Charter: Early Learning Council (ELC) Data System Steering Committee

AUTHORITY

Senate Bill 909 (2011) established the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) and the Early Learning Council (ELC). The ELC is responsible for assisting the OEIB in overseeing a unified system of early learning services for the purpose of ensuring that children enter school ready to learn by kindergarten. HB 4165 (2012) expanded the Early Learning Council to serve as the state advisory council for the purpose of the federal Head Start Act.

The OEIB is statutorily charged with establishing a statewide longitudinal student database. The ELC is charged with establishing an early childhood data system that can be aligned with the statewide student database. The ELC Data System Workgroup was convened and submitted a final report to the ELC in May 2012, including the vision, objective, goals and initial work plan for the creation of the Early Childhood Data System.

Subcommittee membership & Governance

Co-Chairs:
Rob Saxton
Dana Hargunani

Committee Members:
Lynne Saxton (ELC)
Dawn Woods (ELD)
Megan Irwin (ELD)
Doug Kosty (ODE)
Nancy Johnson-Dorn (ODE)
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Angela Long (DHS)
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Staff:
Seth Allen

Scope

The ELC Data System Steering Committee will serve as the standing oversight body for the ELC's Early Childhood Data System. The steering committee will oversee implementation of the Early Childhood Data System including fulfillment of the goals outlined in the ELC Data System Workgroup Report (May 2012), and others set by the ELC. The committee will ensure that all early childhood data systems align with the statewide longitudinal data system, and that the home visiting data system is established as a first phase of the early childhood data system. It will also assist in aligning early childhood data system with health care data and data systems, as determined by the ELC.

Major Deliverables

- Provide immediate recommendations regarding any needed amendments to home visiting data system plans
- Develop guidance on integration of the early childhood data system with the statewide early childhood data system, and health care data systems
- Define additional resources needed to fulfill ELC early childhood data system plans
- Develop function and work plan for ELC Steering Committee activities moving forward

Exclusions or Boundaries

Policy recommendations will be brought forth to the ELC for decision-making. Cross-agency data governance issues will be deferred to a future, anticipated governance body. Legislative responsibilities placed on the OEIB or ELC are excluded from this charter.

Dependencies

- Oregon Education Investment Board: P-20 education policy
- Early Learning Council: early learning policy
- Federal privacy policies: FERPA, HIPAA
- Race to the Top grant deliverables
- Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting grant deliverables
- Statewide agency data systems

Schedule

The steering committee will meet immediately to provide timely input on the home visiting data system RFP. The frequency of meetings will be adjusted to fit ongoing timelines, with expected quarterly meetings in the long-term.

Deliverable Timeline:

- 7/2013: Steering committee convenes; recommendations for home visiting data system RFP created
- 8/2013: Develop work plan and function of ELC Steering Committee for consideration by the ELC
- 9/2013 and beyond- Ongoing oversight of the early childhood data system and support for integration with the statewide longitudinal database