



## Southern Oregon Early Learning Services

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**Agency Advisory Council**

**Date:** 2/9/2018

**Time:** 10:00- 12:00

**Location:** AllCare Health

1701 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Grants Pass

**Members in Attendance:** Jessica Allen (Advantage Dental), Peter Buckley (Southern Oregon Success), Michelle Gallas (Imagine That...), Cecilia Giron (LISTO), Rosemary Jernigan (DHS), Donna Lipparelli (Options for Southern Oregon), Geoffrey Lowry (Oregon Child Development Coalition), Jessica Machen (DHS), Eileen Micke-Johnson (Rogue Community College), Carrie Prechtel (211info), Rhonda Schock (Great Beginnings), Heidi Schultz (Douglas ESD EI/ELSE), Mary Wolf (Child Care Resource Network)

**SOELS Staff Members Present:** Rene Brandon and Karen Johnson

No guests in attendance

### **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

10:06 AM René Brandon called meeting to order.

### **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Warm Line Services
  - Has increased to 10 hours per week, and will be 20 hours per week beginning in July.
  - Allows providers to call for assistance when experiencing behavioral issues in the classroom.
  - Will be offering two-part training series on specific strategies and transitions.
- Southern Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children
  - 2018 Together for Children Conference will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- LISTO Program
  - Cecilia Giron has transitioned from interim to permanent director.
  - Serving 80 families and 305 participants.
  - Planning for after school math science component, field trips where professionals can inspire students, and summer workshops to explore options for college.
  - René suggested Cecilia communicate with Daniella Bivens, CC4A/STEM Program Manager.
- Trauma Stewardship Training

- Sponsored by Oregon Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Program, SOELS, Southern Oregon Goodwill Industries, and AllCare Health.
- April 16, 1:00-5:00pm and April 17, 8:00-12:00pm at Inn at the Commons.
- April 17, 1:30 – 3:30 pm at Inn at the Commons is follow-up community conversation for next steps.
- Open to everyone.

### **ADVANTAGE DENTAL PRESENTATION**

Jessica Allen shared PowerPoint presentation “Reducing Oral Health Disparity through Community Partnerships and Evidence-Based Care” Topics included:

- Advantage Dental Background
  - Began in 1994, with vision to serve everyone in the community.
  - Is now a full-service delivery system that insures individuals and provides direct service.
  - Current member enrollment is about 300,000.
- Advantage Dental Goals:
  - Reach a larger number of people by providing services in community settings instead of traditional dentist office setting.
  - Provide easy access to dental care.
  - Decrease disparities in oral health.
- Preventative Services Offered:
  - Betadine/Fluoride Varnish.
  - Dental Sealant.
  - Silver Fluoride (stops cavities).
- FREE Dental Days:
  - For all ages.
  - Monday February 19, 2018, 10am-2pm at Rogue Valley YMCA.
  - Last Wednesday of the month – February 28 and March 28, 2018 2pm-4:20pm at Teresa McCormick Center.
  - Services available on the first Thursday of each month 10am-1pm at Illinois Valley Family Coalition.

### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EFFORTS AND DISCUSSION**

The Hub is looking into best and highest purpose for investment as it relates to behavioral health efforts, and has been meeting with CCOs and other stakeholder groups to strategize. Looking for ways to encourage providers to take on higher needs children and the types of incentives that would be helpful such as materials, equipment, funding. Current strategies include:

- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
  - Exploring the feasibility of rolling out training for early learning workforce
  - It has early Learning Component – El/Josephine County and OCDC Early Head Start use it.
  - Hub does have funding and a workgroup is exploring this
- PAX Good Behavior Game

- Over 500 have received training.
- It was suggested that the full game is not age-appropriate for preschool age children, but the Kernels and Cues are very useful and aligned with what children will experience in K-12.
- Combination of funding from hub, CCO's, and County Prevention Programs
- Special Needs Certification
  - Hub staff and other sector partners are working to develop, perhaps through RCC, a special needs certification course that would earn provider credits and expand the regions capacity to serve children with higher needs. More information will be shared soon.
- Revive the Child Care Directors meeting as Community of Practice
- How to better assist and engage parents as partners with the school during kindergarten registration
  - Welcome parents and take time while child is in the other room doing assessment to learn more about the child – likes, fears, strengths, interests – and what challenges or obstacles families may be facing and connect to resources before school begins.
    - Rhonda and Michelle suggested using PTO/PTA members to provide support
    - Rhonda suggested an Open House Parent Education Night (put parents through a day in the life of their child(ren while at school).
- Rogue Challenge Social Determinants of Health
  - Established in 2016, seven non-profits in Jackson County came together and formed the “Rogue Challenge” collaborating in an effort to address the challenges facing the families they serve and work to improve processes.
- Options and District 7 Program working together to respond to escalating behaviors
  - Designed for students who have been designated by the school to receive five hours of home tutoring due to violent behavior in the classroom.
  - Moves tutoring from home or neutral site into a classroom setting.
  - Class times are Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00-4:30.
  - Classroom is staffed with a teacher, an aide, and one of Options’ skills trainers.
  - Classes have a maximum of 6-7 students.
  - The school district is also providing busing.
- Options to expand county school program to city schools
  - Children who currently not able to access Options’ services but have a need will be offered either a Master’s level therapist or a skills trainer with a permissions slip signed by a parent.
  - Have been working with Three Rivers schools for three years, and now starting with District 7.
  - These are contracts with the schools, so Medicaid standards do not have to be met.
- Next AAC meeting will focus on supports specifically for families.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am

Submitted by K. Johnson