 107 therapists contracted with Pacific Source, only **7 speak Spanish** and only in Eugene
       - Therapy for children aged 0-5 very difficult to find
2. **Regional System Assessment:** [**Zoom recording of this portion of the meeting**](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/uTldmBkzglEzEkPsomyj3XwGowkDnDgUj0B1y62JEdOCfyd2wZPoqszjglPGE5ID.91JeYc9c0OqxeQcc?startTime=1697228271000)

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* Higher wages/benefits for the Lane County Early Child Care workforce

**Regan Gray: *Child Care Policy Advisor at Family Forward***

Refer to attached Power Point Presentation

**Dana Hepper: *Director of Policy & Advocacy at Children’s Institute***

* In 2015, DELC set Preschool Promise wages that are comparable to other providers
  + PSP salary was closer to kindergarten salary
  + Great for PSP but caused pain/strife in communities because Head Start was not included
* Start telling the concrete stories (Early Childhood Childcare/Teachers making 29k with a bachelor’s degree; 70% qualify for services themselves)
* Healthy Families Oregon and Relief Nursery
* Starting in 2024, OCCD will begin providing $500 direct payments to child care workers once a year for the next 2 years.
* Local actions we can take to support this work?
  + Piloting universal child care in a small area with livable wages
  + Investments in this sector
  + Multnomah County tax ballot for childcare and preschool: could we do that here?
  + Oakridge, Lowell, Florence, Dune City: universal care in the Florence community. If they get the grant 18–36 month planning time
* How do we balance the immediate crisis and long-term solutions?
  + Build the programs so when federal dollars flow in, there is programming/pipeline
* County ballot issues

1. Updates & Announcements
   * **Raise Up Oregon 2.0 has been released**: <https://www.oregon.gov/delc/about-us/pages/raise-up-oregon.aspx> Oregon’s comprehensive state system plan for early childhood, prenatal to age five. The plan brings together government leaders from early care and education, public education, higher education, health, housing, and human services.
   * Oregon Health and Education Collaborative Update: **Has a cohort of 19 participants in the Child Care Business Accelerator program at this time and they are halfway to completion**.
   * **Suspension & Expulsion Prevention RFA**: The Early Childhood Hub, Quality Care Connections and Oregon Community Programs submitted an application. DELC replied with clarifying questions on 11/6/23. The team will meet again and re-submit.
2. **Adjourn**

***NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 8, 2023, 1:00 – 2:30 PM***