



Southern Oregon Early Learning Services
Agency Advisory Council

Date: 9/14/2018

Time: 10:00- 12:00

Location: Southern Oregon ESD
101 N Grape Street, Medford

Members in Attendance: Peter Buckley (Southern Oregon Success), Molly Clement (CCRN Warm Line), Darcy Larson (Douglas ESD EI/ECSE), Donna Lipparelli (Options for Southern Oregon), Geoff Lowry (Oregon Child Development Coalition), Heather Olivier (FACT Oregon), Carrie Prechtel (211info), Mary Wolf (Child Care Resource Network), Melissa Wolff (DHS Self Sufficiency)

Guests: Riki Rosenthal (Jackson Care Connect)

SOELS Staff Members Present: Rene Brandon, Teresa Slater, Chelsea Reinhart and Karen Johnson

PRESENTATION BY RIKI ROSENTHAL OF JACKSON CARE CONNECT

In an effort better serve Oregon Health Plan members, a managed care model was implemented at the local level. In Jackson County, members of the Oregon Health Plan who do not choose a preference are automatically assigned to either AllCare Health or Jackson Care Connect as their Coordinated Care Organization; however, they do have the option to change CCO's if desired. JCC serves Jackson County residents exclusively, Medicaid being its only line of business. It manages services related to physical, behavioral, mental, and oral health as well as substance abuse treatment.

➤ **JCC STARTING STRONG**

Program for pregnant members and families with children up to age four that offers incentives to those practicing healthy activities. Participants earn vouchers at different partner locations for which they can redeem various items, including car seats. It also provides an opportunity to interact with families and inform them about available resources.

PRESENTATION: OPTIONS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Donna Lipparelli provided an overview of services offered by Options for Southern Oregon in Josephine County:

- Mental health assessments for children brought into DHS custody – starting at birth
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) Training
- Master's level clinician in every Head Start classroom two hours per week
- Every public school in Josephine Co has therapist assigned to children receiving Medicaid

- Outreach contract position at Grants Pass High School to help students work through problems and return to class
- County and city schools have contracted Skills Trainers to help students correct/manage inappropriate or erratic behavior in the moment
- Peer Mentors who offer support to struggling youths
- Applied Behavioral Analysis program for Autistic children with significant behavioral issues
- Job placement/college transition assistance for high school students aged 16 and over with mental health issues
- Risk assessments relating to weapons/violence at schools
- CLEAR Project at Grants Pass School District – help teachers be more self-regulated in the classroom and supporting more self-regulation in students
- Family Care Collaborative specifically with DHS – an intensive family therapy program designed to engage families at the start of their involvement with DHS
- 24/7 Dads meetings (dinner provided) – for any male who serves the role of a father
- Walk-in system available for any parent who thinks their child might need mental health support: Mon-Thurs 8:00 to 5:30 and Friday to 8:00 to 4:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Governor convened a Children’s Cabinet in 2017 that included state leaders from education, health, human services, housing, workforce, and substance use disorder to identify ways to ensure children and families are receiving the support they need. From the collaboration of this group, the Governor released *The Children’s Agenda: Pathways Out of Poverty for Children to Achieve Their Full Potential* (Handout provided.)
- 2nd Annual Josephine County Community Baby Shower will be held on Saturday, October 20th at Grants Pass High School from 1 – 4 p.m. – for pregnant and new parents who seek services in Josephine County. Partners encouraged to share invitation with families they serve.
- FACT Oregon offering training titled “Special Education: What you need to know” in October 4th and 11th. Their calendar will be shared on SOELS website and Facebook page for future training opportunities.
- The newly formed Closet Collaboration recently held their first meeting to discuss criteria and share ideas; group will continue to meet quarterly. This effort is to hold space for partners with storage for clothing, toys, children’s equipment, etc. to get together and share resources.
- Early Childhood Enhancement Project: The HUB is looking for coaches who wish to provide on-site coaching to early childhood providers.
- The HUB will be publishing an updated list *Kaleidoscope Play and Learn Groups* times and locations in October.
- DHS has started planning for ABAWD (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents) changes which will require them to meet special work requirements, in addition to the general work requirements, to maintain their eligibility. Some may be eligible for exemption – please refer these individuals back to DHS.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

Submitted by K. Johnson