

Early Childhood Planning Team

Meeting Minutes- September 24, 2008

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AGENDA

Welcome and sharing

Updates:

Child Care Workgroup

Home Visiting Workgroup

Development of a media sub-committee

Planning for November LCCCF Meeting Presentation

Discuss changing our meeting time and/or day of the month

Next meeting:

Date/Time + Agenda?

SHARING

Christine Rogers CCF is actively recruiting for a 4 year term **youth position** on the commission. Target population is rural & Springfield youth, aged 14-20. Youth will receive mentorship & adult partner. Transportation assistance and food is available. Please refer interested youth via Christine. **Tonight's CCF meeting agenda** includes approving new members; State commission member will attend to discuss public policy work around children & youth and report on what was recommended to legislature this year. Leslie Craven from Cottage Grove Looking Glass will update CCF on runaway & homeless work there.

Sandy Moses Healthy Babies, Healthy Communities' (**HBHC**) **website** is up: www.lanecounty.org/prevention/healthybabies.htm. Still in updating process. Seeking input. **Next HBHC meeting** is Oct. 3, 8-10 am, LCMH Meeting Rm. Fetal infant mortality review process data, Healthy Babies initiative, mental health project- details TBA. **Infant Mortality Awareness Month** PSA's have been in paper & radio, ad on 1 bus. Group is discussing cultural representation and issues around stigmas in ad representation imagery & welcomes input. Next month ads will run. "Dads: Support is

more than diaper duty.” Possible **social networking website** on HBHC initiative... Interest?

- Terra Ralph** **Parents As Scholars (PASS)** program starts Oct. 1. Gives approved college students’ access to TANF and childcare assistance when on degree program. 191 statewide slots, ~1% of TANF pop. May increase next year.
- Karen Hamilton** **Head Start** has 900 kids enrolled, 1023 by January. Partial-day program is full, a wait list is maintained. **Current openings** in full-day programs. **New sites** open in January: West Eugene (Bailey Hill School), collaboration with Fern Ridge Child Development Center in Veneta (6-8 openings), 2 part day classrooms @ LCC. **Hiring** new teachers + positions for new classrooms begins in November. Suggests that more information on programs, early childhood issues and initiatives, etc could be put on CCF website. Discussion followed because of the severe restrictions on the County supported Department website. Karen will bring this up with CCF Exec. Committee.
- Carol Freitas** **BT3 Groups update:** Baby Connection- Feeding clinic for new parents with lactation consultant, parenting info. & crafts, moving to Wednesdays @ 11-12. Open House moving to 1st Wednesdays @ 10:30& 6:30. Well Mama group offered on Tuesdays, 10:30-12. Website has info: www.birthto3.org.
- Karen Roth** **Summer Food program update:** 127,000 meals served, 1% less than last year, 6 fewer sites. Thurs. **Cans Film Festival**, National Food Drive, 9/25/08. **Golden Temple event** to raise awareness of hunger, 9/27/08 @ Peterson Barn.
- Heather Murphy** Will present to BCC this afternoon and CCF tonight on new child care program & strategic planning. Rotary Club Casino Night **fundraiser:** Sat. night @ 7. \$40 a ticket. Pre-holiday **Fashion Show** gala: \$40 a ticket Nov. 13 @ Creswell, Emerald Valley Resort. Tickets available through FRN, limited capacity. Working with Roseburg nursery, Healthy Start program. **N. Douglas County** services expansion. **EC CARES** starting in Oct. at Cottage Grove location.
- Cheryl Henderson** In **hiring** process for Family Resource Coordinator. Working with Cottage Grove to open **services for kids with disabilities** rather than having to be bussed into Eugene for services. Partnering with Lane ESD on **space for programs**. Seeking networking for access to **spaces in rural communities**. Increasing **Spanish** groups, classes and services.
- Janice Chapman** Beginning **annual visits** with registered family child care providers opportunity to give technical assistance re: community resources, healthy environment & practices, health liability. Build communication. **Moved to caseloads** with registered families, may impact services. **Rule changes** in January re: Childcare in upstairs apartments, need separate stairs to ground for fire safety (will grandfather in current licensees.); new requirements for dog licensing; other policies that affect licensed DHS childcare providers.

