



BLUE MOUNTAIN EARLY LEARNING HUB  
November 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
IMESD Offices

Present: Maureen McGrath, *Umatilla Morrow Head Start*; Mark Mulvihill, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Sheree Smith, *Morrow County Public Health*; Linda Watson, *Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc.*; Sarah Williams, *Umatilla County Public Health*

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

Administrator, Coordinators and Administrative Support Staff Attending:

Lisa Hachquet, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Amy Hoffert, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Jon Peterson, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Alexandria Van Houten, *InterMountain Education Service District*

Guests:

Zenaida Lyles, *Oregon Early Learning Division*; Mary Ann Wren, *Advantage Dental*; Cathy Wamsley, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Lidwinner Machado, *DHS*; Dianna Ilaoa, *DHS*; Linda Olson, *OHS temp*; Marissa Loiland, *InterMountain Education Service District*; Starla Halverson, *Umatilla Morrow Head Start*

Welcome and Introductions:

Sheree called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Public Comment:

Modesta Minthorn from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation was elected to the Oregon State board of Education.

Presentations:

Dental Learning Lab, *Cathy Wamsley, IMESD Oral Health Coordinator*

Cathy Wamsley shared 1215 kids as of November have participated in the dental learning lab, which started in July. Some of the places the dental learning lab visited were the Lifeways Summer Reach program, UMCHS Summer Feeding program, Hermiston Health and Fitness Day, Marisol's Health Fair, Sam Boardman Elementary, Umatilla County Fair and Pendleton Early Learning Center. Advantage Dental provided toothbrushes and toothpaste. The dental learning labs have received a lot of support from putting together dental bags with toothbrushes and

toothpaste to volunteers. Hermiston Kiwanis Breakfast Club purchased 1500 bags with the IMESD Superhero Tooth logo.

CCR&R Presentation, *Starla Halverson, UMCHS*

CCR&R is a program that assists parents and child care providers with child care issues. One of the goals is to provide parents the right questions when seeking quality child care. Helping providers be quality child care is another way CCR&R supports child care providers. As of January 2015, they serve 8 counties in Eastern Oregon. Starla explained the recent changes in the RFP process for CCR&R. In the past a contract with ELD to provide services but recently changed to a competitive grant RFP.

A new rating system called SPARK will to replace QRIS as per ELD. The system is being reworked and simplified.

### **Reports:**

#### *ECPT reports*

Dawn reported there were several trainings going on in the county. Gina Bennet and Freda Zoby from GOBHI presented during the meeting, highlighting the applied behavior analysis program. Agencies provided updates: PELC is now a Title 1 school and have added music and P.E twice a week; Conscious Discipline has been implemented in EI/ECSE classrooms and Children Bring Communities Together Conference is planned for April 7 & 8th, currently seeking keynote and presenters. The Umatilla County ECPT will continue to add members to facilitate meaningful connections in the community and share important information.

Sheree reported Morrow County ECC is still trying to find a governance representative. During the last meeting Cade gave BMELH update about KST, NWD and FFB. OHS just finished a session of mandatory reporting. Community Counseling Solutions reported school based counselors are in almost every school in Morrow County. Morrow County School District reported several group classes being offered for parents in Morrow County including nutrition, Ready for kinder and even citizenship.

Carrie reported at the Union County meeting Chris Chistainson, an immigration lawyer from Andrade Legal, presented to the group. Immigration topics are becoming more common in Union County. Carrie shared the process is very difficult to obtain citizenship and having Chris speak was very beneficial for the group. They are still looking for a governance representative.

#### *Data Reports*

Nothing new to report at this time.

### *Coordinators report*

Lisa shared the PLTs are in the third year. Participation has gone from 30 the first year to 80 members this year. About 90% of the PLT members have received some kind of Conscious Discipline training. At this time all members from year 2, have been provided with Conscious Discipline materials, kinder readiness pamphlets, and Vroom tip cards. Conscious Discipline Overview training on Oct 28th was successful. Next overview training will be March 10th at Pendleton HS commons.

The Conscious Discipline team will meet to discuss next steps and the two-year plan for the region.

Maureen shared the Bridges to Opportunities website will be rolled out in January. A wonderful success story for the No Wrong Door program, through the process a homeless family was able to get connected with an apartment.

### *Workplan Updates*

Lisa explained the workplan has been updated to reflect the equity, No Wrong Door and Family Friendly Business updates. It was suggested to add a footnote to include the state approval date. It was also suggested that a section of it be gone over at every meeting or every other meeting.

### *Kindergarten Support Team Updates*

Amy reported she has observed 17 students in our service area. She has visited 8 classrooms in the region, the current challenge is logistics. There is a need for instructional support. The possibility of hiring another instructional coach that can assist with coaching was discussed. Of the students that were observed about half were from the unidentified population. Mark shared he has heard good feedback from schools.

### **Discussion Items:**

#### *BMELH Fall Conference Concept*

Mark shared an idea of Early Learning conference located in Pendleton on the fall in-service date. This event would have a keynote then breakout sessions. Topics of breakout session ranging from Conscious Discipline, mental health, equity, parenting education, etc. Target audience would include Kindergarten teachers and early learning providers. It was suggested to expand to a K-2nd grade focus. The team will start looking into venues, keynote speakers, and funding.

**Action Items:***ECE Advisory Committee*

Dawn asked for approval for ECE109 Foundations and Careers in ECE be added to the Credit for Prior Learning to anyone that has already been working in the ECE field for at least a year, but is just now taking classes. Maureen McGrath made a motion to approve, seconded by Linda Watson, motion passed.

Dawn was asked by the Sociology and Psychology departments to find out if there is an interest in BMCC adding a Human Resources AAS or AAOT degree. Do we need a 2-year degree in human services, home visitors, etc.? It was shared that someone would need bachelors would most likely be needed. Linda Watson made a motion to have needs study done, seconded by Sarah Williams, motion passed.

The Boardman center has walls up; the furniture and playground equipment have been order. The infant/toddler class will begin having children in August of 2017. Dawn shared ECE 199 course, titled Mathematics and the Young Child will be a pilot class offered in Fall 2017. There is a \$250.00 scholarship available for the first 16 who register.

*Budget Revisions*

Lisa suggested removing the small grants from the budget. Those funds have yet to be allocated and have proved to be difficult to give to agencies due the fiscal processes. The funds could be used for conferences, equity training or other activities. Linda Watson made a motion to remove the small grants from the budget, seconded by Sarah Williams, motion passed.

*Board Resignation*

Yvonne Lopez would like to resign from the board. Maureen McGrath made a motion to accept Yvonne's resignation, seconded by Jan Goodrick, motion passed.

*Approval of Minutes*

The minutes for the September 12th meeting were reviewed. Maureen McGrath moved to approve the minutes of the September 12th meeting, seconded by Sarah Williams, motion passed.

**Announcements:**

Equity Training-The date is December 9th at EOTECH. Registration information and a flyers are being shared in the community. Currently about 260 people are signed up.

P3 COSA Conference- A reminder about the P3 COSA conference is happening later in the week. Registration is very low; scholarships are being offered to cover the fee. The registration link will be sent out to everyone following the meeting

The next meeting is Monday, January 9th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with lunch following.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ali VanHouten  
InterMountain ESD

