

CCR&R Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
Roth's Hospitality Center, Salem
January 30, 2013

In attendance: Pam Deardorff – Chair, Sandy Gorsage, Ashley Lawrence, Jeanne Lemieux, Heidi McGowan, Rhonda Prodzinski, Diana Stotz, Tom Udell, Helen Visarraga, Kara Waddell, Kelli Walker, Bobbie Weber, by Phone: Karen Henkenmeyer, Sue Norton

Share Final Charter- Pam shared the final charter reflecting changes that the group had recently agreed on. The words “or designee” were added to the second page under the Standing Membership section. Helen shared that she would like to see someone from Inclusive Child Care added to the charter as a standing member and the group agreed that it is an important piece and should be added.

Funding Formula- Kelli shared the R&R funding formula and how it is not much different than what was used in the past. The primary guiding principles that went into the funding formula are: 1. it should be logical and not complex, 2. it should reflect four core service areas, 3. a guiding principle around efficiency, 4. residents of every county should have access to some level of service and that a minimum level of service would include parent referrals and education, and 5. provider improvement and training and linkages with primary partners. Initially when the formula was created, it showed that 50% weight of funding went for services to providers, 25% weight for to parents, 20% weight for services to community, and 5% weight for services to employers. A survey was done and sent out to all CCR&Rs in the area to figure out if this formula needed to be changed. After reviewing the surveys, it ended up being about the same where each area moved by only one percent and it was decided to leave the formula as it is for now. A cost of living adjustment has been made across the board for all CCR&Rs of a 4% increase of core services. There was a 3% differential for language in 5 areas where there was an increase in providers whose primary language is not English and they were teaching in a bilingual capacity. Funding for safety set dollars will remain flat as there has not been a full year to evaluate where it needs to be and if it is doing what it was intended to do. There was also a 10% increase on the Network funding. DHS funding for CCP and FFN will also remain flat. Sue would like to keep this as an active topic to come back to.

CCR&R Directors Coalition Update- Jeanne shared that the Directors Coalition met in October, again in January, and will meet one last time on February 7th before the RFP comes out. They have revisited and reorganized their bylaws, looked at core priorities and aligned them with the shared goals for child care and early learning. Jeanne walked the group through the 5 current unified themes called out by the Directors Coalition as well as next steps. Kara talked about the technology theme and specifically the expanded web based referral system. She mentioned that something to keep watching would be how the state considers centralizing referrals, the work of ELC and accountability hubs on referrals, and where the information resides. Kara would also like to see how this all connects to the ELDP's and what the QRIS could mean to the community and education work as well as how does it all fit together.

Bobbie would like to see this document include critical concepts discussed at the state level such as “ELC, KRA, QRIS, etc.” and see more of a connection for an external audience. Heidi mentioned that there is a great need for clear communication to show what the R&R’s do and how they connect to the ELC. She believes there should be a clear message or “elevator pitch” stating this information. Kara mentioned that she uses an “elevator pitch” that represents R&R work using buckets. Kara shared the “buckets” with Jeanne to share with the Directors Coalition as appropriate.

OCCRRN T/TA Updates- Helen talked about how the Network has reorganized over the last 18 months including the CCR&R System Theory of Change start-up, NACCARRA Self-Assessment, and the OCCRRN Action Plan goals being developed. Helen shared that her goal was to have a system that was flexible and strong enough to adapt as new information is released and as the R&R’s start aligning with where their focus is. She also shared information about the Trainer Resources Networking Group that was created in June of 2012. This group is focused on the skills and development of R&R staff. It was created so that the R&R system can begin to align T/TA services with standards and that there is a consistent messaging around looking at using technology and working together as a system. Lastly, Helen shared Network strategies for better T/TA. Kara would like to see milestones and achievements laid out and how all of the pieces connect up. Bobbie shared that it would be powerful to show that there are “X” number of trainers that are improving their skills. Helen brought up that she would like help messaging this outward. Bobbie, Kara, and Annette offered help to Helen with this messaging.

Accountability Hub Discussion- Heidi shared that hub workgroups adopted a report that will be condensed before the final legislative report. The intent of hubs is to bring together the 5 sectors (k-12, health, human services, early learning and business and community). The five functions of hubs are: 1. assess needs of the system and services, 2. map and coordinate funding and resources to maximize efficiency, 3. integrate and coordinate outcome based services and funding streams across the 5 sectors, 4. contract and collaborate with providers for services, and 5. to report on kindergarten readiness outcomes and developmental milestones towards those outcomes. Kara talked about Oregon Education Investment Board priorities and two things to be aware of: 1. \$9 million targeted around early literacy activities, and 2. Professional Corp of Educators, which includes child care and early educators.

For the Good of the Order- Items for the next meeting:

- Revisit the funding formula
- Mapping on OEIB and ELC (looking at it in a broader and more comprehensive way)
- Revisit messaging on the Network piece
- RFP check in (where we are in the process and timelines)

Next Meeting: April 3, 2013