

Early Childhood Hub of Lane County Governance Council Notes

Meeting Commenced	1 pm, January 9, 2026 Hybrid Meeting
Facilitator	Kellie DeVore
Scribe	Lisa Milton, Education Data Coordinator
Version	Final
Recorded	Yes

Board Members			Board Members in Attendance					
Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Joshua Bates	☐	☒	Kristen Helton	☒	☐	Gretta Sagolla	☒	☐
Heather Brey	☒	☐	Kelly Jones	☒	☐	Tony Scurto	☒	☐
Heidi Brown	☒	☐	John Lively	☐	☒	Kraig Sproles	☒	☐
Kellie DeVore	☒	☐	Sara Loveless	☒	☐	John Stapleton	☒	☐
Debi Farr	☒	☐	Miriam Mickelson	☒	☐	Charleen Strauch	☐	☒
Jacob Fox	☐	☒	Megan Miller	☒	☐	Sheila Wegener	☒	☐
Alma Fumiko Hesus	☒	☐	Heather Murphy	☒	☐	Chelsea Whitney	☒	☐
Todd Hamilton	☒	☐	Judy Newman	☒	☐	Vinny Zarate	☐	☒
Quorum								
A quorum was present.								

Others Present	Assitan Sylla-Traore, Brittany Kramer, Jazmin Flores, Kris Coomes, Lisa Milton
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Consent Agenda Vote	December Notes & Written Updates											
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The Board was asked to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Sara Loveless

2nd: Sheila Wegener

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Joshua Bates	☐	☐	☐	Kelly Jones	☒	☐	☐	Kraig Sproles	☒	☐	☐
Heather Brey	☒	☐	☐	John Lively	☐	☐	☐	John Stapleton	☒	☐	☐
Heidi Brown	☒	☐	☐	Sara Loveless	☒	☐	☐	Charleen Strauch	☐	☐	☐
Kellie DeVore	☒	☐	☐	Miriam Mickelson	☒	☐	☐	Sheila Wegener	☒	☐	☐
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Jacob Fox	☐	☐	☐	Heather Murphy	☒	☐	☐	Vinny Zarate	☐	☐	☐
Todd Hamilton	☒	☐	☐	Gretta Sagolla	☒	☐	☐				
Kristen Helton	☒	☐	☐	Tony Scurto	☒	☐	☐				

VOTING RESULTS	Individual Votes cast by Board Members (Yes, No, Abstain)											
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Abstentions: none

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Consent Agenda Discussion	
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Questions about December Notes formatting in new template.

Agenda topics

Discussion Item	Family Leadership Council Report – Megan Miller and Vinny Zarate
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Co-chairs are encouraging new FLC members to actively participate by being on camera, sharing in chat or speaking up off camera.

Discussion Item	Stakeholders Report – Gretta Sagolla and Sara Loveless
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Did not meet in December. Scheduled to meet Jan 22.

Discussion Item	Early Childhood Hub 24/25 Year in Review – Kris Coomes and Brittany Kramer
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See attached slides

The meeting highlighted significant progress in early childhood education and support services in Lane

County. The Hub funded 23 organizations and agencies to provide parenting education workshops and series for 552 families; 2052 parents attended workshops and support/family activities. Early literacy efforts included funding 15 mini-grant recipients, supporting 12 libraries, and enrolling 2,624 children in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which distributed 24,926 books. The KITS program trained 95 professionals and engaged 251 children and 416 parents, while new partnerships with Pacific Source funded behavioral health training grants and transportation support for families. The upstream initiative, though not funded by the legislature, continues discussions for implementation, and Every Child Belongs, a program to prevent suspension and expulsion in early care, has been rolled out with 1.5 FTE mental health consultants now in place.

Discussion Item	Early Childhood of Lane County/United Way of Lane County MOU – Alma Fumiko Hesus, Judy Newman and Kris Coomes
The meeting featured extensive review of the new MOU between the Hub and United Way, establishing: • Flat-rate financial support (\$57,000 for finance, \$33,000 for HR) • Clear supervision structures and staff allocation processes • Communication protocols and budget approval procedures	
Looking ahead:	
• The Hub’s Parenting Education grant cycle opens January 21; United Way grant on January 28. ○ Both are seeking review panelists • New Hub website soft launch in May	

Next Meeting	1 pm Friday, February 13, 2026 Hybrid via Zoom
Meeting Adjourned	2:25 pm