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Lane Early Learning Alliance Early Learning Stakeholders Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:00-5:00pm

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NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions- (5 minutes)

In attendance: Jenny Mendoza, ESMA; Terra Ralph, DHS; Alexis Amavisca, UWLC; Ilana Jakubowski, SVDP; Gretta Sagolla, Eugene 4J; Holly Kriz-Anderson, YMCA; Roz Fox, FFLC; Lise Schellman, Pearl Buck; Natalia Piar, MEP; Jeanine Taylor, EC CARES; Dave Hulbert, Springfield SD; Emily Peterson, Oregon Community Program; Deb Weinman, UWLC; Kori Rodley, UWLC; Taylor Worley, Springfield Library; Emily Reiter, UWLC; Claire Hambly, UWLC

2. United Way Volunteerism- (30 minutes)

- Alexis Amavisca, Volunteer Coordinator
- How do you use volunteers?
 - Trainings, fun events, childcare, bilingual services
 - Drivers; interns
 - Volunteers live on site; extra helping program
 - Childcare, interns, team duckling (staff are volunteers)
 - Eug library: circulation, programming, fundraising, storytime to go
 - Artwork in office, internships
 - All teacher needs, reading to kids, Bookfest, kinder readiness bags/event, childcare, literacy, in classrooms, parent engagement
 - Preschool assistant teachers, classroom volunteers, work parties
 - In the classroom
 - Meals on wheels, food sorting, repacking, food prep, summer food, data entry, cooking classes, gardens, dining room
 - YMCA: no organized volunteer program
 - Summer school: support to teachers, events with families, childcare
 - 90by30 entirely volunteer-driven
 - EC CARES: university students, some for credit, help out in classrooms
- How United Way Uses volunteers:
 - Bookfest
 - Dental kits
 - Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Grant
 - Intergenerational Reading Collaborative
 - SMART Reading
- Volunteer connection website (www.volunteeruwlane.org)
 - Organizations/agencies post volunteer needs

- Volunteers are not background checked (this is up to the agency)
- Can nominate Volunteer of the Month
- Customize your own agency page
- Option for # of volunteers
- Volunteer account will have all the contact info they want to provide
- If you have any questions, call Deb or Alexis and they will walk you through it!

3. Live Healthy Lane, CHIP/CHNA Snapshot & CCO 2.0- (30 minutes)

- Senna Towner, Director of Health
- Live Healthy Lane synonymous with CHNA/CHIP; partners wanted to make it more marketable in order to engage more folks; UWLC is the backbone organization
- LHL doesn't make decisions, part of a community that makes decisions
- 100% Health Community Coalition
 - Before ACA, helped uninsured get access to health care; then ACA passed and needed to change it's focus
 - Now they steer the CHIP and CHNA
 - 17 funders and 200+ partners
 - Public health departments, Medicaid providers, non for profit hospitals (PeaceHealth) are required to do a CHIP & CHA – in Lane Co., these entities came together to do one CHIP/CHA
- CCO 2.0: Pacific Source will join Trillium as CCO in 2020; requirements through Oregon Health Authority to partner in many ways, one of those ways is CHIP/CHA
- CHIP/CHA Operations Team (Live Healthy Lane)
- Opportunity to expand partnerships, move the dial
- Where does it get to direct support/on the ground?
- CHA is done every 5 years; we should be thinking about it as an ongoing process, looking at data all the time
- CHIP 2016-19 goals:
 - Increase economic and social opportunities
 - Increase health behaviors to improve health and well-being
 - Strengthen cross-sector collaborations
 - Part of goal was to pull various sectors together (housing, food, education)
 - Who has the stake in health of residents? How to get on the same page and move generally in the same direction
- State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and CHIP intended to help organizations/agencies get funding based on data (justification for funding)
- Ex: group found emergency funding and working on sustainability model for double-up snap bucks
 - Funded by the 4 primary partners of 100% Health
- Lane Equity Coalition (LEC) events since 2016 – next week, Bridging Poverty and Health
 - No translators this time due to no requests
 - Will also be involved in CCO 2.0 equity requirements
 - Looking for folks to join! Reach out to Senna or Kayla if you are interested

4. Early Learning Alliance Updates- (20 minutes)

- Governance Consortium Update- *Lise Schellman*
 - Approved budget: quite a bit of carry-over funding; figuring out ways to spend this down, how to spend it in an equitable way; don't want to become a grant-making body but funding needs to get used and community partners make requests for funding

