



Steering Committee – September 19, 2017
 AllCare Health, Main Conference Room
 1701 NE 7th Street, Grants Pass
 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Date/Time: 9/19/2017

Location: AllCare, Grants Pass

Members Present (X): See attendance record

	Hannah Ancel Jackson Care Connect	*	Rosemary Jernigan DHS, District 8		Lisa O'Connor FNC
	Scott Beveridge SOESD		Jennifer Johnstun Primary Health of Jo Co		Kelly Soter Jackson Elementary
X	Amy Buehler Jackson Co. Mental Health	X	Karla McCafferty Options of So Oregon	X	Pam Thompson Arbogast EI/ECSE
X	Susan Fischer AllCare CCO	X	Eileen Micke-Johnson RCC	X	Mary Wolf CCRN
X	Michelle Gallas Imagine That		Lee Murdoch Retired Physician	X	Susan Zottola GP SD #7
X	Martha Ibarra Hispanic Comm Rep	X	Nancy Nordyke SO Head Start		

*Participating on the Phone – *Please note, R. Jernigan's phone failed at about 4:30pm.*

Staff:

X	Rene Brandon Director	X	Chelsea Reinhart Early Learning Facilitator		
X	Teresa Slater Early Learning Facilitator	X	Molly McLaughlin Early Learning Facilitator		

Guests: No guests present

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND GREETINGS

N. Nordyke called the meeting to order @ 4:08 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 16, 2017 approved. Motion by S. Fischer/Second by E. Micke-Johnson

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

R. Brandon: Vote on Investment Priorities, Action Item

BUDGET REPORT

S. Fischer announced all funding streams were fully spent out, with the exception of Healthy, Stable and Attached Families which had a remaining balance of \$14,466.44. Family Support funding also had a remaining balance of \$25,488.15 but The Early Learning Division has allowed an extension and is working with SOESD to determine how to spend this money out by December 31, 2017.

Rene' shared that Howard George has retired as Business Manager of SOESD. His successor, Daniel Weaver started today, and will be mentored by Douglas ESD's Chief Financial Officer. This should resolve problems related to Infinite Visions, the financial system which has been in place since January 2017, as Douglas ESD has been using the software for several years and is able to provide technical support to Daniel as he begins his position as SOESD. The hub has requested formal training to run reports soon, which will enable us to more effectively manage funds in a timely manner.

NEW BIENNIUM FUNDING

While Early Learning Hubs experienced budget cuts in the new biennium at the state level of 11%, Southern Oregon will actually see an increase in funding. This is due to the increase in the number of aged 0-6 at-risk children and families in our region, based on new SNAP data. SNAP numbers are using by ELD as a proxy for the number of at-risk children in each region. The number increased by 1,321; from 16,009 in 2015 to 17,330 children in 2017. We are not sure if the changes are due to relocation, increased birth rate, or a rise in existing children falling into this category. We are interested in determining the causes of increases to some regions and decreases to others. Jeremy Player, Region 8 DHS manager, said he would look into it at the September Southern Oregon Success Steering Committee.

Funding streams for 2017-2019 biennium, excluding Preschool Promise, will result in net increase of about \$300,000 for SOELS. Preschool Promise will see an increase from 180 to 194 children served for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, due to a 7% increase in funding. Ten of these slots went to Kid Time because the organization had an empty classroom and existing staff.

HUB RECOMMENDED FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR BIENNIUM

Prior to the discussion and voting on funding priorities, Eileen reminded the committee of our Conflict of Interest Policy and asked members to announce if their agency had a real or potential conflict due to the possibility that their agency could financially benefit from decisions made. The following chart notes the announcements made:

Yes	Amy Buehler Jackson Co. Mental Health	No	Rosemary Jernigan DHS, District 8	Yes	Pam Thompson Arbogast EI/ECSE
No	Susan Fischer AllCare CCO	Yes	Karla McCafferty Options of So Oregon	Yes	Mary Wolf CCRN
Yes	Michelle Gallas Imagine That	Yes KPI	Eileen Micke-Johnson RCC	No	Susan Zottola GP SD #7
Yes	Martha Ibarra Hispanic Community Rep	Yes	Nancy Nordyke SO Head Start		

Members were advised that they would not be able to take part in specific discussions from which they could benefit, but that they would be allowed to vote for the overall investment strategy package at the end of the discussion.

The metrics from the 2015-2017 biennium have been replaced by Hub Roles and Indicators. There were inherent challenges with the original metrics primarily because there are not accessible data sources from which to measure progress for the metrics identified and because the metrics were measuring progress that was child and family-specific when the hub does not deliver direct services to children and families and does not have immediate impact on the numbers served. For the 2017-2019 biennium, the Hub is expected to take eight roles in the community, as outlined in the Hub Roles and Indicators Logic Model for 2017, a five-year plan.

To determine where Hub efforts and investments should be focused, SOELS engaged Agency Advisory Council stakeholders in FSG Actor Mapping Sessions in May 2017 to identify sub-groups of our target population, in an attempt to improve supports and system alignment for our children and families. As has been previously shared, the five top sub-categories for our priority populations are:

- Children without early learning opportunities prior to kindergarten
- Children with special needs
- Families in poverty and/or homeless families
- Families experiencing dysfunction in the home (family violence, substance abuse, mental illness, etc.)
- Spanish-speaking families

The document titled *Investment Priorities for 2017-2019* was reviewed and discussed. This document outlines each funding stream, a description of the funding, the amount available this biennium, and the recommended investments based upon regional partnerships and family needs.

It was noted that Family Support funds are the focus of stakeholder dialogue to determine the best use of these funds for the region and that the hub did not have investment recommendations for consideration at the time of the meeting. This will be a topic of conversation at future meetings.

Action Item: Move to approve Investment Priorities as a whole, with an understanding that funding for individual initiatives may be brought back to Steering Committee for additional consideration. M/A. Buehler S/S. Fischer All in favor – no opposition. J. Johnstun was unable to attend the meeting but was able to review the investment priorities prior to the meeting and voted in favor. R. Jernigan, L. Murdoch and S. Zottola were not present for vote.

NEXT MEETING

November 21, 2017

SOESD, Upstairs Conference Room

101 N Grape Street, Medford

4:00-6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Submitted by K. Johnson