

CKLECC Meeting Minutes

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JANUARY 26, 2018

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

CHEYENNE WELLS

MEETING CALLED BY	Dennis Pearson, Chairman
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly CKLECC Meeting
FACILITATOR	Dennis Pearson, Chairman
NOTE TAKER	Julie Witt, CKLECC Coordinator
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	Phone: Tammy Yoder (Karval Preschool); Richard Johnson (Lincoln County Public Health); Jennifer Paintin (Safe Care); Tricia Borns (Lincoln County DHS); Lindsey Barlow (Blissful Strides) On Site: Dennis Pearson (Kiowa County DHS); Carole Spady (Colorado Shines Coach); Luci Reimer (Limon Library); Julie Witt (CKLECC Coordinator); Dee Kaster (WIC); Kelli Adamson (Cheyenne County Public Health); Linda Roth (Cheyenne County Public Health); Casey Halde (Parent); Colleen Walsh (Cheyenne County Public Health)

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: Linda made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Luci seconded the motion. The group approved.

Agenda topics

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WIC PRESENTATION

DEE KASTER

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -WIC is the supplemental food program for women, infants, and children and is funded by the Dept. of Agriculture. -The program is free and offers education on nutrition, meal planning, caring for a new baby and breastfeeding. -The program serves pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, infants, and children through their 5th birthday. -There is now a text program where peer counselors, who are WIC educators, can be contacted by text to answer questions regarding lactation and breastfeeding. -WIC has resulted in healthier birthed babies, reducing low incidences of low iron and anemia, reducing low birth weights, prevention of obesity, earlier prenatal care, increased immunization rates, better nutrition earlier in life. -All families can participate – single moms, fathers, grandparents. -US Citizenship is not required to be eligible if there is proof of identity. -WIC now uses a card versus checks. A benefit to this is not all food has to be purchased at once. -WIC now has a shopper app for phones. -WIC can offer electric breast pumps free of charge. -Lincoln County has 141 WIC families; Cheyenne County has 45 families 		
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COORDINATOR REPORT

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The web based CCCAP tracking system has not been released. The state is working out the glitches. -Julie, Carole, and Haley are working on the best way to get school districts to have CCCAP fiscal agreements. Julie will continue to work with the Office of Early Childhood and CCCAP to find out more about how funding can be used for professional development. -Limon Child Development is the only program that has applied for Quality Improvement (QI) funds so far this cycle. Cheyenne Wells Preschool has submitted to apply for a Level 3 Rating but still needs the CCCAP agreement to be eligible for QI. -Sharon Pearson has made the requested changes to the CKLECC website. All Journey to Kindergarten and Social Emotional documents are available to print from the website. The Early Childhood Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) has a new website which links to all council websites. Julie reminded everyone to check out both sites – cklecc.org and ecclacolorado.org. The CKLECC Fun Tote Program is featured as an impact story on the ECCLA website. -Julie was invited to meet with the Gates Family Foundation with the ECCLA Director to speak about councils and the funding that is needed. The Gates Family Foundation would be interested in capital projects regarding child care. -Quarterly reports are due to the Office of Early Childhood 1/31 for each funding stream. Julie is working on these. -Cash donations were received at the CKLECC holiday book distribution tables. 		
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MINUTES EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE INNOVATION GRANT JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	Julie informed the group that a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be coming out February 2 nd for the Early Childhood Workforce Innovation Grant. The lead agency is Early Milestones Colorado. The initiative partners are Buell Foundation, Gary Community Investments, Colorado Dept. of Education, and Colorado Dept. of Human Services. Julie will forward the information out to the group once it is received. There will also be a webinar on February 9 th that anyone can register for. This may be an opportunity for some of the child care projects that are happening in our counties.	
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Julie will forward the RFP & webinar information to the Council. Julie will register for the webinar.	Julie	ASAP

MINUTES STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS JULIE

DISCUSSION	Julie briefly reviewed the goals for year one of the CKLECC Strategic Plan for SFY 2018. Overall, CKLECC is on track. There are two goals that Julie brought up that could use some focus. 1) Increasing the number of partners promoting the tote program. We haven't added any new tote sponsors this fiscal year. It was mentioned that an easy fix may be to get totes to the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) nurses in Cheyenne County and Prowers County (who serves Kiowa). Lincoln County NFP is already participating. 2) Work towards getting agreements in place with community partners to participate in an annual healthy child screening clinic. By the end of June 2018 identify the health and well being needs of children ages 0-8. Linda Roth mentioned her concerns about this goal as it seems like it is already work being done by Public Health. She wasn't sure there would be a turn out as clients can walk into Cheyenne County Public Health and not wait in a line. Julie mentioned that it is not the intention of CKLECC to duplicate services, so that more discussion would need to be had. Kelli Adamson stated that she saw it as an opportunity to possibly bring in providers that are usually not available locally, such as an eye doctor. Julie said that Family Resource Centers often hold these events. She can reach out for more information.	
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Julie will contact Family Resource Centers regarding the healthy child clinics they have held.	Julie	

MINUTES QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COACH UPDATE CAROLE SPADY

DISCUSSION	Carole held a Lincoln and Cheyenne County training in January. Cheyenne County had two providers attend. Lincoln County had five in attendance. A preschool teacher, two licensed home providers, and two family, friend, neighbor care providers. Carole has been working with Cheyenne Wells Preschool and Eagles Nest Preschool on the requirements of becoming a Director or obtaining the Early Childhood Credential Level 3. She is meeting with Karli Strobel at Cheyenne Wells Preschool following the Council Meeting. Sammie Johnson with the Kit Carson School District has contacted Carole about becoming Director qualified. Sammie is now enrolled in several college courses.	
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MINUTES CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL UPDATES JULIE WITT/CAROLE SPADY

DISCUSSION	-The Country Living Learning Center has a meeting scheduled January 31 st to discuss grants and fundraising. -The Eads Group is working with the Baptist Church. Jennifer Crowe is the contact person. They need to get in touch with Dennise Kelly of licensing. -Carole has been collecting required provider update information for child care resource and referral updates.	
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FUTURE MEETING

DENNIS PEARSON

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be held Friday, February 23rd in Eads at the Cobblestone Inn. The Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.	
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SECRETARY APPROVAL SIGNATURE:	DATE:	
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