

7-10-17

Governance Board Meeting

Members Present: Sheree Smith, Public Health Administration Morrow County; Maureen McGrath, Executive Director, UMCHS, Inc.; Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan, Blue Mountain Community College; Amy Hoffert, InterMountain ESD; Cade Burnette, Director of Education and Disabilities, UMCHS, Inc.; Jon Peterson, InterMountain Education Service District – BMELH Director; Amber Ruiz-Burleson, Parent; Lori Hale, Principal of Pendleton Early Learning Center; Dr. Mark Mulvihill, InterMountain ESD Superintendent; Jan Goodrick, Executive Director, EOHS; Dianna Ilaoa, DHS; Lidwinner Machado, DHS; and Kim Thul, InterMountain ESD.

Present by video or telephone conference: Lisa Hachquet, P-3 Coordinator, InterMountain ESD; Linda Watson, Children’s Health & Community Coordinator, GOBHi

Guests Present: Joanna Vaughan, Amy Hendrix, Lourdes Reyna-Alcala, Pat Consoliver, Zenaida Lyles, Marie Shimer

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Sheree Smith.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves and their job title.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None at this time.

RECOGNITION:

Jon Peterson recognized Zenaida Lyles for her service to the BMELH – she was presented with a gift and card from the BMELH.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sheree Smith noted some corrections to the minutes of May 8, 2017 – her name was spelled incorrectly throughout, Amy Hoffert was listed twice as present, change the word except to accept in the action items section (approval of minutes) and under announcements Lisa Hoffert should be Lisa Hachquet.

Dr. Mark Mulvihill made a motion to accept the amended minutes of the BMELH from the May 8, 2017 meeting. Maureen McGrath seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion or objections, all members approved the motion.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Joanna Vaughn from OHSU Casey Eye Institute presented information and a video regarding vision screening for kids – she has a provider that is willing to come out and

provide services but hasn't been able to find a local doctor that is willing to provide space for them to use. Also there is an issue with the local eye doctor's accepting the OHP insurance.

They do have a mobile clinic that can screen kids but they really would like office space in order to provide a good quality exam – she thinks getting volunteers to help wouldn't be a problem – they just need equipment and space.

Mark requested some cost data – agreed we need to do this but need some data first.

Maureen McGrath moved to expand our goals to include visual information and Jan Goodrick seconded. Hearing no further discussion or objections, all members approved the motion.

- Lourdes Reyna-Alcala from Umatilla County Head Start, shared a handout with the group regarding the SOY SANO (I'm Healthy) grant. This grant helps children and teens connect to free health care if they don't qualify for the OHP (Oregon Health Plan) or other qualified health plans and are under 19 years old.
- Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) presenter Pat Consoliver explained what the OCDC is - basically just like head start – difference is they serve a narrow population – to qualify you have to work in agriculture – 51% of income has to be from agriculture and must be in poverty. Handed out information with information listed by county. He indicated they are looking for ways to identify more of this population. They would also like feedback how OCDC is as far as a contributing partner to the HUB.

Sheree commented great participation from OCDC in Morrow County.

REPORTS:

- ECPT Reports:

Union Co. – Amy Hoffert discussed the Union Co. minutes from the last ECPT meeting

Umatilla Co – Dawn Kennison-Kerrigan discussed the Umatilla County ECPT minutes

Morrow Co. – Sheree Smith shared the Morrow County ECPT minutes

Sheree Smith announced the new Early Learning Center in Boardman is named the Neal Learning Center – ribbon cutting is August 30th at 3:00 pm

- Coordinators Report – Cade discussed – Family Friendly Business added Boardman Foods to the group. Key partner to bring on board.

Lisa Hachquet updated regarding PLT's – wrapped up conscious discipline report and sent it to Kim. She attended the P-3 collaborative meeting in Bend. Gap analysis – our HUB scored very well.

VROOM – midterm progress report was sent in June. Met with groups listed and given presentations – encouraging them to sign up to get reading materials.

- Work Plan Update – Lisa updated - KPI coming out of HUB contract dollars and make it a grant – will require own paperwork.
- Kindergarten JumpStart – Amy gave a presentation and a handout on this subject: All 4 schools are in place for the summer program – Athena, Elgin, Umatilla and Boardman. Amy will be traveling to each site to meet with the teachers prior to them starting. She also explained the budget for the Jumpstart program.

Jon Peterson reminded the group that we are piloting this program in these four districts. Hopefully after this the district's will provide funding for their own jumpstart programs and the HUB will provide support.

Maureen McGrath asked if there was difficulty in recruiting kids for the Jumpstart program. Amy response there were no problems in Morrow County, Umatilla and Athena. She wasn't sure about Elgin since they just recently committed.

- Fall Summit Update – Amy Hoffert updated the group – the fall summit will be held on October 13th, 2017, which is the statewide in-service day. They are still trying to secure a venue that will accommodate that many people. They are hoping to use Wildhorse. Mark suggested having a morning and afternoon session and splitting the group up since there are so many people expected to attend. Cade also announced that he thought attendees could receive one college credit (at their own expense) for attending.
- Oral Health Report – Mark Mulvihill discussed the OCF initiative and handed out information regarding oral health that included data broken down by county for one year – he commented it was a very successful program.
- Conscious Discipline – Lisa been working on Zoom with IT department.
- Mark shared a summary email with the group regarding the latest legislative session. The deficit was mainly OHP and PERS costs. Discussed PERS issues.

Early Learning and HUB – explained the upcoming budget for the next biennium – BMELH got an 11% cut – we are still sitting good financially. There was a 4% cut to KPI.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- HUB marketing strategies – Cade Burnette reported strategies include contacting hospitals in three counties, family friendly businesses, and bigger employers. Also

canvassing laundromats and places like that. Thinks the HUB can help by having more contacts with more people.

- Kindergarten Assessment – Cade Burnette explained that the assessment is now administered from the state and is now open to the public – not a closed assessment. Questions were asked whether we repurpose the kindergarten screening tool to go along with the kindergarten assessment to compare apples to apples. Now that it's available should we use it? Cade will put together a proposal and how it might look and talk about it at the next meeting in September.

ACTION ITEMS:

- BMELH Annual report - Cade handed out the 2016 annual report. Jon asked to label the pictures on page 3 to show what the events were. Joanna will provide vision data for all three counties to add to the packet. Cade will make the addition that Jon suggested – he would like to print about 1,000 and get the information handed out.

The group voted unanimously to allow Cade to proceed with the printing of them.

- Morrow County Board Member Applicant Approval – **the group voted unanimously to accept Marie Shimer as the new Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub Governance Board Member replacing George Mendoza**
- Conflict of Interest Language for By-Laws – Lisa Hachquet discussed the new language that needs to be added according to the State. After some discussion it was decided to remove the word strict from the third sentence.

Maureen MGrath moved to accept the proposed changes and adding that into the bylaws. Amber Ruiz-Burleson seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion or objections, all members approved the motion.

New Language:

Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub

Conflict of Interest Language for BMELH bylaws

The Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub (BMELH) will not make funding decisions for the sole benefit of any one agency associated with the BMELH. All funding decisions will be made based on a majority vote by the governance board, when a quorum is present. Ideas for allocating funding will be brought before the board by Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub staff and partners after going through a vetting process and discussion by various committees. All funding suggestions must follow the governance board's agreed

upon priorities and state funding requirements. The governance board includes members from Morrow, Umatilla, and Union Counties. The following sectors will be represented on the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub governance board, and in all funding decisions; early childhood, K-12 education, health, human services, local business, and parents.

Announcements:

The next meeting is September 11, 2017 from 10:00-12:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Thul
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