



Childhood Care and Education Coordinating Council
Meeting Summary
Thursday June 7, 2007
1:00-4:45
Roth's Hospitality Center
1130 Wallace Road NW
Salem, OR 97304

Present: Mark Anderson, Terry Butler, Kim Cardona, Barbara Christiansen, Pam Dunn, Ernesto Escalera, Pamela Everitt, Jari Giles, Merrily Haas, Patsy Kohout, Donna Lewelling, Heidi McGowan, Dawn Norris, Tom Olsen, Rhonda Prodzinski, Dennis Reynolds, Kathy Seubert, Diana Stotz, Sonja Svenson, Beth Unverzagt, and Bobbie Weber

Introductions & Announcements-No August Meeting

Parent Voice Updates-Donna Lewelling shared what is on parents mind is trying to find summer care and difficulty. For example, one family is struggling to find care for her three children as she works part time. The difficulty she is having is finding one provider to care for all three of her children. Currently no provider in her area has an opening for three children.

Update on Statewide Mentoring Program-Mary Nemmers shared that the Statewide Mentoring program was comprised of PD mentors (R&R's) and the CCE mentors (employees of the Network). As of July 1 these roles will be combined and the Statewide Mentor Program will be operated within the local R&R's. The mentoring program will provide one-on-one mentoring with specific goals for providers. There may be several mentors within the R&R's but they will all meet the established mentor standards. There is an orientation set for July and Merrily Haas asked if the articulation group could meet to update the new mentors on the current work going on with the Virtual Degree Program.

One Voice Legislative Update – Mary Nemmers shared that One Voice decided to focus on the policy option package and it currently looks hopeful to have the \$13 million added back in to the package.

Legislative Update – Heidi McGowen shared that HB2810A has passed the House which extends the sunset to 2013. It doesn't look like HB2811 will pass but are working to try and increase the cap to \$1-\$1.5 million. If HB2811 does not pass the tax credit program will need to look at the 2 pilots evaluations and determine which part of the program provide the biggest impact for children, families and providers.

Tom Shared:

HB3113 – Clarifies the Department of Human Service Child Protective Services and/or law enforcement will investigate alleged abuse in child care facilities and then reports the findings back to the Child Care Division.

SB788 – Collective Bargaining Arbitration which may result in a change in the child care system.

Review Childhood Care and Education Committee Chart – Based on feedback from the group Dawn will update the chart and bring to the October next meeting. Dawn will bring the

list of people who are to be on the Coordinating Council to the next meeting to work on representation. Region X Child Care Bureau is willing to facilitated a meeting between the Oregon Tribes Child Care

2008-2009 Child Care and Development Fund State Plan – An updated the plan is posted on the website and a public hearing is set for June 26 from 6-7 in the Doak's Ferry Room at Roth's Hospitality Suite. There have been a little over 150 comments on the plan. Any additions changes to the plan will be amendments.

Family Friends & Neighbor Presentation –Kim Cardona presented the status of the Family, Friend and Neighbor Initiative. Below are the presenter's notes from the presentation. The PowerPoint is available upon request.

Background- historical timeline where we've been for context

- FFN Committee working for several years without any hope of funds but ideas:
 - Early Head Start Enhanced Home Visiting (National study)
 - Bobbie completed a report for the CACFP

- Began with group Spring 06, introduced idea of providing some tools and supports to FFN providers and set aside about \$150,000.

- Preliminary work with:
 - Researching literature to
 - Learn about FFN
 - Small group met to determine what FFN Caregivers may want or need, as well as a figure out a delivery system
 - Stakeholder meeting to develop a logic model lead by Bobbie Weber in Oct. 16, 2006 and out of that we drafted a Strategic Plan (hand out **STRATEGIC PLAN**)
 - R&Rs
 - LCCFs / OCCF
 - Librarians
 - Diana Picket (CCHCP)
 - Healthy Start
 - Head Start / Migrant Head Start
 - CACFP
 - Others

- Contracted with Toni Porter, Director of the Institute for a Child Care Continuum at Bank Street College of New York –
 - Dinner with some key foundations and private partners (hosted by Mult. CCF)
Oct 30:
 - Dr. David Willis, NW Early Childhood Institute
 - Swati Adarkar, Children's Institute
 - Mary Louise McClintock, Oregon Community Foundation
 - Pam Greenough, Early Head Start
 - Kim Thomas,
 - Allisa Keny-Guyer

