AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
   Introductions were made around the room with sharing of one fun thing everyone is doing over the summer.

2. Approval of the December Minutes
   - Amber DeGrange stated that section 9 - conversation to change to reflect the actual conversation that took place regarding KPI to reflect preschool infrastructure and RFP.

3. Additions to the Agenda
   - RFSAT update to go with the Initiative updates.

4. Fiscal Report
   a. Reconciliation Update
      - We are still working with Sherman County to make all the adjustments and will report back, once it has been finalized and shared with the Fiscal Team.
   b. Contract Extensions*
      - Asking for support to start sending out the existing contracts.
• For Columbia Gorge ESD seeking a waiver.
• The others, OCDC, The Next Door, Inc and CGCC Child Care Partners will show the amounts that have already been approved for within the budget.

Debby Jones made a motion to approve the contract extensions as presented; Stacey Ayers seconded the motion, all in favor.

c. Preschool Infrastructure Process*
  • Did not get the consensus to move forward with the previous recommendation.
  • Met during the Fiscal Team meeting and it was decided to continue to use the process that was used previously.
  • Potential Changes – Page 2, births by county to see where we are now. Debby Jones asked for clarification of the Births by County.
  • Application has not been changed.
  • The previous team that reviewed applications made a recommendation to include guidance for the applicants and provide a budget template.
  • The regional review panel has been changed as some have retired. One person has left the region and looking towards Stacey Ayers to see if someone within his agency would be willing to sit on the panel. Amber D. suggested Becky that works with Center for Living would be a great addition as well.
  • Something that has happened in the past is the Board has given lists of potential people that might be willing to sit on the panel to review applications.
  • Applications to start being reviewed beginning of August.
  • Nancey Patten made a mention of how some preschools might not be available due to it being summer and some preschools being closed.
  • Made a change to make the applications due the first week of August. Will have applications reviewed and sent out sometime next week or the week after.
  • Teri Thalhofer stated that she might have someone that she can assign for the review panel.

Board made the recommendation to move forward with process as is with suggested changes.

5. Quality Infant Care Needs – WCS Staff and Students
Wait until July/August to have Brian Goodwin present to the Board.
  • Wahtonka Community School is currently the alternative school for North Wasco County School District 21 and is in the process of going Charter.
  • WCS wants to provide childcare for their teen parents and has been working with community partners to help get them to where they need to be to make this happen.
  • They want to come to the Hub to ask for support in some areas to make this happen but above all to raise awareness of the need that these teen parents need.
  • 4RELH has helped in looking at how the Play and Learn program that is being done at Wahtonka can support them and also how that program could help support with teen parents that are enrolled. Maybe providing a dual credit?
  • This is an issue that needs looked at and we need to support.
  • Grow Smart – Virginia. Debby Jones will look at them and see what they have and how they get their funding.
  • Engaging Economic Development to help support. Federal grant funding.
  • Using this as a social determinant of health to get the CCO’s involved.
  • Families First Prevention Services Act – provides federal investment and prevention for children that are at risk for entering foster care. Focus to teen parents.
6. Parenting Education Strategic Plan*
- Draft has been submitted and was under the impression that we would have a final version but the steps are that the draft was sent to the OPEC reviewers, they will make suggestions and advise of any changes that need to happen then send back for correction.
- At the point corrections will be made and a final version will be submitted.
- Final version at either our July meeting but more definitely at our August Meeting.

7. Board Business
   a. K12 Representative*
      - We have received two applications but due to other initiatives, happening one of the candidates withdrew his application.
      - Jack Henderson is the candidate that has applied for the position.
      Debby Jones made a notion to approve Jack Henderson as our K12 Representative; Teri Thalhofer seconded the motion, all in favor
   b. Officers/Elections*
      - Due to the by-laws the current person who is sitting as Chair needs to transfer out and the current Vice-Chair will now be our Chair. Terri Vann who has been Vice-Chair will now be our Chair.
      Terri Thalhofer made a notion to elect Janet Hamada as our new Vice-Chair; Stacey Ayers seconded the motion, all in favor, non-opposed.

