



Meeting Summary
Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council
Thursday, October 6, 2011 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Roth's Hospitality Center, Santiam Room
1130 Wallace Rd NW
Salem, OR 97304

In Attendance:

Shanna Aldis, Colette Brown, Terry Butler, Kim Cardona, Autumn David, Brent DeMoe, Lisa DeMoe, Pam Dunn, Pamela Everitt, Karen Gorton, Merrily Haas, Karen Henkemeyer, Robin Hill-Dunbar, Donna Lewelling, Nancy Lowry, Heidi McGowen, Roni Pham, Dianna Pickett, Rhonda Prodzinski, Meredith, Russell, Kathy Seubert, Diana Stotz, Helen Visarraga, Kara Waddell, Kelli Walker, Bobbie Weber

Early Learning Council- Update: Heidi McGowen

The Governor has appointed the Early Learning Council.

Duke Shepard has been looking at work from the design team and is figuring out next steps. He is working with Education Investment Board to make a presentation to legislature. A director has not been named yet. The first meeting will be this month.

The Governor's office tends to post information re: meetings, agendas. Meetings will be open to the public. Partners feel strongly about community engagement...decisions have not been publicized on this issue yet. There may be work groups. Partners emphasized the changes will occur over time, possibly 10 years.

Race to the Top Grant- Update: Heidi McGowen

The grant addresses a part of Oregon's overall early learning systems plan, but not all of the plans as the grant itself was more narrowly defined.

Main components:

1. Roll out a *Tiered* Quality Rating and Improvement System for early childhood programs.
2. Increase number of programs in higher tiers, access for children with high needs.
3. High quality early childhood work force, cross sector (e.g. home visitors, parent educators, family service manager).
4. Align Head Start early childhood standards with common core. (0-3 and 3-5).
5. Public education/consumer education campaign: TQRIS education to families, social marketing.
6. Revise and implement kindergarten readiness assessment.
7. Enhance Data system: child/program/workforce.

Grant is a public document once submitted. Financing is formula based on population: for Oregon, up to \$50 million over 4 years. Oregon applied for \$40.6m. Notification before the end of 2011.

Bobbie: If grant is not received, work will continue at a different pace and scope.

Licensed providers will probably be at Tier one. Moving up, there will be structural, environmental, and process measures. Providers will apply, go through a self-assessment, and keep meeting different measures. Standards will be developed and defined early in the process. As the tiers increase, there will be more measures, observational assessments (interactions between adults and children).

For providers: incentives include ability to have contracted slots. Some states have tiered the voucher payments. (e.g. similar to enhanced provider payment). First we need to be sure tiers are accurate, validation studies. Providers will have a lot of support in the process. Focus on a sustainable incentive system.

Kara: Providers will receive substantive supports and incentives. Information will help families to make choices about quality environments for their children. CCDF funds are being tied to this process. As process moves forward, parents' perspectives will be incorporated, lots of education for parents and providers. Standards do include providers engaging parents. Grant brings together Head Start, PreK: We're not separate any more. Plan for town hall meetings and other ways to bring information forward in 2012.

What We Know About Oregon's Child Care Centers: 2009-2010 Comparison: Bobbie Weber

Data collection on the structural indicators of quality on all licensed programs. Information today is on centers: as there is data on 2009 and 2010. For certified family: will have a similar report soon.

Handouts provided with detailed report. Highlights:

Indicators are pretty stable.

- *80% of individual exceed training hours.* In the future, ORO will allow reports to indicate what steps staff are on as well as education (research base is on teacher education).
- *Centers are exceeding requirements on training in child development.* (Less exceed on total hours.)
- People have been given the benefit of the doubt with training hours (e.g. based on timing of licensure)...so next year might not look as good.
- *Teacher retention: 80% were there for more than a year.*
- *Teacher education: 0% of centers had bachelors.*
- *Compensation: Average high wage went up 50 cents, average low wage went up 25 cents.* (minimum wage went up in January).
- *Benefits: 55%: increase in centers providing medical benefits.*

Impact of current economy: interesting that more centers did not close.

Will be important to track the numbers/increase/decrease in centers and family providers as there can be a shortage when economy does improve.

Currently, lower income children are more likely to be in parental care, family/friends/neighbor care.

Struggle for parents to find child care as they look for work or have untraditional schedules.

