

Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Agenda

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10:00-12:00

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People present: Melissa Gritz, Sonia Worcel, Beth Green, Heidi McGowan, Bobbie Weber, Tom Olsen, Terry Hansen, Sue Norton, Dawn Norris and Sonja Svenson

1. Develop a plan for Lane County's maintenance evaluation.

In order to determine if the Lane County providers are maintaining the same level of quality without the same intensive support Terry will contact Sakre to complete the QUEST on participants. Sonia will send Terry the last QUEST completed which will allow Dawn and Terry to analyze the results and include the findings in the quarterly report.

2. Review Bruce Sorte's analysis to guide program decisions.

Bobbie presented the work completed by Bruce Sorte showing the various levels of investments the tax credit program could make based on several scenarios. It was decided that in 2012 the group would take a closer look at scenarios 5 in regards to the level of subsidy the program may support.

3. Begin initial discussion on potential legislative changes as tied to the Investment strategies group.

In looking at the future of the tax credit program, the group needs to be very clear on the statements made from the two research projects. NPC and OSU will develop a one-page document which will highlight the evidence and research around the two models. This document will help to guide work of the Strategic Investment group as well as other private foundations and local Commission for Children and Families on possible child care quality investments.

NPC, in the analysis of the Neighborhood House project, will compare movement on the Oregon Registry to Lane Counties Project in relationship to the amount of wage incentives awarded.

It was also decided that as Lane County begins their second year in maintenance phase they will not add new families to the subsidy portion of the project and allow the current families to age out. This same policy will occur when Neighborhood House moves to maintenance.

4. Project Updates

Lane County – The maintenance phase is going well and the providers feel comfortable contacting Terry as assistance is needed.

Neighborhood House – Have added one control site and in the process of adding another. During the monthly provider meetings, Melissa is primarily tailoring trainings to meet the needs of the providers. Melissa has also found, anecdotally, that more families are using more of the subsidy dollars as families are earning less within the current economy. NPC will review the parent survey and try to develop questions to capture how ERDC is assisting families through the recession.