

Lane Early Learning Alliance

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**Lane Early Learning Alliance
Governance Consortium
September 9, 2022
3:00-4:30pm
Virtual Meeting**

NOTES

Present:

Adrian Pollut, Parent Representative
Brian K Johnson, Lane County Public Health
John Lively, Oregon State Representative
Annie Soto, Head Start of Lane County
Ilana Jakubowski, First Place Kids
Kraig Sproles, Bethel School District
Leslie Cooper Parsons, Head Start of Lane County
Kim Giansante, Early Childhood Cares
Kellie DeVore, PacificSource Health Plan
Nicole Desch, Onward Eugene
Noreen Dunnells, United Way of Lane County
Sheila Wegener, Department of Human Services
Tony Scurto, Lane Education Service District
Marian Blankenship, Pacific Source Health Plan
Tina Gutierrez-Schmich, Bethel School District
Cheryl Henderson, Lane Community College
Jacob Fox, Homes For Good

Absent:

Melissa Ibarra, Eugene 4J School District
Reta Doland, Oakridge School District
Todd Hamilton, Springfield Public Schools
Nina Watkins, Parent Representative
Debi Farr, Trillium Community Health Plan
John Stapleton, PIVOT Architecture
Leslie Finlay, Relief Nursery
Sue Wilson, Superintendent of Maple
Judy Newman, Early Childhood CARES
Jeanine Taylor, Early Childhood CARES

UWLC/ELA Staff:

Michelle Sheng-Palmisano, Dir Early Learning Strat,
meeting facilitator
Jaycob Nolte, Impact Program Coordinator

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Public Comment

IV. Consent Agenda

Approval of the August 12, 2022 meeting notes.

Action requested: Motion to approve, 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: Adrian Pollut, Brian K Johnson, John Lively, Annie Soto, Ilana Jakubowski, Kraig Sproles, Leslie Cooper Parsons, Kim Giansante, Kellie DeVore, Nicole Desch, Sheila Wegner, Marian Blakenship, Tina Gutierrez-Schmich, Cheryl Henderson **Nays:** None; **Abstentions:** None

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V. Early Childhood Hub Strategic Planning: Part I – Hub Overview

- Over the next fiscal year, The Early Learning Alliance will be engaging in strategic planning with the intent to align our strategies with our hub goals, be more efficient with our resources, & intentional about the programs and initiatives we support.
- Part one of this includes a comprehensive overview of the work within our early learning and parenting education hub.
- Part two will be at the next meeting where we will come together and look at what we can do to adjust better to our goals or stay the course
- A PowerPoint outlining Part 1 was shared and gone through with the group
- A question to consider while the presentation is going; think about the implications in terms of resources we might need or services in the community that are already being used and might be not needed by UWLC

Group Discussion:

- Kraig asked if the LETRS trainings have already been completed to see if Bethel teachers can attend and will follow-up with Michelle after the meeting
- Things that the group would like to learn more about to help the group plan:
 - Talk surrounding if the team already has an established Strategic Plan
 - No, this is to try and take a step back and look at the goals as a hub and see if they align with the work that the GC wants to do/are helping with
 - Mainly looking at mission and vision
 - There are no certain KPI (Key Performance Indicators) goals that need to be looked at
 - Goal is to look from what are the goals as a hub and if the GC feel that all the work is aligned
 - Scope of all of the different programs geographically and the amount of access by families that each has
 - What are the resources needed to create and sustain certain programs (KITS/PSP)
 - Understanding where the funding comes from and what projects they support
 - Also looking at the braided funding and seeing what impact certain programs have on others
 - There is interest in looking into demographic and enrollment numbers
 - Jacob Fox wants to know if there is a way to see educational achievement for children who are in a program supported by united way and see how are the kids that do early learning programs performing in schools
 - Look to see if we can look at Headstart's data; Noreen stated that United Way has also drawn on Dept of Ed data regarding 3rd grade literacy rates. The last year we collected that data was, 2018 when the 3rd grade literacy rate was at 47% of students were reading proficiently.
 - Look at areas that need more support and if we have what we need to fully support it
- Noreen states that organizationally United Way of Lane County is using a global results framework created by United Way Worldwide to do a deep dive into what resources are needed, what KPIs UWLC can develop and a dashboard is going to be created but it is still in the works.
- Michelle is going to send out a poll to gauge interest in having an in-person meeting for October
- If you have requests for information before the next meeting please email Michelle and Claire

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VI. Updates & Announcements

- **Thank you to Marian Blankenship and Jeanine Taylor** for their service on the Governance Consortium and unwavering commitment to families and children in Lane County. We wish you the best!
- Childcare start-up, expansion, and consortium grants
 - The stabilization grants have all ended in August, which has affected agencies because some cannot continue to have staff at the increased salary they had when the grants were in effect.
 - Last week the ELD sent out the startup and expansion grants
 - QCC (Quality Care Connections) told local CCRNRs (Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies) are the ones releasing applications to local parties
 - A website has been created with more information
 - There was an info session held last night where 12 people attended
 - She would like to bring to the GC a state of child care in lane county with how many childcare slots there are in Lane county and where they are
 - This would also be an opportunity to try and get the word out to more businesses about the grant and to expand the community of people served
 - Maybe the GC can help Cheryl and staff look at one area of lane county to see where childcare can expand where we know extreme childcare deserts
 - Wants to share more information while these funds are out there to show the impact we have on an area in Lane Conty
 - Cheryl will bring more data to the next meeting to see who is interested in a focus group about one area in lane county
 - Sheila shared that the ODHS is interested and is looking already at Oakridge
- Family Leadership Council
 - Amy Trieu from the children's institute an advocacy agency for early childhood
 - Asked about how they would like their stories to be used in advocacy for their children and some of the ways they have already been advocating
 - The ball is rolling on parents trying to advocate on the political level not just the school board level
 - The group feels a lot of pushback from the places that they are advocating at, and the Spanish speaking members of the group feel there is no cultural responsiveness there is a head pat and they aren't being taken seriously
 - In the political sphere no one sees that this is a necessary interest
- Childcare Sector Strategist
 - The job is posted
- Social-Emotional Kinder Readiness Metric
 - They in partner with Trillium and ELA with stakeholders to create a steering committee
 - Discussed key activities within the metric are building capacity, cross sector, addressing and removing systemic barriers, and using child level data to drive and guide the efforts
 - Looking a lot at the data that the CCO's have around the health complexity with the kids to identify actions within the community for systemic changes and driven by the data
 - Great first meeting with no clear identified next steps due to the larger conversations

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- First 3-4 years of the metrics are largely process measures so will take a lot more discussions to determine the action step

- Early Learning Alliance/LaneKids rebranding
 - Still in the works, will hopefully be completed by the end of the month

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 14, 2022, 3:00 – 4:30 PM