DHS/ERDC Update: Rhonda Prodzinski

End of July and August: Just Under 9800 open cases.

Reactivation of reservation list August 1. As of this month: 1100 families.

Expect a drop at end of September (9200 forecasted...Supposed to get to 9000)

Over 830 cases that were open in July that were closed in August:

Over 200 were no longer in the system or receiving any kind of benefits.

128 only receiving medical.

485 went on TANF. (significant increase).

TANF (cash grant) caseload jumped in August: 1700 new cases. (Summer and seasonal work ended.

Typically does increase this time of year).

Cuts in TANF program.

Compared to a year ago: similar. With reductions last fall, some families and providers thought the program would end. DHS working on communication.

Awaiting legislative information re: Whether number of cases can be increased.

Monies for emergency/special cases (e.g. teen parents, D/A treatment): discussions are occurring re: how to support these populations. CCD manages funding for special populations who do not qualify for TANF.

Inclusive Child Care Committee Update : Terry Butler

There is a new permanent subcommittee reports which reports to the Coordinating Council which will continuously monitor and work on child care for children with special needs.

Committee will frame its work plan in context of upcoming changes, and where is advocacy needed.

Working on developing a paper which can speak to the main issues and work.

Questions and Opportunities for Children with Higher Needs in Child Care:

Target population: monitoring needs of children and families, and those who are not currently eligible for services; transitions between age based systems. Monitoring school-age issues while recognizing that much focus is on early childhood

Agency restructuring: monitor impacts and explore opportunities of more coordinated systems: e.g. mental health, health; decrease barriers.

Workforce issues: how to support child care as essential element for families. Is parent able to sustain employment?

Qualities and Standards: supporting higher quality. Will all families have access to higher quality?

Outcomes/Measures: Will the requirements limit numbers, options, access? What will TA look like?

Family Support Managers: How will they interact with existing care managers and stay informed of child care needs/resources?

Feedback: Importance of parental choice, importance of bringing these issues to larger community/agency conversations. Please forward any additional feedback to Terry Butler.

OCCRRN-Program Update: Helen Visarraga:

Annual Conference begins October 26th.

4 new board members. "Theory of Change:" new leadership change initiative. Working with consultant to visit every R and R and surveying. Completed self-assessment and receiving TA, working toward best practices.

"I am Moving, I am Learning" training. Partnering to roll out the initiative state-wide.

Engaged in partnership to improve communication, guiding principles.

NACCRA on-line training academy will be up and running in 6 weeks.

Engaged in parent advocacy social media training.

Interviewing to hire TA staff.

Updates from Partners and Agencies:

Dept of Education: USDA Food and Nutrition Program: Kim Cardona: Training child care sponsors: Child Care Wellness Grant: 120 sponsors.

Oregon Center for Children with Special Needs: Nancy Lowry: Cocoon for Youth grant awarded: Adolescent transition.

Inclusive Child Care Program: Terry Butler Adding position to increase capacity.

Polk County: CCF: Brent DeMoe: Awarded Parenting Hub Grant

Oregon ASK: Beth Unverzagt: Has 2 Vista staff. Focused work on core common standards and content. TA work re: 21st century and ODE: Sustainability for after school programs (10 districts). Engaging in several surveys. Mott grant funded.

Child Care Division: Kelli Walker: New licensing manager.

Oregon Health Authority (Office of Family Health) Dianna Pickett: Home Visiting system got another grant: 5 new counties will begin Nurse-Family Partnerships. Population who receives HV is often Friends Family Neighbors providers.

Oregon AEYC: Merrily Haas: Conference in a week. Wrapped up first cohort of Building a Business, recruiting for 8th cohort of Directors' Certificate trainers series.

Distributed: Early Learning Framework

Dianna Pickett Distributed: Results of Child Care Provider Resource Use Survey. One month via Survey Monkey and distributed at conferences. Highlights of results: most used resource: computers/internet. Highest rated resource: computers/internet. Cell phones emerging. Facebook emerging.

CCD and Kara: Cuts and budgeting: Budgeting may look different this year, creating buying teams.

Oregon Reggio Alliance: Portland Children's Museum.

Next CCECC Meeting – Thursday, December 1, 2011; Roth's West Salem; 1:00pm - 4:00pm