

CKLECC & Child Care Committee Meeting Minutes

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JANUARY 29, 2016

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

EADS

MEETING CALLED BY	Dennis Pearson, Chairman
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly CKLECC
FACILITATOR	Dennis Pearson, Chairman
NOTE TAKER	Haley Smith, CKLECC Representative
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	<p>Phone: Honey Richardson (Cheyenne County DHS); Julie Faucett (CO Preschool Program); Sue Kelly (Lincoln County Public Health); Cindy Ferree (LCDC); Heike Adams (Lincoln County Public Health); Sheila Anzlovar (NE Child Care R & R)</p> <p>On Site: Haley Smith (CKLECC Representative); Dennis Pearson (Kiowa County DHS); Candace Chamberlain (CKLECC Child Care Director); Tina Meyer (Kiowa County DHS); Jan Richards (Kiowa County Economic Development)</p>

Agenda topics

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CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

CANDACE CHAMBERLAIN/HALEY SMITH
(JULIE'S NOTES FOR UPDATE)

DISCUSSION	<p>Child Care Committee: Julie Witt, Haley Smith, and Candace Chamberlain visited the Haxtun & Yuma Childcare Centers. Haxtun provided us with a list of Grants that they used when they were in the beginning stages.</p> <p>There is now a Child Care Group Facebook Page!</p> <p>Limon : Julie has scheduled a Limon Meeting on Wednesday, February 17th with members of the Limon Community. The meeting will be to go over the assessment and discuss the possibility of existing buildings, land options, funding opportunities, grant writing etc for a center (ideally ages 0-3) and do some brainstorming. This meeting will also be used to determine if some of these individuals might be willing to continue some work as part of a community steering committee.</p> <p>Members that have been invited are – Dave Stone-Town Administrator; Cindy Ferree-LCDC; Troy McCue-Economic Development; Denise Kelly –Licensing Specialist, Trey & Kelbi Ford – Stop `n` Shop Supermarket/Parents; Ben & Susan Ferree – Ben’s Family Pharmacy/Parents; Tyson Liggett FNB Hugo-Limon/Parent; Dave Marx, Limon Superintendent</p> <p>Julie looked at the Hoffman Medical Supply Building in Limon that is for rent. This building was used for child care many years ago. The owner is willing to hear what upgrades would need done to meet the requirements of licensing and center regulations; however, the sq footage is quite small and would limit the amount of kids that could be cared for. The square footage is 1200 sq foot upstairs. The basement would only be able to be used for storage. There is an ideal space for a fenced in play area and parking lot. Julie told the owner that size was the biggest concern but she would speak with the group and get back to him.</p> <p>Julie contacted Misty Krebs about the building where she ran Serendipity by the Post Office and asked if they would ever consider letting the building be used for something like a child care center. She said she didn’t think this was out of the question; however, Donna Metcalf would be the person we need to speak with.</p> <p>When Julie spoke with Ben Ferree about the child care group he mentioned the other half of his building as a possible location; however, they do have an interested renter. He said we could stay in touch about the building as we see how the child care group progresses on funding, etc. It is newly finished open space of 3800 sq ft.</p> <p>Julie has made a couple of copies of the Child Care Rules & Regulations (it is a large document but has everything we need to know in it) It can be found on the Colorado Department of Human Services website under child care licensing.</p> <p>Cindy Ferree updated Julie that here may be some Early Head Start Funding Opportunities in 2017</p> <p>Hugo: Candace and Julie met with Lora White & Emily Poss. They are excited and have headed up the Hugo Childcare Steering Committee.</p> <p>Kit Carson: Candace has found a lady interested in getting licensed as an in home Childcare Provider.</p>
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	<p>Cheyenne Wells: A meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 8th, at 7pm. In the Cheyenne Wells School Preschool Room. The school is willing to rent out the room for \$1 a month, that includes utilities.</p> <p>Eads: A meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12th, at 11am. It will be at the Cobblestone Inn conference room. Lunch will be provided.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEM	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Setting up Community Steering Committees	Candace Chamberlain	2/29/16

