

Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Meeting Summary

September 3, 2008

1:00-3:00

OCCRRN

805 Liberty Street NE

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Attendees: Sonja Svenson, Sonia Worcel, Bobbie Weber, Shiela Carter, Callie Lambarth, Beth Green, Dawn Norris, Heidi McGowan, Melissa Gritz, Tom Olsen, Marilyn Goodman, Sue Norton, and Terry Hansen

1. Finalize draft of Lane County's Final Report The group approved the final report with some additional minor changes. NPC will create a one page summary of findings for broader distribution. An ongoing question is how to motivate providers to participate in Child Care Networks.

2. Possible changes to the Neighborhood House evaluation Based on the Final Report of Lane County the following changes will be made to the Neighborhood House evaluation:
 - On the parent survey, add if the families work hours have changed and if changes have occurred in their child care arrangement.
 - Need to think about how to capture behavior change in providers.
 - Adjust the quarterly reports to capture the amount of staff time used to support a Child Care Network.
 - Neighborhood House will add an additional center to balance the numbers between the treatment and control group.

3. Discuss potential legislative changes Will not bring forth any changes for this legislative session. Will work this biennium on a model to take forward along with removing the sunset and cap.

Work to prepare:
 - Use Bruce Sorte's analysis to guide policy decisions.
 - Melissa and Dawn will draft the model Melissa is using for centers versus family child care providers to aid in looking at how this project will move forward. Based on the Lane County evaluation the current model works for family providers and was not as successful for participating centers. Need to look at the research to determine any changes to the model.
 - Look at a ways to incentify provider's at the beginning of their career to bring them into the child care system.
 - Continue to explore a model that brings both public and private dollars together. Explore how private foundations can invest in a Child Care Network in their community and the Tax Credit dollars be used to sustain the program.
 - Dawn and Terry will establish quarterly reports for Lane County for the next 10 month contract with the necessary information to inform decisions.