- Rose Wilde** **JOBS PLUS Program:** Employment program for families on TANF, subsidizes wages through nonprofit or government entity. Program subsidizes min.wage, host agency pays \$2-3 over that + contribute \$ to education fund. Lane Workforce Partnership coordinates interested agencies. (4 mo. @ min. wage subsidy + 2 mo. @ \$1 less for education fund). Must be eligible for TANF during participation. Post-TANF subsidy available to folks who lose TANF eligibility due to increased employment income. Transitional program, 1 year after leaving TANF.
- Rose Wilde 2** **(Speaking for Americorps member, Natalie York).** Will be working on Healthy Start, reducing infant mortality, increasing participation with **teen & younger parents**. Working with OFSN's **Youth Leadership Board** supporting families with behavioral/mental health/emotional issues, developing peer support training curriculum for the youths themselves.
- Jennifer Slater** **Infant Toddler Network** has 15 providers, program has increased in capacity. Marketing is barrier to increasing participation. Clifford Harms assessment tool is used to identify outcomes in improvement of quality indicators. Ages and stages questionnaire (ASQ) is used for parents around developmental issues. Identifying other assessment tools to increase quality and possibly require **accreditation for providers**. Working on **Infant-Toddler Survey**, received 60+ from providers.
- Sue Norton** **Lane Family Connections Newsletter** is out. Contact Sue if you'd like to be on the list. **Child care Center @ LCC** opens soon. Head Start is leasing space, morning & afternoon program. Increases childcare access for students and others. **Child & Family center has openings**. SDA (**Service delivery areas**) for resource & referral are under review. State is looking at how counties are joined and re-districting in July 09. Will start servicing **Douglas County**, creating positions there in January. Exploring possible need for name change. State Commission on Child Care has been looking at possibility of **licensing requirements** for school age programs. Provide trainings for listed DHS providers, state funding for stipends for class attendees. Trainings allow for enhanced rates.
- Serafina Clarke** Spoke on today's presentations (to LC CCF & others) on child care & ECPT work. **Invites thoughts** or comments on how to present the work of these committees.
- Nancy Bischofs** **Family Resource Center update:** Marcola now has a 15-20 hours staff person at the elementary school, a drop-in playgroup. They offer parenting classes for specific age groups and computer access. Will soon be offering Strengthening Families training, parenting classes for ages 10-14. **Healthy Start** has a new half-time screener @ Birth to Three, bilingual/bicultural (Spanish). **Seeking interpreter** for home visits. Expanding literature availability to include Spanish.
- Natalie York** Working with Healthy Start- outreach to teen moms.

UPDATES

Childcare Work Group:

Discussed need for separate meeting to strategize for the next 3 years. Infant toddler survey, 60 received so far from a broad sample of caregivers. Goal: Identify needs, develop supports to providers. Julie Rusby exploring internet training options for providers. **Watch for the email to let you sign up for this separate meeting.** Sue is scheduler for Childcare subcommittee.
Oct. 15, 8:30-10:30. @ LCC.

Home Visiting Work Group:

Closed **Home Visiting Survey** on Sept. 19 with 34 responses. Should they target specific programs to increase survey response rates? Discussed need for an **extra work group meeting** before Nov. ECPT meeting to discuss planning for LCCCF meeting presentation. **Nancy will schedule meeting** in Oct. & will email folks re: availability of LCMH Meeting Room.

MEDIA SUB-COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT

- History** Response to recent infant/toddler deaths in LC. Need for public education on health & safety. Need for media contact people to write press releases, PSA's, etc.
- Goal** To distribute information on safety, childcare, healthy start, programs, etc. for public education. Discussion identified need to narrow scope to **focus solely on health & safety.**
- Discussion** Group explored ways to increase access via individual department/program **websites**, including limitations of DCF/CCF website due to county regulations. Discussed possible role of Lane 211. Group identified a **need for broader discussion** on these issues either in subcommittee + CCF meeting.
- Group decision** **Media outreach will be a standard agenda item** for entire group AND existing subcommittees rather than a separate subcommittee.
- Bus Safety** issue will be explored via email and revisited at next meeting.
- Resources** DCF staff created binder on **safety information** that can be utilized as reference source.
- Discussed possibility of creating a **speakers list**, incorporating CCF media contacts, to distribute to press identifying appropriate speakers for specific issues.

It was suggested that ECPT coordinate with Dr.Huffman & Dr.Hammond, **community members** who write articles on similar issues.

NOVEMBER LCCCF PRESENTATION PLANNING

Framework Annual presentation on ECPT's work over the year & how CCF could support that. What is new this year is that ECPT has a plan with identified priorities. Meeting should include what partners/community of this group have been doing through collaborative work, i.e. Healthy Start, Relief Nursery, etc. CCF would like to hear about funds brought into community through this work. Include planning information and preliminary survey data.

Decision Will be put this at the top of the agenda for October's meeting.

MEETING TIME/LOCATION DISCUSSION

Location Discussed implications of meeting site for the presentation to LC CCF: An early childhood setting would model the spirit of collaboration. Whiteaker site seemed favorable to all as it also illustrates limitations of available services, opportunity to give a tour of services. Offers a large enough room and presentation technology.

Time October Meeting conflicts with Healthy Brain Development Conference. Consensus is to change meeting day to 1st Wednesdays (next meeting is November 5th) from 9-11:30 am.
Small groups will meet in October; large group won't meet until November 5.