



## **BLUE MOUNTAIN EARLY LEARNING HUB**

**March 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m.**

**IMESD Offices**

**Present:** Maureen McGrath, *Executive Director, UMCHS, Inc.*; Jan Goodrich, *Executive Director, Eastern Oregon Head Start*; George Mendoza, *Assistant Superintendent/Special Education Director, Morrow County School District* & Dr. Mark Mulvihill, *Superintendent, InterMountain Education Service District*; Veronica Lezama, *Branch Manager, Banner Bank*; Linda Watson, *Children's Health & Communication Coordinator, GOBHI*;

**Present by video or telephone conference:** Amber Ruiz-Burleson, *Parent*; Carrie Brogoitti, *Public Health Administrator, Center for Human Development, Inc.* & Cindy Hamilton, *Registered Nurse, Case Manager, Grande Ronde Hospital Women's and Children's Clinic*

### **Administrator, Coordinators and Administrative Support Staff Attending:**

Cade Burnette, *Director of Education and Disabilities, UMCHS, Inc.*; Lisa Hachquet, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Amy Hoffert, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Jon Peterson, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan, *Blue Mountain Community College*

### **Guests:**

Dianna Ilaoa, *DHS*; Linda Olson, *DHS*, Lidwinner Machado, *DHS*

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Sheree Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting today, either in person, via video conference or conference phone.

Introduced new members Veronica from Banner Bank will be the Morrow County representative and Cindy Hamilton from Grande Ronde Hospital Women's and Children's Clinic will be the Union County representative.

Jon Peterson stated Modesta Minthorn, the education director for CTUIR has gotten approval from the tribe to have a tribal representative join the BMELH. Modesta reported she would let us know who that is that person would be. She also informed the board that they are very thankful being including on the board. It will be beneficial for children on the reservation as well as the community. Many of the

concerns are the same for CTUIR and the BMELH. She stated she was looking forward to working with this board.

**Public Comment:**

Sheree Smith indicated that there was not any Public Comment at this time.

**Presentations:**

**Reports:**

*ECPT reports*

No report from Union County ECPT

Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan presented the following:

- Starla Halverson presented about QRIS and Spark changes in procedures.
- Cathy Wamsley presented information about the Dental Labs which are available in every county for use.
- CCR&R Spring Conference “Children Bring Communities Together” is scheduled for April 07 & 08, 2017.
- Amy Hoffert presented about Vroom. BMELH has materials for those who are interested.
- Discussed the need for a new member for the governance board. Two individuals were interested. Dawn will report back with information via email or at the next BMELH meeting in May.

Sheree Smith expressed her gratitude for Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan doing the notes for the Morrow County ECC meeting.

- BMELH Updates were shared.
- NFP is graduating a couple of moms so there will be openings in the spring. Babies First is going well. MCM has openings and is looking for referrals from Health Dept. WIC, and CARE. Yvonne shared that CaCoon offers support for 0-21 children/adults with special needs. George would like her to attend a special ed. teacher meeting in the future to see if anyone has fallen through the cracks.
- CARE Team Update/Report - They have been focusing on attendance, parenting classes, a future car seat event in March and immunizations as the exclusion date is coming up on Wednesday the 15th of February. Any students not up to date on their shots will not be allowed at school on that date. Dirk asked for support in the schools on Monday and Tuesday so they can get as many shots done as possible. Sheri said they could support that and they would be open on Wednesday as well. Currently there are 120 exclusions, but many of them are 7th graders in need of only the DtP shot.

### *Data Reports*

Cade Burnette presented the data reports

Education: BMELH data shows number of children enrolled in Kindergarten on-time is 98%, which is above state average. Kindergarten Assessment which includes letter names and sounds, interpersonal skills and self-regulation data for our region shows our scores below the state average. BMELH region is making improvements but so is the state average. Third grade reading scores need improvement. However, our region's graduation rates are above the state average.

Health and Safety: BMELH data shows immunization rates and number of children on OHP with 6+ well-child exams by 15 months old are above the state average. Child abuse and neglect victim rate per 1000 is lower than the state average. Screenings have gone up but several children in the same family would account for the increase. Parent education has increased over the last year which can be attributed to more parenting ED classes and more access to those classes. ASQ screenings counted by CCO is below the state average but that can mean that it isn't being counted as an ASQ screening on the billing side. There are discrepancies in the counties, there has been many conversations at ECPT or with the Board. It is a difficult data point to get information for. Is incentive measure. There have been many conversations about capturing the ones that are not captured.

Sheree reported there may be some disconnect in the immunization rate because the report only reflects the immunizations given by a pediatrician not the ones given at the health departments.

Systems: BMELH systems of care are growing. Family Friendly Businesses increasing fairly quickly. No Wrong Door providers increasing fairly quickly. SPARK-Rated programs (QRIS) increasing, but still lagging behind the state pace.

Mark and Maureen requested the leadership team to look at summer melt issue and how we can address it as well as alignment issues. With this information in hand Mark would like the hub to use the highest leverage activities to reach the most kids and the target populations.

