

LAUNCH Young Child Wellness Council

February 8, 2012

MEETING NOTES

YCWC Attendees: Rob Abrams (ECC), Nancy Anderson (MESD), Leslee Barnes (BPI), Laurie Danahy (OR Dept. Education), Barbara Ferre (pediatrician), Mary Geelan (CCFC), Tina Oliver (OHSU), Bruce Spilde (County MH), Sarah Wetherson (ABCD III), Molly Roman (OCF), Tanya Wolfersperger (Hacienda)

Working Group (staff & contractors): Naomi Bledsoe (MESD), Roberto Rivera (211info), Anne Stone (OPS), Beth Green, Callie Lambarth, Eliz Roser, Bill Baney (PSU), Elizabeth Carroll (County Health), Maureen DeLongis, Sarah Heal (Morrison), Elana Emlen (LAUNCH coordinator)

Prevention and Wellness Health Demonstration Project

Dan Vizzini and Pam Curtis had made a presentation to the State's Early Learning Council about the Prevention and Wellness Health Demonstration Project, and Dan agreed to come share this information with the YCWC. (2-pager was sent out in advance, and the PowerPoint distributed at this meeting accompanies the minutes.) It was a fast-paced and robust presentation and discussion. Please reference the abovementioned materials for the project description. Discussion highlights:

- This project was started by Congressman Blumenauer and Governor Kitzhaber in 2009. It is a pilot that would apply to social service the type of financing usually used for infrastructure (similar to urban renewal). It looks at service delivery and how to pay for it.
- It is for the highest risk population, starting with 300 children statewide. The pilot phase should run 2-4 years. It will start this summer.
- There are two large research components. (1) Identify the interventions that are meaningful birth-8, so that there can be intermediate points rather than an 8-year investment. To do this, they are looking at a time series study of children in Tennessee to see what were the effective interventions at different ages. (2) Take a finance look at avoided cost. For example, if a child is reading at grade level in 3rd grade, what does that mean to the state (financially)?
- This is a commitment that has to be made over multiple biennia, and it will take investments of multiple \$millions.
- Question about financing. Dan explained that the State would push the risk to the sector willing to accept risk. Example, in NY or IL, there is a health care system that invested in housing for the people who kept showing up in the emergency room.
- Question about Coordinated Care Organizations. Dan said that at the beginning, they were interested in the Gladstone model, but it's more co-location than coordination. Now it's a part of the public discussion on the state system for early childhood.
- Comment that there is a difference in measuring indicators and measuring outcomes. If financing is tied to indicators then it might look like progress, but we keep getting the child further into a hole. Dan explained that the model has a base level and value added funding, and they are looking at the metrics that work.
- Question about providers who may not have a proven track record. Dan said it will be a community based asset building approach. It's about how to invest so providers are prepared to succeed in the system.
- Comment that we have had the Federal Reserve information for years, but haven't seen the funding. The savings are in the justice system, for example, and there is not an adult service agency that will willingly cut its budget. Dan said that OHSU is looking at how

the health system is spending. Also, there is significant interest in changing the basis of accounting. Lifecycle accounting can be part of the appropriations process. They are looking to fund economic research in Oregon like the Federal Reserve did in Minnesota.

- Dan said, “LAUNCH is in the wheelhouse of this.” They might want LAUNCH representation on their advisory committee.
- Comment that the Early Childhood Council is working with Cradle To Career, which ties in.
- Comment that Healthy Start serves many high risk children, and this kind of investment should be weighted differently.
- Comment that this should be done in a culturally competent way, get past the incentive not to serve the highest risk, and insist on client mix. Dan said that the kid is *in* the community, and that pilots that serve a risk community based on zip code rather than subset of the population might be better.

Future Agendas

The Council reviewed upcoming suggested agenda items:

- **March 2012:** Overview of Incredible Years trainings for parents. What it covers, the evidence base, where it’s used locally, successes and challenges.
- **April or May 2012:** *Hoping* to have Margaret Carter meet with us. She has been a longtime legislator and up until this past week was Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Human Services. Her new role is in community engagement and her responsibilities include overseeing more than 1,000 volunteers statewide. She plans to out to faith, business and other communities. This seems very relevant to our LAUNCH work.
- **April or May 2012:** Autism. Update on the work of the Autism Commission and the national discussion about changes in diagnosing. Parent perspective on raising a child in Multnomah County on the autism spectrum.
- **June 2012:** Evaluation update and discussion of LAUNCH services.
- **July 2012:** This could be a good time to discuss Early Learning Council related issues and changes in early childhood and health care. (Representation from ELC and OHSU staff supporting the work.)

Additional suggested agendas:

- Discuss the outcomes we are all measuring, and invite someone from the early childhood data group. Laurie, Beth, Danita, and Bruce will help Elana plan this.
- Suggestion to have 10 minutes at the beginning of each meeting to get to know one program better.
- Agenda on physical activity

Next YCWC Meeting

The YCWC meets the second Wednesday of each month, 9:30-11:30

Next meeting: **March 14, 9:30-11:00 at IKEA**, in the meeting room adjacent to the restaurant.