

Board Action Summary

AGENDA ITEM: Preschool Promise Rules Update

Summary of Recommended Board Action

ACTION: No Action – update on Preschool Promise Rules for voting in April.

ISSUE: The Early Learning Division is currently engaged in work to implement the Preschool Promise program enacted by the Legislature in 2015. Part of implementation will include promulgation of Oregon Administrative Rules to govern the program.

The purpose of the rules is to define key terms, describe eligibility criteria, and to assist Hubs and preschool providers in the implementation and operation of Preschool Promise program services. The rules describe the standards for the establishment and operation of preschool services under the Preschool Promise program.

The Rules Advisory Committee is currently considering a number of policy areas related to and will be advancing proposed Administrative Rules for consideration by the Council at its March meeting with final adoption at the April Council meetings.

ACTION PRECEDING RECOMMENDED BOARD ADOPTION: The Child Care and Education Committee (CCEC), serving as the Council’s Rules Advisory Committee, has held a number of discussions regarding policy and administrative rules for the program. In addition, the Council formed an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to provide input and feedback to Division staff in implementation of the program.

The broader areas for rule promulgation is shown in the attached document.

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Proposed Contents for Preschool Promise Administrative Rules

Chapter 581, Division 019

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Purpose (of rules): To define key terms, describe eligibility criteria; assist Hubs and preschool providers in the implementation and operation of Preschool Promise program services. These rules describe the standards for the establishment and operation of preschool services under the Preschool Promise program.

Definitions: defines key terms.

Child and Family Eligibility Criteria: Who is responsible for determining eligibility; age, family income.

Hubs Selection process; Fund Disbursement: establishes Hubs will be selected through the public procurement process. Funds will be directed through the Hubs through a process determined by the Council.

Use of Funds by Hubs: Appropriate use of funds; requirements and expectations for accounting practices; establishes that the Division may establish maximum amounts allowable for administrative overhead and provider capacity.

Eligibility Criteria for Preschool Promise Program Providers: describes eligible entities as called out in HB 3380.

Provider / Hub Contracts: Describes required components of hub / provider contracts

Minimum Requirements: Describes all minimum standards as called out in HB 3380 Section 2(4).

Preschool Provider Responsibilities: Describes responsibilities and duties, including: Identifying and enrolling children; verifying eligibility; data collection and reporting; compliance with early learning and child care licensing standards.

Minimum Salary requirements for Lead Preschool Teacher: Establishes that the Council will establish a methodology to determine a target and minimum salary for Lead Preschool Teachers.

Use of funds by Preschool Provider: Describes required and allowable uses of PP funds,

Program Monitoring and Evaluation: Establish expectations and ELD and Hub responsibilities (Under development).

Waivers Application Process: describes process and timelines for waiver requests; Responsibilities of providers and Hubs, Division and Council. Describes quality improvement plans and plan requirements.

Reporting: Establishes that Hubs are responsible for reporting to the Division upon request.

Suspected Abuse: Mirrors requirement in child care center rules for reporting suspected abuse.