- FRCs
- UW Updates:
 - ECE Sector Planning
 - Bess presented on Raise up Oregon a couple months ago (high quality childcare and early education)
 - There is now funding to implement the plan
 - Creating plan to expand access starting with marginalized families; intended to engage the whole community
 - Focus on cross-sector collaboration; recruiting for “Regional Stewardship Committee” that will drive planning process
 - Between now and December will meet several times to look at data, hear from families, talk about what this is going to look like
 - Will make recommendations to the Governance Consort. About what structure should look like
 - Some of you have or will be asked to participate
 - Will need help engaging parents (in committee or coming out to talk to parents)
 - Lots of ways to get involved – if you are interested, contact Bess or Claire
 - Stipend for families to participate; want to remove all barriers for parents
 - For the committee, must have kids 12 and under; have or currently use OPK, Head Start, Preschool Promise; want to hear from all parents
 - Intentional inclusion of Spanish-speaking families
 - Childcare will be provided
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 - School Readiness Specialist job opportunity (supporting the LAABSS Plan)
 - UWLC will be hiring; will share this posting – please share with your networks
 - Also expanding at Lane ESD (Coordinator, Navigators for this program)

5. Agency Updates, Networking & Announcements- (35 minutes)

- Members are invited to share about exciting events, announcements and opportunities happening in their organizations.
- EC CARES
 - Free developmental screenings
 - 2 positions open: in office fo projects, inventory; permament teaching assistant; always looking for temp or sub teachers
- Eugene Suzuki Academy
 - New class/workshop starting soon; will give demo soon; looking for families who qualify for SNAP
- Eugene Library
 - Finished summer reading program
 - Successful first year as FFLC summer food program site, want to continue next year
 - LatinX early learner needs assessment: reaching out to the community, asking how library is serving their population; how can we do more? Great suggestions, want more feedback, more outreach; barriers to access b/c families must live in Eugene limits, working on how this is effecting families – please let us know if you have stories of families effected
 - Fine-free for kids (no fines on children’s materials)
 - Sensory storytime program (don’t need card for programs)
- Oregon Community Program
 - This summer worked on parent-child interaction therapy (ages 2-6); promotes relationship-building; working on

aggressive behaviors, parent coaching; partnering with EC CARES; seeing rapid changes!

- Eugene 4J
 - Great summer of KITS; buy-in keeps growing
 - Planning for Student Success Act funding; want to be ready to implement
 - FRCs – expanded, reaching out to Chavez Elementary area
- Pearl Buck Center
 - Rented a classroom to Head Start
 - DHS contracts for children in foster care w/ parents w/ cognitive limitations; starting to get statewide attention; a couple of laws have been passed (no funding yet); PB asked to do training for DHS workers statewide
- Springfield SD
 - Completed KITS program, went smoothly; recruiting was easier (gets easier every year); many success stories
 - PP class started
- Food For Lane County
 - Roz is filling Karen Edmonds roll (program services); need is increasing in the community
 - Carre Copeland new Education and Program Director
 - Hiring new Development Director
 - New Executive Director
 - As of July 1, pilot to lift food pantry barriers (anyone can go to any pantry)
- YMCA
 - After school programs are struggling with staffing (new federal guidelines w/ background checks that get held up between states); opened new programs at schools
- Quality Care Connections
 - Put together next Focus Childcare Network (group of childcare providers to serve particular population); this time – infant/toddler network (2 and under)
- 90by30
 - Seeking families with babies for Roots of Empathy in Cottage Grove, Junction City, Oakridge
 - Conference on November 1: keynote from Miriam Colderone; Corey Best (family engagement, engaging fathers)
- Springfield Library
 - Have Welcome Baby bags in English & Spanish
 - May be hosting bilingual pre-k on Fridays w/ Brattain House
 - Free library cards for students – extending to home school kids
 - Kasey Bruster is the new Outreach Specialist
 - Working on reducing fines
 - After school club on Wednesday (free but sign up)
 - Focus on homeless/transient families; how to better communicate/serve training
 - Baby and toddler story time 2x/week
 - Working on an outreach plan
- Families Connected/Arc
 - Busy summer: arts and crafts in the community
 - Mobile Sensory Zone: can come to events; pop-up tent with sensory stuff in it; reach out if you are interested
 - Scarecrow event, Santa event
 - Playground update: always need more funding; will bring flyer next time; will be located where ARC is now

NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2019