

Lane Early Learning Alliance

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Lane Early Learning Alliance Governance Consortium

February 9, 2018

3:30-5:30pm

Lane ESD (1200 OR-99, Eugene, OR 97402)

NOTES

Present:

Gustavo Balderas, Eugene 4J School District
Marian Blankenship, Pacific Source Health Plans
Noreen J. Dunnells, United Way of Lane County
Leslie Finlay, Relief Nursery
Karen Gaffney, Lane County
Tina Gutierrez-Schmich, Bethel School District
Todd Hamilton, Creswell School District
Judy Newman, Early Childhood CARES
Sue Norton, Lane Community College
Chris Parra, Bethel School District
Darcy Phillips, Cornerstone Community Housing
John Radich, Department of Human Services
Lise Schellman, Pearl Buck Center
Liz Schneider, Parent Representative
Tony Scurto, Lane Education Service District
Cheri Peterson in place of Annie Soto, Head Start of Lane County
John Stapleton, PIVOT Architecture

Absent:

Debi Farr, Trillium Community Health Plan
John Lively, Oregon State Representative
Sue Rieke-Smith, Springfield Public Schools
George Russell, Community Leader

Staff:

Michelle Sheng-Palmisano, United Way of Lane County
Bess Day, United Way of Lane County
Ann Salminen, United Way of Lane County
Holly Mar-Conte, United Way of Lane County
Anetra Brown, United Way of Lane County
Clarissa Parker, United Way of Lane County

Public:

No members of the public present

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM

II. Welcome and Introductions

Bess Day welcomed the group, everyone introduced themselves and mentioned a book they are currently reading.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

III. Consent Agenda

January Meeting Minutes
January Written Report

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Action requested: Motion to approve, accept or ratify items listed on consent agenda as submitted.

Motion: Noreen J. Dunnells motioned to approve the consent agenda.

Support: Tony Scurto seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Ayes: Gustavo Balderas, Marian Blankenship, Noreen J. Dunnells, Leslie Finlay, Karen Gaffney, Tina Gutierrez-Schmich, Todd Hamilton, Judy Newman, Sue Norton, Chris Parra, Darcy Phillips, John Radich, Lise Schellman, Liz Schneider, Tony Scurto, Cheri Peterson sitting in for Annie Soto, John Stapleton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

IV. Kids in Transition to School (KITS) Funding & Sustainability—Part 2

Staff have been meeting with the school districts participating in KITS to gauge interest of the continuing the program. The conversations have been extremely positive and there has been a strong commitment from partners to continue. United Way is working towards planning out funding scenarios for Year 4. We are \$400,000 short to meet sustained funding levels for Year 4. Bess led the group through an “Worst Case Scenario” activity to explore different funding continuation options.

WCS: Continuation Options

	Maintain At Current Level	Scale Back	Ask Someone to Take Over	Do Not Continue	Needs More Research
Class supplies			x		
Staff salaries	x				
Transportation	x				
Evaluation		x	x		x
Professional Development					x
Support Services					x
Food	x		x		
Marketing, Awareness, Outreach	x	x			x
Parent Group Supplies	x		x		
Expanded Sites		x			
Indirect Costs	x	x		x	
Program Model and Curriculum	x				
Translation Services	x				

Comments:

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- What's the purpose of our evaluation efforts? (for funders, improve programming, prove validity, evaluation program structure, etc.)
- Using evaluation to track outcomes based on cohorts of efforts, or program efficiency after it's embedded in the school system
- Have we asked parents and teachers their feedback?
- Marketing needs depend on the size of districts and if there's targeted outreach
- Indirect costs vary depending on the district
- Staff turnover varies by district

V. UWLC Strategic Plan

Holly Mar-Conte shared that United Way is in the midst of wrapping up a strategic planning process to refocus and align our investments. The board was looking at UW's funding model efficacy, market research, the ALICE report, the Community Health Improvement Plan to prioritize ensuring children are successful in school and life. Children are successful, youth are successful, and families are successful. United Way has been working with other collective impact partners to map out a community roadmap for supports. They are redeveloping the community investment process which will be released in October 2018 and new investments start July 1, 2019.

