



Southern Oregon
Early Learning Services

SOELS Agency Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

May 13, 2016 10:00-12:00pm

SOESD

101 N. Grape St.

Medford

10:00-10:10	Introductions and Approval of the Minutes	Mary-Curtis Gramley
10:10-10:30	Program Updates	Group
10:30-10:45	The Parent Advisory Council Gathering input re: a New Idea	Mary-Curtis Gramley
10:45-11:00	Family Resource Coordination System	Mary-Curtis Gramley
11:00-11:40	Meeting children's needs through agency collaboration 1. What does this look like?	Mary-Curtis Gramley
11:40-11:45	Bus is Us Update	Diane Conrad
11:55-12:00	Vroom Update	Diane Conrad

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June 10, 2016

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Members in Attendance: Susan Abblitt (AllCare Health), Hannah Ancel (Jackson Care Connect), Marian Barker (Jackson County Library) Gina Dusenbury (Head Start), Felicity Elworthy (Head Start), Tamara Falls (Advantage Dental), Michelle Gallas (Imagine That...), Patty Gutierrez (Listo), Rosemary Jernigan (DHS), Deb Murphy (Rogue Community College), Linda Otto (GrandMas2Go), Carrie Prechtel (211info), Cathleen Price (Child Care Resource Network), Heidi Schultz (Douglas ESD EI/ECSE), Sunny Spicer (Kid Time!), Pam Thompson-Arbogast (SOESD Early Childhood Services), Rachel Wilson (Jackson County Mental Health), Mary Wolf (Child Care Resource Network)

SOELS Staff Members Present: Mary-Curtis Gramley, Teresa Slater, Diane Conrad, Kathi Philby

Guests in Attendance: No guests in attendance

Welcome, Introductions, & Call to Order

Mary-Curtis started the meeting at 10:08 am and welcomed everyone.

Introductions and Approval of the Minutes

Teresa Slater asked for an approval of the April minutes, Felicity Elworthy made the motion of approval and Carrie Prechtel seconded the motion.

Program Updates

Tamara Falls- Advantage Dental is coordinating oral health services with the schools. House Bill 2972 has been introduced and will require children to have a dental screening before entering school. Tamara is also part of Southern Oregon Health-E and the group is available to provide trainings on Cultural Agility, ACES, and Trauma Informed Care for groups.

Felicity Elworthy- Head Start is applying for grants to expand services to children and families by offering more hours and an extended school year. It would allow 40% of Head Start children these additional services. She also updated the group about Preschool Promise going into Grants Pass High School and Lorna Burn. Head Start is currently in the recruitment phase for next Fall. Felicity also updated on the Family Connection, stating that they have submitted and are waiting for a response.

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Gina Dusenbury- Spearheading the Trauma Informed Committee. This committee will look at environments and how we currently do trainings in order to make changes in practice.

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Sunny Spicer- The first group of children attended Kid Time through the Bus is Us project, supported by Jackson Care Connect and SOELS. The children were from OnTrack, and one little boy said, "this is the best day of my life". Mary-Curtis added that the bus will be running twice a week with this group of children and we will work to obtain baseline data and evaluate progress made in a variety of areas.

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Cathleen Price- As part of the Kinder-Transition Grant, CCRN will conduct a SMART Equity Workshop June 11th all day. It is a Step 2 Training. CCRN is in negotiations for additional SMART slots. They received permission to use Silicon Valley's Kindergarten readiness document. Using this document CCRN will offer readiness workshops in both counties in June, July, and August.

Deborah Murphy- Classes for the new Family Support Services Degree will be available during the summer. Online registration opens on May 20th.

Family Resource Coordination System

Mary-Curtis led a discussion with the group about the information shared through updates and how the many resources can be used by each agency to work with their own clients. She introduced a more expansive way for the Hub to build the early childhood system. She is looking at ways to shift the work and to think differently about the work we do.

Mary-Curtis' introduced a possible new organizational structure and referred attendees to the document titled "SOELS Southern Oregon Family Resource Collaborative". She aims to refocus on target populations and frame it around the concept of Family Resource Coordinator. This model is patterned after a similar one developed by the Clackamas County Early Learning Hub. The goal is to clarify our commitment to the children and the families we serve. Mary-Curtis invited everyone to review and share their thoughts as well as make additions to the lists of agencies/resources Michelle commented, having this is a great tool.

There were questions pertaining to Hub staff and their role in direct families to the resources. Tamara and Felicity asked for clarity on the matter of the Hub providing direct services. 211 info was mentioned as being a referral source. Tamara suggested having a team of people triaging the needs of the highest risk families. Felicity added that some of our most vulnerable are not in any system, so how do we serve them.? Rosemary talked about the culture shift of DHS and that it is their goal to have case managers take on different roles. DHS will be a critical partner to the Hub's new model and a part of this work will be done by DHS. Rachel shared her prior experience in Klamath Falls with the Family Navigation Program. She recommends talking with DHS in Klamath about their program and how it can help with the Hub's vision.

Next Meeting

The next AAC meeting will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016 10:00am-12:00pm
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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm by Mary-Curtis Gramley.

Recorded by Hub Staff.

