

Board Action Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Preschool Promise Grantees

Summary of Recommended Board Action

ACTION: Adopt the Preschool Promise Award recommendations presented by the Early Learning Council Award Committee.

ISSUE: HB 3380, the authorizing legislation for the new mixed-delivery preschool program Preschool Promise, designates Early Learning Hubs as the applicants for funding and directs them to identify the providers in their community who will deliver the preschool program. The Early Learning Council Award Committee will present their recommendations for Awardees.

BACKGROUND: During the 2015 legislative session, the Oregon Legislature passed HB 3380, directing the Early Learning Division to implement a new mixed-delivery preschool program and the Early Learning Council to provide policy oversight in this process. This mixed-delivery model, dubbed Preschool Promise, will allow Oregon to fund preschool in a variety of high-quality settings. These settings will include public or charter schools, community-based organizations, licensed family and center-based child care programs, relief nurseries, education service districts, and Head Start programs. The Legislature allocated approximately \$17.5 million to launch this program. This program will begin providing services to children in the fall of 2016. Based on preliminary estimates, this funding should enable approximately 1,300 children to attend preschool during the first year of the program

ACTION PRECEDING RECOMMENDED BOARD ADOPTION:

After the Request for Applications closed on February 16, 2016, the following evaluation and award schedule was followed:

- February 16-19: Minimum Qualifications review by DAS Procurement Specialist
- February 17 & 18: Training for Evaluation Team Members
- February 19: Evaluators' Conflict of Interest forms submitted
- February 19-29: Scoring of Applications by Evaluation Team Members
- March 1: Award Team Training
- March 7: Evaluation Team Round Table Meeting
- March 8: Award Team met and finalized recommendation
- March 16: Recommendation made to Early Learning Council by Award Team

The evaluation and award process was managed by a multi-agency team of professional staff and Early Learning Council members. These teams consist of:

- a. Evaluation Team: The Evaluation Team is made up of 9 individuals from the Early Learning Division, Early Learning Council, Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services.
- b. Award Team: The Award Team makes final recommendations on contract awards. This team will determine award recommendations based on information derived from the

Evaluation Team. Membership will include members of the Early Learning Council Executive Committee and the Early Learning System Director.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENTING REPORT FOR ADOPTION:

Pam Curtis, Chair

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