

CKLECC Meeting Minutes

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FEBRUARY 3, 2020

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

LIMON

MEETING CALLED BY	Dennis Pearson, Board Chair
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly CKLECC Meeting
FACILITATOR	Dennis Pearson, Board Chair
NOTE TAKER	Julie Witt, CKLECC Coordinator
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	<p>Phone: Danielle Storevik (Centennial Mental Health); Collene Walsh (Cheyenne County Public Health); Maranda Foster (Prowers County Public Health); Tammy Yoder (Karval Preschool); Patty Maher (RISE); Julie Witt (CKLECC Coordinator); Luci Reimer (Limon Memorial Library); Amber Ellis (Parent); Alex Arellano (Morgan Community College); Jennifer Paintin (Baby Bear Hugs); Riley Kitts (Colorado Children’s Campaign)</p> <p>On Site: Haley Leonard (CKLECC Representative); Carole Spady (Quality Improvement Coach); Dennis Pearson (Kiowa County DHS); Janita Krayniak (Cheyenne Wells Methodist Church)</p>

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: January Meeting Minutes were approved by the council with a motion from Maranda and a second by Jennifer.

Agenda topics

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EARLY CHILDHOOD LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

RILEY KITTS, COLORADO CHILDREN’S CAMPAIGN

DISCUSSION	<p>Riley Kitts with the Colorado Children’s Campaign phoned into the meeting to give an update on Early Childhood legislation. He reported on seven bills. Bills that are currently being discussed are HB 6 – Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation across our states – this bill would establish a framework in state law that would require this be offered. House Bill 1043 and 1053 are going before the House Education Committee. 1043 discusses early childhood education tax credit for Level 2 providers. 1053 discusses offering workforce supports for the early childhood workforce while pursuing credentials and discusses apprenticeship program options. Senate Bill 126 is about alleviating local control issues for home childcare providers. Senate Bill 144 discusses the home visiting expansion program with Parent Possible. Senate Bill 29 is regarding families on the TANF, cash assistance program, and making adjustments towards benefits as it hasn’t changed since 1997. HB 1112 discusses expanding childcare contribution tax to childcare advocacy centers.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

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COORDINATOR REPORT

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie submitted a letter of support for HB 1053 to the House Education Committee. The board approved of this as it is something the council has been discussing. The letter of support discussed the difficulty our new child care centers have had getting staff qualified to meet licensing requirements. The Anschutz Family grant application was submitted on January 15th. Julie is waiting to hear when a site visit will be scheduled. The Colorado Health Foundation has a funding opportunity happening to support Family Friend Neighbor Care Providers. There is a Feb. 15th and June 15th deadline to apply. Julie suggested the council consider submitting an application for the June deadline. Julie and staff are working to schedule the Early Childhood Professional Spring Training Day in April. Days being considered are Saturday, April 4th, 18th, or 25th. Julie and Carole are looking into presenter ideas. Haley and Julie will be working on submitting the Request for Application for state funding for System’s Building and Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Funding due February 14th.</p>		
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9 NEWS HEALTH FAIR

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	CKLECC will have an early childhood corner at the 9 News Health Fair in Limon on Saturday, April 11 th . Danielle Storevik with Centennial Mental Health and Jennifer Paintin with Baby Bear Hugs have agreed to do developmental and social/emotional screening. The Lions Club can offer vision screening. Julie will be reaching out to BOCES to see if it is possible to have someone attend to do speech screening. Julie mentioned it would be nice to figure out a way to offer dental screening and she will find out if someone can do hearing. She reminded the group that it will be a resource fair as well so anyone wanting a table should let her know. Haley will be there to provide car seat safety checks. CKLECC will offer kids activities so parents can leave kids while attending the 9 News Health Fair. Janita Krayniak mentioned that she has a friend who is a pediatric dentist. She will reach out to her to see if she can provide any services.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	JULIE WILL BE REACHING OUT TO POTENTIAL PARTICIPATING AGENCIES.	PERSON RESPONSIBLE JULIE	DEADLINE ASAP

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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COACH UPDATE

CAROLE SPADY

DISCUSSION	Carole reported she had 9 providers attend the Limon January provider training, 8 providers attended in Eads, and 2 providers attended in Cheyenne Wells. Carole and Julie will be meeting with the Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) this week to discuss what CPP requires of preschool programs to improve quality and how they refer to councils and Colorado Shines. The next provider training in Limon will be Wednesday, Feb. 12 th . The next training in Eads will be March 19 th and Cheyenne Wells will be March 26 th . CKLECC has offered an incentive to sites whose Level 2 rating has expired. Those who reapply and receive the rating prior to April are eligible for a \$100 Amazon gift card.		
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CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL UPDATES

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	Carole will be offering a Home Child Care Pre-Licensing course in Cheyenne Wells February 28 th and 29 th if there is interest. No one registered for the training offered in Limon last month. She will offer the course in each county throughout the year. Little Leaders Learning and Care Center opened today. They had a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 22 nd and it was well attended. They are hoping to file an appeal soon to get the infant room opened. Country Living Learning Center is almost full. They have 9 infants, 5 toddlers, and 17 preschoolers. They are looking to hire someone to help with infants and lunch breaks. They have openings for preschoolers on Monday and Friday.		
CONCLUSIONS			
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FUTURE MEETING

DENNIS PEARSON

DISCUSSION	The next council meeting will be Monday, March 2nd in Eads at the Kiowa County DHS Meeting Room. The council will meet at 2:30 p.m.		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
SECRETARY APPROVAL SIGNATURE:		DATE:	