### *Coordinators report*

Lisa reported the PLTs are part of a case study being done by Portland State University.

#### **Kindergarten Support Team:**

Amy reported KST is now in 9 classrooms throughout the region. It has been going very well keeping and keeping her very busy. Mark would like a survey for individuals to take after KST

assistance. It would be a case study of sorts to see the areas need improvement and what is going well. Amy and Cade will come up with some measurable data points.

**Family Friendly Business:**

Nothing new since last meeting to report in this area.

**No Wrong Door:**

Nothing new since last meeting to report in this area.

**PLT**

Lisa Hachquet reported the PLTs are part of a case study being done by Portland State University. They will be interviewing PLT members from each PLT group at their monthly meetings, if possible.

**Kindergarten Transition Team:**

*Workplan Updates*

Nothing new to report at this time.

*Conscious Discipline Updates*

Lisa Hachquet reported the March 10<sup>th</sup> Conscious Discipline Overview training had 122 participants. Due to the response and number of interested people another Conscious Discipline Overview Training will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> at IMESD Main Office. Lisa reported the subcommittee of the BMLEH that is working on Regional Implementation of Conscious Discipline has been talking about making specialized webinars for specific topics. The presenter will need to run a test of her bandwidth. Lisa will provide an update to the group at the next meeting.

**Discussion Items:**

Lisa Hachquet resented the interim funds for the board to review. Lisa reported interim funds are the funds that begin July 1 - September 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. These funds are borrowed from the next contract. It is not required that we subcontract out these funds for the 3 -month period. Lisa asked the group if they would like to wait to subcontract out in the fall when the new contract with ELD starts or if they would like to subcontract out these interim funds. Jon Peterson made a motion to wait till the contract is in place in October before subcontracting out the funds. Maureen seconded the motion.

*Monitoring Site Visit*

Lisa reported April 20<sup>th</sup> is the date for the monitoring site visit. Lisa and Ali have been putting together documents. Amy sent out the partner surveys and also sent reminders. The results of the surveys will not be given to us until the monitoring visit. ELD has shared a memo regarding

the all hubs and their subcontractors to retain receipts for good and services. This is a requirement from the state for the grant funds. The memo has gone out to our subcontractors at least twice but we are still not getting the correct documentation back. This may prove to be an issue during our site visit. Amy and Lisa took part in an evaluation of Early Learning hub development. Our hub was phase 4 in almost all areas, which is a great place to be, Lisa stated.

### *Marketing*

Jon reporting during every BMELH staff meeting the conversation around marketing. The group has noticed marketing is tying in with the with data. Too many people that are not familiar with the BMELH activities and initiatives. Some school districts are familiar with the hub and some are not. Jon asked the group what can we do to better market the hub? Michele Madril from the IMESD communications department has been involved, she has talked about diff marketing strategies. There will be changes to the website and improving, press releases done when new initiatives are presented. Michelle will help put together a summary report for school districts and legislature about the hub. George Mendoza requested having someone speak at administrative meetings at school districts as well. The idea of an app has also been brought up a few times. Jon or the coordinators will report out on this as changes are made.

### *Systems Navigation – Next Steps*

This will be addressed again at the May meeting.

### *Behavioral Health and Education Summit*

Linda Watson would like to clarify the November discussion. At the GOBHI summit educators introduced to behavior health, yoga health, implement into classroom. Linda thought Mark Mulvihill wanted to change the summit for 0-7 years old instead of bringing the audience more focused. The next summit will focus on early learning with GOBHI. Mark request to make it a big event for EL providers and teachers with breakouts, marketing for the hub. Linda stated how important venue is to this session, look into Wildhorse. Linda also stated having a captivating keynote speaker really ties the event together. Amy and Ali will look into room availability at Wildhorse. The date will be October 13<sup>th</sup>. Where do we go from here? Is this something for the coordinators to work on? Mark stated this makes sense for the coordinators to work on with Linda. Amy will lead the committee. Some breakout session ideas that were mentioned include Annette Chastain-Conscious Discipline, Ari – Vroom and Trauma Informed Care 1 and 2, etc.

### **Action Items:**

*Bylaws*

Sheree presented the bylaws which have been changed to include tribal representation on the board. Maureen McGrath made a motion to accept the bylaws. Jon Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*Support Letter Request*

Maureen requested letter of support for an RFA for CCR&R RFA to the ELD. It would be very beneficial for CCR&R to have a letter of support from the Blue Mountain Learning Hub. George Mendoza moved to give a letter of support for CCR&R. Linda Watson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*Approval of Minutes*

Sheree Smith presented the member with the BMELH Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2017. It was suggested to strike the sentence regarding Linda Watson no longer participating on the BMELH board as well as correcting her title. Veronica Lezama requested her title be changed to Branch Manager.

Jon Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes with the above mentioned changed. George Mendoza seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Announcements:**

Spring Diversity Conference on April 10<sup>th</sup> at EOTECH. A flyer will be sent electronically as well as the paper version that is being passed out to the group.

Next Meeting is Monday, May 8th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with lunch following.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ali VanHouten  
BMELH Admin. Assistant