

CKLECC Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 2018

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

LIMON

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: Carole Spady (QI Coach); Lisa Thomas (About F.A.C.E) On Site: Dennis Pearson (Kiowa County DHS); Julie Witt (CKLECC Coordinator); Luci Reimer (Limon Library/Secretary); Haley Leonard (CKLECC Representative); Jennifer Paintin (Safe Care/Baby Bear Hugs); Theresa Fox (Centennial Mental Health); Alex Arellano (Morgan Community College); Amber Ellis (Eastern CO Bank/Parent); Cindy Ferree (Limon Child Development Center)

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: October Meeting Minutes were approved by the Council with a motion from Alex and a second from Luci.

Agenda topics

MINUTES	CENTENNIAL MENTAL HEALTH (CMH) EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH (ECMH) SERVICES	THERESA FOX, CENTENNIAL MENTAL HEALTH
DISCUSSION	<p>Theresa is the ECMH Specialist for Centennial covering Kit Carson, Cheyenne, Lincoln and Elbert Counties. There is currently a vacancy for the specialist in Elbert County. She mainly works with ages 0-5 focusing on social/emotional development. Consultation is offered to caregivers and parents of children 0-5. Centennial offers education and training in social/emotional development and specialists should be in the classroom 60% of the time. A referral pathway is used to connect families to CMH through partners such as WIC and Baby Bear Hugs. Other services include: IEP support, observations, modeling for teachers and families, attending home visits, offering mental health classroom activities, classroom support, ASQ Assessments and providing lessons upon teacher requests. Theresa does one day of services per week in Limon.</p> <p>Lisa Thomas suggested Julie connect Theresa with Patty Ann Maher of RISE the collaborative management group in Lincoln County. Alex Arellano asked Julie to provide Theresa with the Lincoln County Resources Unlimited Meeting Group.</p>	
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MINUTES	INCREDIBLE YEARS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)	JULIE WITT
DISCUSSION	<p>Julie provided the group with the information from the Invest in Kids conference call regarding the Incredible Years funding RFP. Julie felt like after the call that CKLECC may not be the right entity to apply for funding. The Incredible Years seems very intensive and the programs applying would have to fit it into their daily operations to make it work. The training requirements for staff and lengthy parenting program schedules just don't seem like a fit in our communities. Cindy Ferree with Limon Child Development was on the conference call and she agreed that she did not see how LCDC could fit this into their program as they already have a curriculum. Theresa Fox commented that if the Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists could do the work in the classroom for the Incredible Years it would be ideal as they are required to be in the classroom 60% of the time; however, Invest in Kids informed us that the work is geared towards the lead teacher and staff. At this time, those present agreed that CKLECC would not be applying for funds.</p>	
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DISCUSSION	Julie distributed books to preschoolers at the Limon Trick or Treat Street on Halloween. Haley will be distributing books and is doing a craft with kids at the Eads Firemen's Chili Supper. CKLECC is looking at having a book table at the Hugo Santa Day and Julie will be going to Cheyenne Wells on the 16 th for the Tumbleweed Christmas event to hand out books and do a children's craft.		
	Limon Child Development Center has submitted another application for Early Head Start. Julie provided a letter of support on behalf of CKLECC.		
	Julie brought back information from her ECCLA meeting. She has flyers available on My Vyllage (support for newly licensed home child care providers) and Live Well Double Up Your Bucks Program.		
	Qualistar is sunseting December 31 st and will no longer exist. Other organizations, such as ECCLA, will be taking on some of Qualistar's roles.		
	Julie will be attending a Child Care Aware training in Denver on December 10 th .		
	Lamar Community College has developed an ECE Course program. Julie forwarded out the information by email. This may be a good opportunity for the Eads child care group.		
Julie told all partners to visit the new EarlyChildhoodFramework.org website and register their programs. By doing so both the partners and CKLECC are eligible for prize money and it is a great way to share the programs we offer in our area.			
Jennifer Paintin provided an update from Safe Care and Baby Bear Hugs. Safe Care has not been able to meet the number of required referrals so the Safe Care contract in our area has will be renewed. Bethany Welp has resigned as the Lincoln County Baby Bear Hugs Coordinator, so Jennifer will be replacing Bethany. Baby Bear Hugs has their annual Cash for Christmas drawing on December 14 th . Contact Jennifer if you'd like to purchase tickets. Jennifer reminded everyone that Tuesday, December 4 th was Colorado Gives Day and to consider donating to Baby Bear Hugs.			
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DISCUSSION	A Pre-Licensing course was scheduled in Limon in November; however, both participants cancelled. At this point, there is no date of rescheduling. Julie requested new ideas from the Council. In addition to the training and outreach offered now, she'd like to try something new. Cindy Ferree mentioned using funding for secondary education scholarships. Alex Arellano added that Morgan Community College could assist in the development of a scholarship application/program. Alex also mentioned that Limon had a career fair coming up and it might be beneficial getting information to the kids on the existence of the early childhood field. CKLECC currently has grant funding that can be used for scholarships, so this would be possible.		
	Dennis Pearson said the Eads child care group is still working towards a center opening date next summer. They are doing fundraisers and continuing to have weekly board meetings.		
	A Stewards of Children Training was held in Limon at Limon Child Development Center on November 5 th . Carole will be offering a Lincoln County Training night on December 12 th . Cheyenne County Training Night will happen in January. Carole has reached out to several preschools regarding Colorado Shines ratings and quality improvement funding. The deadline to apply for CKLECC quality improvement funding to avoid being waitlisted is January 1 st .		
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JULIE WILL FIND OUT ABOUT THE CAREER FAIR DETAILS	JULIE	ASAP	

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Monday, January 7th in Cheyenne Wells at Cheyenne County DHS/Public Health at 2:30 p.m. The Board would like to try scheduling the first Monday of the month instead of the last Monday of the month.		
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