

CKLECC Meeting Minutes

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APRIL 8, 2019

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

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	<p>Phone: Lisa Thomas (About F.A.C.E.); Ryan Wollert (Prowers County Public Health); Jennifer Paintin (Baby Bear Hugs); Danielle (Centennial Mental Health); Alex Arellano (Morgan Community College) Amber Ellis (Parent/Eastern Colorado Bank)</p> <p>On Site: Dennis Pearson (Kiowa County DHS); Julie Witt (CKLECC Coordinator); Haley Leonard (CKLECC Representative); Carole Spady (Quality Improvement Coach); Candace Chamberlain (CKLECC Fun Tote Program); Collene Walsh (Cheyenne County Public Health); Honey Richardson (Cheyenne Wells Community Member); Luci Reimer (Limon Public Library); Theresa Kocsak (Centennial Mental Health)</p>

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: March Meeting Minutes were approved by the council with a motion from Honey and a second by Theresa.

Agenda topics

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FUN TOTE PROGRAM

CANDACE CHAMBERLAIN

DISCUSSION	<p>The Fun Tote Program is now using backpacks versus totes; age ranges for the backpacks are ages 0-8; they come in a variety of categories – social, emotional development, health and nutrition, literacy, dramatic play, science, etc.; each backpack has an early learning development guidelines tip sheet included. There has been success collecting surveys with the prize incentive that is being offered at each library. Per surveys 75% of respondents report seeing some type of difference in their child's development after using a tote. Currently, Eads, Cheyenne Wells, and Limon check out the totes to families. Limon has reported checking out 152 totes during the last Buell grant cycle and Eads reported checking out 119 totes. The Buell Foundation funds the program. More backpacks are always being requested on the parent surveys. CKLECC can also do kindergarten transition backpacks for preschoolers going into kindergarten. CKLECC has done this for Karval School the past two years. Candace provided the group with a copy of the Fun Tote Parent/Caregiver survey for feedback. Julie will email it out to those who couldn't make it in person. Theresa said Centennial Mental Health would be interested in having a set.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Candace will create a backpack set for Centennial	Candace	ASAP	

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COORDINATOR REPORT

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie reported she worked with Kemma Alfano from the Eads Library on community assessment questions. Carole and Julie participated on a call with Clayton Early Learning Center. Clayton wanted to know how professional development needs are being met in our counties and how they may be able to help fill gaps. The CKLECC Early Childhood Professional Development Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th in Limon. Three training presenters have been lined up. Attendees will leave with 6 hours of continuing education. Lakeshore Learning and School Specialty will be donating giveaways for the providers. Lamar Community College has another scholarship opportunity available. All Early Childhood Cohort participants are invited to apply. Julie sent the gift basket, which the board approved on, for the Baby Bear Hugs Gala with Jennifer Paintin. Journey to Kindergarten booklets were given to the Limon and Eads libraries to include in the One Book 4 Colorado books. Julie and Haley will be submitting the Buell Foundation grant application this month.</p>		
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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COACH UPDATE

JULIE WITT/CAROLE SPADY

DISCUSSION	Three school districts have Colorado Child Care Assistance Program fiscal agreements in place – Eads, Cheyenne Wells, Karval. Carole will be working with Cheyenne Wells, Eads, and Limon Child Development Center on quality improvement spending.		
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CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL UPDATES

JULIE WITT/CAROLE SPADY

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie and Alex attended a meeting for Country Living Learning Center in Hugo on March 11th. The meeting was held to speak to potential staff regarding the requirements to become qualified to be a director or teacher at the child care center. They are hoping to open in August at the Methodist Church for ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. They had six interested in possibly working at the center. Alex discussed courses available through Morgan Community College. Julie encouraged everyone to create an account in the Professional Development Information System (PDIS) and upload college transcripts and training certificates to determine what credential level they may be at. She also informed the group of the scholarship opportunity through CKLECC.</p> <p>Dennis reported the Eads child care group is still working on renovations at the church. A neighboring center in Springfield has closed.</p> <p>Carole held a provider training in Cheyenne Wells in March. The Lincoln County training was cancelled, due to a provider conflict.</p> <p>Carole held a BLAST Babysitting Course in Eads. She had seven attend. Kiowa County DHS donated the space and backpacks. Public Health donated life sized babies. The Eads Ambulance Department volunteered time to help teach the basics of first aid and provided the students with small first aid kits. Carole has another course scheduled in Kit Carson on April 13th and in Limon on May 11th. The course not only teaches the basics of babysitting, but babysitter safety as well.</p>		
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COUNCIL UPDATES

COUNCIL MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	Jennifer Paintin thanked CKLECC for the donation of the gift basket for the Baby Bears Gala to be held April 27 th in Yuma. They hope to alternate the event in other counties in future years. Collene Walsh asked what it would take to bring Baby Bear Hugs back to Cheyenne County. Jennifer will connect her with Director Ruth Seedorf. Theresa reminded the group that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and blue pin wheels will be displayed in different communities. Centennial has a new bookmark titled "Be the Boss of Your Body". Organizations can let Theresa know if they'd like some. Julie will include the bookmark in the CKLECC newsletter. Theresa introduced Danielle with Centennial as the new early childhood mental health specialist. She will provide assistance to schools, teachers and parents for children needing social-emotional help.		
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FUTURE MEETING

DENNIS PEARSON

DISCUSSION	The next meeting will be Monday, May 6th in Eads at 2:30 p.m. at the Cobblestone Inn.		
CONCLUSIONS			
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SECRETARY APPROVAL SIGNATURE:	DATE:		

