

Consent Agenda Items

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda serves as acknowledgement of receipt of the Committee Reports.

- Committee Reports
 - Best Beginnings Committee
 - Child Care and Education Committee
 - Equity Implementation Committee
 - Measuring Success Committee

Early Learning Council Best Beginning Committee Report

Committee Charge:

Advise the Early Learning Council on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to serving at risk families who are pregnant and/or have children age of 3 years old or under.

Committee Membership:

Martha Brooks, Committee Chair, James Barta, Legislative Director, Children First for Oregon, Donalda Dodson, Executive Director, Oregon Child Development Coalition, Elena Rivera, Health Policy & Program Advisor- Children's Institute, Marguerite Kenagy, HFO Program Manager – Marion & Polk Counties, Jessica Britt, HFO Program Manager – Umatilla & Union Counties, Beth Green, Director of Early Childhood & Family Support Research – PSU, Christy Cox, Early Childhood Development Program Officer, Ford Family Foundation, Lindsey Manfrin, Public Health Manager- Yamhill Public Health, Salam Noor, Early Learning Council Member, Janet Dougherty-Smith, Early Learning Council Member, Lisa Harper, Grassharper Foundation

Report:

The Best Beginnings Committee met on September 8th in Wilsonville. Work on the Budget Note continues and the next Committee meeting is scheduled for November 10th.

Staffed by:

Nakeshia Knight-Coyle, Program & Cross-Systems Integration Director, ELD
Erin Deahn, Healthy Families Oregon Statewide Coordinator, ELD



Early Learning Council CCEC Committee Report

Committee Charge: The Child Care and Education Committee (CCEC) is chartered to advise the Early Learning Council (ELC) on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to affordable, quality child care and early education programs in Oregon, to provide outreach and act as a liaison between citizens and the ELC through community forums and surveys to engage parents, early care and education providers and union representatives and to prioritize outcome based policies for child care and early education issues related to quality, affordability and system coordination.

Report:

The CCEC serves as the Early Learning Council's rules advisory committee for all rules related to early learning and development programs in Oregon under its authority.

Key Issues Discussed & Uncovered:

The CCEC committee met October 13, 2016.

Reviewed proposed revisions to administrative rule language for the Central Background Registry (CBR) to meet federal requirements Recommend proposed rule language move forward to Council for final adoption.

Briefing on Registered Family Child Care, Certified Family Child Care and Certified Center Child Care rules. Discussion on ELD staff development of community engagement strategies and timeline.

Update to the committee on revising the timeline for developing rule recommendations regarding relief nursery services.

Briefing on Regulated Subsidy Centers – Due to HB 2015 and the CCDBG Act of 2014 , ELD is to begin annual health and safety monitoring inspections of license exempt child care providers who receive CCDF subsidy in home and center environments (Regulated Subsidy Providers).

Upcoming Key Decisions:

ELC to approve rule change needed for the Central Background Registry (CBR) rules for fingerprinting to meet federal requirements

ELC to review rule changes needed in Registered Family child care, Certified Family child care and Certified Center Child care rules, and adoption of administrative rules for Regulated Subsidy center-based Providers

Staffed by:

Kim Parker, Chief of Staff, Lisa Pinheiro, Policy Analyst and Cassandra Ferder

EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL

Kate Brown, Governor



Early Learning Council Equity Implementation Committee Report

Committee Charge:

The Equity Implementation Committee is chartered to educate the Early Learning Council (ELC) on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to implementing the [equity recommendations](#) adopted by the Council on March 18, 2015. They are chartered to create an evidence-based, data driven plan relating to aligning early learning policy and practice with the equity lens, with a focus on culturally responsive practice, operating systems and data/resource allocation. The committee will assist the ELC in understanding equity issues from a data standpoint to help the ELC:

1. Actualize this information in setting policy for the early learning system.
2. Celebrate diversity.

Committee Membership: Lennie Bjornsen; Nicole Briggs; Cade Burnette; Carmen Ellis; Sadie Feibel Holmes; Joyce Harris; Rashelle Hibbard; Richard Hines Norwood; Charles McGee; Erin Moore; Francisca Perez; Eva Rippeteau; Lynne Saxton

Report:

The Equity Implementation Committee met jointly with the Measuring Success Committee on October 18, 2016 in Portland. The goal of the day was to identify the intersections in the work plans of both committees.

