



BLUE MOUNTAIN EARLY LEARNING HUB

September 12, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

IMESD Offices

Present: Ivonne Lopez, *Department of Human Services*; Maureen McGrath, *Umatilla Morrow Head Start*; George Mendoza, *Morrow County School District*; Mark Mulvihill, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Sheree Smith, *Morrow County Public Health*; Linda Watson, *Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc.*;

Present by video or telephone conference: Carrie Brogoitti, *Center for Human Development*; Diane Greif, *Elgin School District*; Amber Ruiz-Burleson, *Parent*;

Administrator, Coordinators and Administrative Support Staff Attending:

Jon Peterson, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Cade Burnette, *Umatilla Morrow Head Start*; Lisa Hachquet, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Alexandria VanHouten, *InterMountain Education Service District*

Guests:

Nikki Clark, *Morrow County Public Health*
Zenaida Lyles, *Oregon Early Learning Division*
Tamie Prociw, *IMESD*
Mary Ann Wren, *Advantage Dental*

Welcome and Introductions:

Sheree called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Public Comment:

None

Presentations:

Conscious Discipline, Tammie McEnroe, *Eastern Oregon Head Start*

EOHS is working on being a STAR program. This process takes years because Conscious Discipline (CD) is implemented over time and then fully saturates the program. Conscious Discipline is a change in philosophy because of this the agency has to be ready for a change. Implementation must be throughout an agency, from the top down. One of the key factors for successful implementation in a program is a slow and steady pace. Safe environment, building school family, sense of belonging and positive intent are just a few ways Conscious Discipline is used every day in the classroom. There are still behavior issues but teachers/care providers/parents are changing the way they are handling it with a better approach. This concept

can be applied from early learning all the way to high school. Linda Watson shared GOBHI will have two CD counselors to do breakout sessions at the GOBHI Summit.

Kindergarten Support Team, Amy Hoffert and Jon Peterson, *B MEL Hub*

One of the outcomes of the summer BMELH retreat was an idea now being called Kindergarten Support Team (KST). The BMELH has heard there are a lot of kids coming into kindergarten programs that are having a tough time. Often these are kids that are not in programs, unseen kids. School staff are struggling to deal with those students, their behaviors are impacting the classrooms. What can we do to help? Kindergarten Support Team – 911 for kindergarten teachers have gotten to the point that they have done all they can.

How it will work: a ticket is submitted by a principal or superintendent requesting help. KST will send one person to school to observe the classroom. That observer will hopefully identify some next steps or supports that can be utilized. Amy shared a flow chart which shows the process for requesting assistance. This support would be separate from the school based child study team, this is a support for teachers, instructional coaching. If the support needed exceeds what is available through the school and KST a soft hand off can be made to community agencies.

After this was presented to superintendents on September 7th, there was a lot of interest and some tickets have already been submitted. Jon will be meeting with superintendents and principals in the coming weeks.

Reports:

Statewide Hub Updates

Mark shared statewide updates in regards to the upcoming election and ballot measures changes will be seen all over. Early Learning needs to market the results we have and impact we are making in our region. We need to systematized the involvement, have more outreach, more recruitment, hired a person, partnership to create more possibilities. The BMEL Hub activities are a compelling working progress.

Maureen shared information regarding the Dalles RAC STEM conference. The main topic of discussion was equity. It is a new initiative with very hopeful outcomes. As part of our contract with the state we are required to participate in equity training.

ECPT reports

Lisa reported for Umatilla County from August Meeting. Aaron Worden did a great presentation on recovering of native language in schools. Many parenting classes happening in the area. Vroom website has activity card templates for free. Upcoming trainings discussion. KST was briefly mentioned as something on the horizon. Cade spoke about Family Friendly Business, No Wrong Door and the Kindergarten Transition Team.

Union County report from August Meeting. GRH has hired full time nurse practitioner, who is only doing well-child checks. EOHS is starting enrollment process. GOBHI Summit in October. Healthy families' fundraiser in Baker County. Public library has lots of activities and has given out 550 Ready to Learn cards.

Sheree reported for Morrow County Aug 11th meeting. Contents of EL meeting were shared such as plans to collaborate with 211 system and No Wrong Door application. It was discussed that Morrow Co. does need a business rep for the Governance Board. During the county fair a health booth provided HFO information and water bottles to the public. Dental learning lab was also set up at the fair for one day. Babies First, CARE, CaCoon and NFP all gave updates of have busy caseloads. OCDC has employment opportunities as well as preschool openings in Irrigon and Boardman classrooms.

Data Reports

Nothing new to report at this time.

Coordinators report

Welcome letter was sent out to PLT members, added 10 members. At the COSA P-3 Early Learning conference 6 PLT members and Lisa will be doing a presentation during a breakout session. Conscious Discipline none-day training dates have been finalized October 28th, March 10th, currently working on venues and registration. The team will be working on the new workplan graphic.

Workplan Updates

The first draft has been submitted to the state for review. Changes and additions made were adding KST, Kindergarten Transition, equity activities, No Wrong Door, Family Friendly Business, progress and expanding of current activities, and aligning work plan with data.

Discussion Items:

Regional Conscious Discipline Implementation Status

UMCHS – Trained all staff around 210 people.

MCSD – wants/needs more buy in from teachers and ways to show tangible application. They would like to take part in an initial overview training then follow up with 2-day training.

BMELH has a CD committee meeting, the next meeting is Sept 28th. We will be discussing budget, materials, registration, target audience, etc. what we want cost of materials down. Annette Chastain has told several people to start small with implementation and let it be a natural saturation not forced. For instance, to get started EOHS did a book study to get started. It was mentioned several times to perhaps get a trainer for our region. Jon suggested taking someone

locally taking to the highest level. The group will look into options and report out as more is available. Conscious Discipline through the region will be a standing agenda item for the Hub.

Hub Team Infrastructure - The team will work together to update roles and responsibilities. Updates to org. chart will be made. Team will meet weekly/bi-weekly. First team meeting will be September 28th.

Action Items:

Governance Board Resignation

Dianne Grief would like to resign from the board. Mark Mulvihill made a motion to accept Dianne's resignation, seconded by George Mendoza, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the July 11th meeting were reviewed. Sheree Smith moved to approve the minutes of the July 11th meeting, seconded by Yvonne Lopez, motion passed.

Announcements:

Linda Watson said the website opened today for Behavior Health Summit. The morning speaker will be Pamela Black giving an overview. After lunch breakout sessions featuring Conscious Discipline as well as many other exciting topics. The goal of the breakout session is everyone walking away with practical applications.

GOBHI supports the efforts in Eastern Oregon to integrate Conscious Discipline into the schools. Early intervention and prevention key for successful lives. Please share the flyer to continue to get the word out. GOBHI is trying to coordinate efforts with everyone so not to compete with each other for staff attendance.

Equity- Maureen has been able to get a very dynamic presenter to bring equity training to our region on December 9th at EO Tech. Raymond Reyes is a lively presenter with hands on activities to make 8 hours of mandatory training fly by. Maureen and team will get invites out within the next few weeks. Finalizing of plans will continue and updates will be sent. Hopefully this can be a collaborative agency effort to open this up at no cost for people to come to this training met all the requirements.

The next meeting is Monday, September 12th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with lunch following.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ali VanHouten
InterMountain ESD