8. Initiative Updates – Christa Rude
   a. New Logos*
      - With our new phase of branding our Four Rivers Family, logos needed to be done as well.
      - New logos were presented.
      - One is for Four Rivers Early Learning Hub – mothership, encompasses all the work the hub does around the business. Governance Board, minutes, funding, etc.
      - Four Rivers Family logo would be the one we use for families, the forward facing on the work around supporting families and young children.
      - Debby Jones asked for clarification of how we would use logos. The hub would be the business function of our work, 4relh.org website, and official minutes. The Four Rivers Family would be used for the work that we are doing directly with families.
      - Barb Seatter – the Four Rivers Family is very confusing as a stand alone maybe adding “a service of Four Rivers Early Learning Hub”.
      - Teri T mentioned how she is very happy that the Four Rivers Family doesn’t have the counties listed because that way anyone can access it.
      - Christa stated that the reason that we decided to keep it as a stand alone, was so that it could be used broadly.
      - Christa asked for approval to use the Four Rivers Early Learning Hub as is and to make the changes to the Four Rivers Family.
      Board likes the revised for the Four Rivers Early Learning Hub going forward with the changes to link the Four Rivers Family as part as 4RELH.
   b. Service Equity training requirement working on finding a resource to be able to help complete this requirement. Hoping to complete this sometime in July or August.
      - Nancey mentioned to check with Noemi regarding the training they went to at WOU.
   c. Four Rivers Family.org/com – have been working with Scott See to create our page and get it going. Focused on creating a calendar for all of us to use.
   d. Imagination Library – is ready to go and we have 24 active participants, online registrations are currently happening and we are waiting on getting the paper registrations completed. Wasco Electric Cooperative is a funder that is paying for all the children that fall under their service area.
e. **Play and Learn – Kaleidoscope** – Christa and Jennifer Heredia got to visit them in Seattle and see the structure approach that they are doing. Looking at expanding Play and Learn using this curriculum to all school districts.
   - Debby Jones asked to see if working with CCO’s will help with this as we need to get more parents connected with schools and schools connected with parents.

f. **The Family Network and Steps** – continues to move forward, draft agreement with Health Council for shared resource list. Would like to make a presentation in either July or August and hopefully that will happen soon.

g. **B2K** - Provided support to all 17 elementary schools. 240 parents attended and 140 students incoming. This represents 9 students. And every body families loved it and kids appreciated the chance to see their school district. They want us to do a better job of helping them advertise. Hood River and Mid-Valley did it in 5 different settings. More early kinder registrations. There was a focus on reaching out to kiddos who didn’t have registration, at bridges to kindergarten there were more families. Debby suggested that it might be a great idea to get OTUS and friends to be there. 2 schools indicated that they would like to have more of a community partner presence.

h. **Report for funding Early Learning Systems** – national academy of science, 6 principals and 10 recommendations of funding early learning systems.

i. **Health Sub-Committee** – no current meeting, nothing to report at this moment.

j. **Hub Governance + Parent Education** - request from RFSAT to have a shared agenda and as a team we will initiate this request and have something back in August. Looking at ECC’s how we can incorporate Parent Education in those meetings and have items start to come through to this meeting. Now that we are fully staffed we should be able to do this.

k. **Listening circle with GOBHI and future funding** – listening meeting happened sometime in April and wanted to listen about how it is about families working with young children. Christa’s highlights were that there was a gal from PH about how she had talked to one of the families that she serves and wanted to see what they wanted her to share and the family told them that they had a big sense of being judged. Weather it was because they are too young, too young and have too many children, due the color of their skin, due to the language that they speak, judge because they reach out and ask for help. Jennifer Bold shared that it was a very productive meeting, lots of good conversation around revision and Early Intervention and Early Childhood Ed, more focus on mental health. Looking at some rural equity and the cost of education children who live in rural areas. Some services look like they get it based on paper but in reality it is totally different. Felt less alone and that pretty much everyone is experiencing the same barriers. Pat is in total agreement with what Jennifer shared.

l. Debby Jones asked Stacey Ayers about DHS presenting on the Family Assessment to be done sometime in the future.

9. **July/August**
   a. **Hub Collaborative**
      August 13-15 in Lane County. Debby Jones, Teri Thalhofer, Jennifer Bold and Terri Vann are all interested in attending.
   b. **ELD Appreciative Visit**
      August 28th, Governance Board Meeting, this usually happens before the monitoring visit.
   c. **Miriam Calderon, Early Learning Systems Director**
      Governance Board meeting on August 28th

10. **Updates & Adjournment**
    **July 24th** will be a GoTo meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM
Respectfully submitted: Adriana Flores