

CKLECC Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

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: Tami Stephenson (South East Health Group); Colleen Walsh (Cheyenne County Public Health); Tina Kraft (Little Leaders Learning & Care Center); On Site: Dennis Pearson (Kiowa County DHS); Haley Leonard (CKLECC Representative); Julie Witt (Council Coordinator); Carole Spady (Quality Improvement Coach); Luci Reimer, (Limon Memorial Library); Katie Zipperer (Lincoln County Bookmobile)

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: August Meeting Minutes were approved by the council with a motion from Tami and a second by Luci.

Agenda topics

MINUTES	1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN & GROWING READERS	KATIE ZIPPERER, LINCOLN COUNTY BOOKMOBILE	
DISCUSSION	<p>Katie Zipperer with the Lincoln County Bookmobile presented on the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program that they do at the Limon Memorial Library. Families sign a contract to participate, and they are provided with helpful tips and reading logs. For every 50 books read children get a sticker and a stamp on their log. Upon completion kids receive books to keep.</p> <p>The Growing Readers Together Grant was a grant received in years prior. The Limon Memorial Library is not a recipient this year; however, they've collected many items for families and care providers to use as a result of the grant. They have items for sensory play and fine motor skills, portable items that can be checked out from the bookmobile, professional development books, baby sign language books, books for non-verbal children, the 365 Activities for a Smarter Preschool books, and more.</p> <p>Once Country Living Learning Center in Hugo opens. The Lincoln County Bookmobile will be scheduling a monthly stop.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

MINUTES	CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	CAROLE SPADY
DISCUSSION	<p>Carole completed the Child Care Development Apprenticeship Program training in August. The goal will be for her to provide the training for this program and for CKLECC to offer financial support. The program is an alternative pathway for those looking to become certified in an early childhood field. Upon completion of the program the apprentice would receive 12 credit hours, 12 months of experience, and would be approved by licensing. The program is federally registered and can transfer from state to state. Currently, the program is through Child Care Innovations at Red Rocks Community College. The program requires the apprentice to receive a wage increase of \$.50 every six months over the course of a two-year commitment. Due to the program being federal, this amount can't be changed. There are different options to participate in the program. Option A for the program requires 58 hours of training, ECE 101, five PDIS trainings, training on sections of the pre-licensing training, and costs \$500. Option B is free, provides 78 hours of training, Expanded Quality Infant and Toddler (EQIT) training, four PDIS trainings, six hours of training in lesson plans, sections of the pre-licensing training, and it explores the Early Learning Development Guidelines. Option C must have a completed professional development plan, six months of coursework, 1000 hours on the job learning, work with a Colorado Shines level 3-5 rated site (this may have a work around), eight hours of coaching, a complete assessment, monthly check in, a 50 question exam, and one on one work with a mentor teacher who has a credential level three or higher. All options allow for mentorship with a mentor teacher. The early learning site of employment must agree to the wage increase, provide a mentor, and possibly a mentor stipend. The \$300 per person fee for the internship does not include coursework or coaching. The apprentice will submit for a letter of ECE Teacher qualifications after one year and then will continue one year of mentorship/coaching. The Workforce Center will pay half of the intern's salary for six months.</p>	
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COORDINATOR REPORT & FUTURE EVENTS

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	<p>CKLECC has received a new Buell grant in the amount of \$24,000. Limon Child Development Center will be receiving totes to participate in the Fun Tote Program. Totes will be given to Miss Jennifer's Classroom and put in Miss Wendy's office for families to use. Julie will be speaking with the medical clinics in Limon about the possibility of using the Fun Tote Program. The new books have been put on shelves in the storage unit and are ready to be distributed at holiday events. ECCLA has applied for a grant to do Census 2020 outreach. If the grant is received funding will go through the early childhood councils to do outreach in designated counties. Julie participated in an Office of Early Childhood evaluation interview and an Office of Early Childhood Preschool Development Grant interview. Amazon gifts cards were received as an incentive and items were purchased for the childcare centers in Hugo and Eads. Julie reminded everyone that the Mental Health Colorado community meetings would be happening this month. A meeting will take place on Monday, September 16th in Limon and on Wednesday, September 25th in Eads. The Colorado Children's Campaign will be doing a Kid's Count presentation in Limon on Wednesday, October 2nd.</p>	
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CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFFERAL UPDATE

JULIE WITT/TINA KRAFT

DISCUSSION	<p>Tina Kraft report that the Little Leaders Learning Center is anxiously waiting to open. They are waiting for waiver approvals for staff and Trails background checks to come through. They are waiting on a new fence and have received a \$10,000 Cooper Clark grant.</p> <p>Julie reported that Country Living Learning Center in Hugo is also waiting for waiver approvals for staff and Trails background checks to come through.</p>	
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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COACH UPDATE

CAROLE SPADY

DISCUSSION	<p>Carole will be resuming provider training nights this month. She is scheduled to do a training in Limon on Wednesday, September 25th and a training in Cheyenne Wells Thursday, September 26th. She is coordinating with Tina Kraft in Eads to begin scheduling a monthly night in Eads. Karval School has applied for Colorado Shines funding, so Carole will be doing coaching with Tammy Yoder of Karval Preschool.</p>	
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FUTURE MEETING

DENNIS PEARSON

DISCUSSION	<p>The next meeting will be Monday, October 7th in Cheyenne Wells at Cheyenne County DHS/Public Health Office.</p>	
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