- Barabara Willer
 - Elana Emlin
 - Kim Cardona
- Presented National research at the Researchers' Roundtable Oct 31
 - Group of about 50 researchers, local CCFs, and others
 - Worked with FFN Committee Nov 1 to do a visioning exercise as well as to refine the strategic Plan

Where we are currently / emerging work (in less than 1 year):

- OCCF Toolkit Initiative: **(handout)**
 - 3880 English, 500 Spanish (reviewed by OCDC)
(5200 DHS Listed FFN)
 - Evaluation tools and an estimate for how much it will cost to do an Evaluation-developed by Steve Ryder from Pacific Research & Evaluation
 - RFP for actual Evaluation later
- DHS Initiative with Marion, Polk, Yamhill:
- Multnomah CCF:
- Jefferson CCF some funds for ensuring phone calls are made:
- DHS POP, Orientation training:

Next steps:

- See what happens with the DHS POP
- Refine the toolkit delivery system
 - Add schoolage component
 - Special needs component
- Continue to develop the Strategic Plan
- Continue to develop partnerships and funds to widen the scope to reach more FFN, possibly beyond the DHS listed

Final Recommendations from the CCR&R Task Force – Mary Nemmers share that the recommendations have been approved by the Network Board of Directors. The next steps are to establish the feasibility of the different recommendations. Six workgroups have been established to look at the feasibility of the recommendations. There are some established timelines to follow but a workgroup may take additional time if needed. Tom asked to honor the work of the Task Force that all due consideration to the timelines be followed. Merrily Haas asked about the timing of these changes for some counties, Clackamas & Lane for example, and how some providers are just beginning to trust in some situations and asked to be sensitive to those community with a lot of communication.

Updates from Committees:

Training and Quality – Merrily shared the Articulation workgroup has the brochure to the graphic artists to be developed and a final conference call is scheduled.

Inclusive Child Care – Dawn Norris is now the co-chair with Donna Lewelling. The Inventory project is going strong and Lorine has been doing a fantastic job in pulling together all the information from the various input received. They are working with Compass Disabilities to have the information be accessible via the web. Oregon has been selected as one of four states to participate in a federal grant working with the Professional Development Center on Inclusion to participate in statewide planning in the area of inclusion. Required partners included the Child Care Division, EI/ECSE and Head Start Collaboration.

Child Care Research Partnerships –

- The System Accountability workgroup is currently working to take the identified gaps from the Logic Model and restate them in the positive to create a way to measure progress of the gaps.
- The Researchers Roundtable will probably be October 17 in the Salem area. Are currently working on the agenda.
- Quality Indicators Project is currently analyzing data from Multnomah County. Coos, Curry have begun working with Family Child Care Providers. Multnomah County is waiting until all the forms are translated. The State Commission for Children and Families were excited about the Quality Indicator project and was going to encourage local commissions to support this project.

Child Care Contribution Tax Credit – Lane County is finishing up the second year observation and Multnomah County is beginning to recruit. NPC has been selected as the evaluators for the Multnomah County project.

Update from Partners

OregonASK –

Spring has been a busy time for OregonASK! Following on the success of our first Day at the Capitol (April 11) to highlight the importance of afterschool programs, numerous activities are underway to better support afterschool providers including training, advocacy, and policy efforts. Some of the highlights of our work over the next several months include:

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

- ELO Strategic Policy Leadership Team: Though Oregon was not among the 5 states selected in a recent national grant competition, with generous support from Willamette ESD, the work of the Strategic Policy Leadership Team will go forward. Over the next eighteen months, the team will develop recommendations on afterschool programs and policies for Oregon. The group will examine current statutes regarding expanded learning opportunities, identify where there are gaps in current policy, and recommend how to coordinate and align the current system.
- OregonASK and Oregon PTA: The National PTA has funded a partnership between Oregon PTA and OregonASK. The two groups will develop a joint statement about the importance of afterschool to share with local PTA organizations and other stakeholders. Local PTA organizations will receive advocacy training and encouraged to sign up local supporters for Afterschool for All: Project 2010. Finally, the two groups will work with organizations in Marion and Polk counties to undertake and disseminate results from a youth mapping exercise.
- Afterschool Video: The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development funded a video to highlight the importance of afterschool programs in Oregon. The video features testimonials

from many supporters of afterschool programs, including parents, youth, and policymakers. It features Governor Kulongoski expressing his support and signing on to Afterschool for All: Project 2010.

- Letters of Support for Project 2010: In addition to the Governor, several other policymakers have recently signed on to support Afterschool for All: Project 2010, including Mayor Kitty Piercy, Eugene; Krina Lemons, Salem-Keizer School District Board chair and board member, Oregon School Boards Association; and Dr. Maureen Casey, superintendent, Willamette ESD.