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COORDINATOR UPDATE

JULIE WITT NOTES

DISCUSSION	<p><i>State Funding Contract</i> –Julie just found out from the Office of Early Childhood that they are going to be extending contracts again. This is very disappointing for CKLECC as we have never had the opportunity to receive more than the start up grant of \$25,000. This also does not allow CKLECC to participate in School Readiness again for any eligible sites. This will cause a problem with funding for Haley. As of now she is covered through June with Lincoln County & Kiowa County funds; however, we may need to start looking into other funders. The El Pomar Foundation was mentioned to Julie. Julie can also speak to the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation as we will be submitting for a new grant within the next several months & the council will need to decide what we should write for. ***Julie did put in a request with the Office of Early Childhood to please reconsider the amount of funding for the councils who have been stuck on the startup grant as it is very hard to complete the work that needs done with these limited funds. They replied that they will discuss this and consider it.</p> <p><i>Colorado Shines Update:</i> Haley & Julie are still working with providers to reach the Colorado Shines Level 2 Rating. Kit Carson School and Plainview School appear to be working really hard towards it. Have not had a lot of response from home providers. Julie and Haley did a work group night on Tuesday and only one home providers came.</p> <p>Next Steps for our rated sites (Genoa-Hugo & Karval – Level 2 & LCDL Level 4) will be Carole Spady our Colorado Shines coach will be scheduling initial meetings and assessments with these three sites so that they can begin the process of applying for the quality improvement funds the council has available to them. Carole hopes to set up these meetings within the next couple of weeks.</p> <p><i>Coaching</i> – Claudia Strait with Yuma, Washington, Kit Carson Council has agreed to have Carole sit with her through a coaching session as long as the council can cover mileage & time for the trip. There should be RTT funding in the coaching portion to support this. There really isn't any other training offered for Carole so this would be really beneficial. Claudia has suggested the Council purchase a set of the Environmental Rating Scale (ERS Tools) Books as a guide for Carole to use. If the Council approves of this purchase the Council would own the books and Carole could use them. If RTT funds won't work for this I think Temple Hoyne Buell would approve this expense for professional development. At some point it would be beneficial if the Council could pay for Carole to attend the ERS Tools trainings. There currently are no scholarships available for this as was suggested to Julie.</p> <p><i>Cheyenne Wells County Commissioners</i> – July and Haley will be presenting to the commissioners in February about CKLECC</p> <p><i>Family Friend & Neighbor Care Steering Committee</i> – Julie is a part of the Family Friend & Neighbor (FFN) ECCLA Steering Committee. ECCLA was awarded a grant to support FFN care providers in getting on the path to licensure. The ECCLA Board is reviewing resumes to hire a project manager for these funds to help determine what this support will look like and who will be able to apply for the grants. Most likely Child Care Resource & Referral agencies will be able to apply. The steering committee has discussed getting passed just the idea of licensing but focusing on the importance of FFN providers getting trained in First Aid & CPR, etc. Funds will also most likely be able to be used for prelicensing trainings. This is being discussed as it could pose a shortage in approved trainers. It will also need to be determined the best ways in identifying these FFN providers.</p> <p><i>Children's Campaign Doll Day</i>- Anyone or organization that would be willing to decorate a doll for Doll Day we have 8 dolls. They need to be decorated by the end of February. The Campaign is requesting that everyone keep in mind the dolls really need to represent a story of a child we know and how it ties with the importance of early childhood. Try to stay away from political issues and look at having different agencies do dolls than in years past. The best looking dolls with appropriate stories will have the better chance of getting noticed by the Senators at the capitol. The Campaign also mentioned they always receive more girl dolls so boys would be nice.</p> <p>Carole's Contract Dennis & Pat have both reviewed the contract. I have emailed it to Carole for review.</p>	
	CONCLUSIONS	Candace, Tina, and Haley took dolls to decorate for the Children's Campaign Doll Day.
ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Providing Coaching for our eligible L2 and L4 sites	Carole Spady	ASAP

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BUDGET REVIEW AND MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

HALEY SMITH

DISCUSSION	Haley handed out the current CKELCC Expenditures spreadsheet for everyone to review.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Next CKLECC/Childcare meeting will be February 26th at 10am in Limon.	Julie Witt	2/26/16

OBSERVERS	
RESOURCE PERSONS	Family Support and Education (6), Health and Well Being (2), Learning and Development (2) – **some members may represent more than one domain
SPECIAL NOTES	