Key Issues Discussed & Uncovered:

Measuring success

- finding best ways to use our data for ELD accountability
- Thomas George introduces high level policy questions
 - Kindergarten readiness
 - Stable and attached families
 - Finding alignment
- Impact on kids and family
 - Where are the gaps in equity?
- Overarching conversation on how and when the equity lens is used for the work of measuring success
 - Recommendation: Call out specific communities of color: Black, Latino, Native American, Asian
 - Recommendation: Call out economic and rural inequities
 - Recommendation: Lillian Green giving equity training to the measuring success committee

Infant and Toddler Self-Assessment Tool Kit

- 3 to 5 ideas around equity to insure that it is included



Early Learning Council Measuring Success Committee Report

Committee Charge:

Advise the Early Learning Council on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to measuring the success of the early learning system and ensuring equitable outcomes for all children, including but not limited to the Early Learning Hubs.

Committee Membership:

Pam Curtis, Bobbie Weber, Cade Burnett, Dorothy Spence, Kristi May, Mellie Burkovsky-Reyes, Emily Berry, Debby Jones, Colleen Reuland, Sylvia Gillpatrick, Brian Reeder, Andrew Mashburn, Jennifer Matheson

Report:

The Measuring Success Committee met via webinar on October 25th.

1. Review draft memo for incentive metrics for Hubs and finalize recommendation for the ELC

The Committee reviewed the draft memo for the final recommendation for Hub incentive metrics to be presented at the ELC meeting. The Committee previously agreed that the incentive funds be tied to performance on a composite metric that is as simple as possible while capturing different types of indicators of progress across areas of Hub focus. The memo to be presented outlines the RFP process and backup procedure, the timeline, a recommendation for application review, scoring and allocation of funds, and the general nature of the composite metric.

Due to the necessity to ensure no applicant received an unfair advantage due to having a public meeting, and the fact that key Hub staff and partners are members of the Committee, the final recommended composite metric items were not released and may not be released until the official publication of the RFP.

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED & UNCOVERED:

2. Develop final recommendation for the ELC for a composite incentive metric for Hubs

The following issues were considered by the Measuring Success Committee:

1. A number of members of the Committee expressed the need to emphasize that Hubs were not competing against each other for incentive funds, but against themselves. Performance of any Hub is not evaluated in comparison to any other Hub in recognition of the differential development progress and stages of the Hubs.



2. Concern was expressed, especially from Committee members who are also Hub staff, about the amount of work involved for the RFP application as well as the fact that the response period was in the month of December. Committee staff emphasized the low word limits for applications and that much of the required information for the application had already been prepared by the Hubs for other reports. In addition, it was emphasized by staff that this RFP process is much less arduous than the previous RFP over the same period last year. In addition, the Committee agreed to suggest the ELC push the time period back a couple of weeks to minimize required work of Hubs and ELD staff during the holiday season.
3. Committee members also recommended emphasizing the following in communication with the Hubs.
 - a. Recognition of a Hub's progress does consider locally-driven priorities in context with Hub metrics and the three goals of the ELD.
 - b. Language in the current RFP and in future communication should emphasize rewarding Hubs for great performance, and their progress toward long-term Hub goals.
 - c. Highlight that there will be an opportunity in the next biennium to structure true incentive metrics, and work through a timeline proactively.

UPCOMING KEY DECISIONS:

The Measuring Success Committee is slated to bring its full recommendation to the Council on October 27th.

Staffed by:

David Mandell, Interim Director
Tom George, Research Specialist
Denise Swanson, Hub Manager
Sue Parrish, Hub Partnership Manager



- Recommendations from committee members for support for Elisabeth's work (on the recording)
- Recommendation for Elisabeth to talk directly with Lillian

Recommendations for Nov meeting

- CCR&R RFP to the committee
- Other legislation coming up on for the 2017 session
- ESSA reauthorization

Recommendation for Dec meeting

- Professional development update
- Home visiting

Upcoming Key Decisions:

The Equity Implementation will meet again on November 15, 2016.

Staffed by:

Karol Collymore, Early Learning Public Affairs Director
Lillian Green, Equity Director