PROGRAM QUALITY AND SUPPORT

- Positive Youth Development with 4-H After school Resources: OregonASK and 4-H are partnering to provide a series of trainings around the state that will offer school-age providers and youth professionals an understanding of the four core competencies of Positive Youth Development. Participants will also receive information about local and statewide resources, personnel, and organizations that can provide additional support.
- Service Learning 101: OregonASK is one of many partners to present this training for front line youth services programs. The training will explore: the components of service-learning; the linkage between service-learning and positive youth development; the difference between service-learning and community service; and how service-learning efforts can link with education policy in order to provide young people with greater benefits and opportunities.
- World of Afterschool in Oregon CD-ROM: With support from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families and the Child Care Division, OregonASK is developing a CD-ROM to provide an overview of afterschool programs and available resources. This tool will help those in the field understand the complex nature of afterschool in Oregon. It is intended for local providers, school districts, community builders and other stakeholders.
- Lights On Afterschool and OSAC/OregonASK Conference: Mark your calendars for October 19th and 20th! On Friday evening, October 19th, OregonASK will hold the first state-level "Lights On Afterschool" event in Salem. On October 20th, OregonASK and OSAC will hold a conference for afterschool providers, with a keynote address from Brad Barton: athlete, prevention specialist, and master magician.
- Core Competencies: The OregonASK Program Committee has developed a draft set of Core Competencies -- the essential knowledge and skills providers need to offer quality programs. They reflect those practices that are most likely to result in quality services and positive outcomes for children and youth. The Core Competencies will be shared for feedback at all 12 upcoming trainings and at 4 other group meetings and will be finalized after the summer.
- Technical Assistance Survey: OregonASK is conducting a survey of its partner organizations on technical assistance to determine who provides what kinds of support and to what types of providers. The results of the survey will inform efforts to better coordinate TA among partner organizations and to identify unmet needs.

SUSTAINABILITY

- OregonASK Sustainability Plan: The Finance Committee recently completed a planning process to develop strategies for the sustainability of OregonASK. The committee clarified OregonASK's goals for the next five years, developed cost estimates for achieving those goals, and identified potential sources of support and partnership for undertaking the work ahead.

PENDING REQUESTS

- Mentoring and Afterschool Program Regional Networks: Oregon Mentors and OregonASK have submitted a grant request to the Meyer Memorial Trust to create ten Regional Networks comprised of mentoring programs and after school program staff members who will meet regularly, through the

coordination of a VISTA volunteer, to pursue training opportunities and collaborate on a regional agenda.

- Needs Assessment / History of Funding of Afterschool: OregonASK is identifying potential support for two publications: a needs assessment and a history of afterschool funding initiatives in Oregon. A meeting is scheduled with Spirit Mountain to discuss potential support and other potential funders are being identified.

Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education – Patsy Kohout shared information on the new curriculum Starting Points, which is a four part training series to train child care providers on the Oregon Registry. Staff from the local R&Rs participated in the first Training of Trainers.

OAEYC – The Fall Conference is October 12 and 13 “The World We Live In” – keynote Stephanie Feeny. OAEYC is currently accepting conference presenter proposals. The third cohort of the Director’s Credential has finished.

Agencies:

Oregon Students Assistance Commission - In our budget, the inter-agency agreement to transfer the Student Child Care Block Grant from DHS to OSAC has been approved. DHS will continue the program through the first quarter of the biennium, then we will take over in October. \$900,000 has been approved to be transferred. OSAC is very excited about the prospect of serving this population of students—students who are also parents! Our next steps in developing this program here at OSAC will be to prepare the inter-agency agreement, write the Administrative Rules, set up an Advisory Team, and determine eligibility criteria and manner of disbursement. We are inviting interested members of this group to become part of the Advisory Team. We'll need approximately four or five volunteers who span the spectrum of child care-provider advocates, higher ed advocates and so on. Please e-mail me if you are interested. We hope that some of you will jump on board with us in this exciting new adventure for OSAC. We look forward to continuing our new partnership with this group.

DHS-Addictions and Mental Health – Kathy Seubert shared several training opportunities – see attached flyers.

Next Meeting October 4, 2007

Potential Agenda Items:

Distribute Committees of the CCECC
Bring the list of who needs to be involved in Coordinating Council
Region X Coordinator
State Plan, if needed, based on public hearing
Inventory Project Presentation
Lincoln County Video-Nina Roll