VI. Education & Health: Integration & Alignment

The group reviewed the health-related activities listed under *Goal #3: Healthy, Stable, and Attached Families* in the Early Learning Alliance (ELA) work plan and discussed how those align with the work of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). *See attached document*

Group Discussion Points:

- What resources exist to help families access health care?
- We should bring services to where families are already going (ex. childcare for when families are going to court, affordable housing, etc.)
- Medical offices might be willing to pilot offering onsite childcare during appointments
- School based health centers are a shared goal and opportunity to provide care in an alternative setting
- Although, there is value in offering medical services in a variety of settings, it is beneficial to connect families with a stable medical home because it provides continuity of care
- At the state level they are exploring graduated incentive models for well child visits—possibly for transportation reimbursement
- It's important to make sure that families are aware of the importance of meeting the well child visit benchmark. This awareness could happen through educational marketing campaigns.
- The Pollywog program in Linn-Benton-Lincoln County is a great example of a health referral system that provides supports on the continuum. <https://pollywogfamily.org/>
- There was a program in Lane County where volunteers drove children and their parents to community supports. A model like this could be used to help get families to health appointments.
- Access to prenatal care is also an issue in the community, often related to lack of transportation.
- Looking at access/affordability of childcare can be an opportunity to align the education and health work because it focuses on the social determinants of health.

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VII. Future Governance Consortium Meetings

Action requested: Motion to change the meeting time to 3:00pm-5:00pm and hold the March meeting at Early Childhood CARES.

Motion: Noreen J. Dunnells motioned to change the meeting time to 3:00pm-5:00pm and hold the March meeting at Early Childhood CARES.

Support: Marian Blankenship seconded the motion to change the meeting time to 3:00pm-5:00pm and hold the March meeting at Early Childhood CARES.

Ayes: Gustavo Balderas, Marian Blankenship, Noreen J. Dunnells, Leslie Finlay, Karen Gaffney, Tina Gutierrez-Schmich, Todd Hamilton, Judy Newman, Sue Norton, Chris Parra, Darcy Phillips, John Radich, Lise Schellman, Liz Schneider, Tony Scurto, Cheri Peterson sitting in for Annie Soto, John Stapleton

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

VIII. Updates

- Four ELA staff attended the Early Learning Hub Collaborative on February 6-8th in Portland. During, the Early Learning Division introduced their new strategic planning process and engaged in collaborative discussion with local Child Care Resource and Referral agencies.
- There is a lobby day being organized by the Children's Institute is on Monday, Feb 12th. Their lobbying will be mainly focused on safety in childcare and restoring funding from the last session where early learning saw significant cuts.
- Staff submitted grants for RSVP and OPEC grants.
- OPEC is hosting a site visit on March 19th from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. We will be inviting partners to have lunch with the OPEC funders.
- The ELA is hosting a local P-3 conference on Saturday, April 7th. Karen Williams, one of the authors of the Oregon Early Learning Kindergarten Guidelines will be presenting on how to implement the guidelines at the preschool and kindergarten level.
- The ELA is hosting Dr. Ross Thompson, developmental psychologist and President of the Board of Directors of ZERO TO THREE, on May 22nd from 6-8pm, location TBD. He will be presenting "How to Think like a Baby," where we'll learn that babies do not think like adults do, and that understanding how to think like a baby can help us understand better their reactions and feelings.
- There will be a Child Abuse Summit in April in Portland—might be beneficial for staff to attend because it aligns with some of our efforts underway. <http://www.clackamas.us/sheriff/summit/>
- A few United Way staff and other community partners are attending a Collective Impact Summit in Austin in April. <http://www.cvent.com/events/2018-collective-impact-convening/event-summary-91583df8dc2146309631862cfd59b165.aspx>

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM