

# MINUTES

Early Learning Council



Thursday, November 13, 2025

ATTENDEES: Alejandra Marquez, Amanda Lamb, Angie Brown, Ann Stevenson, Dan Cushing, DawnDee Walraven, Dorie Vickery, Jeanne McCarty, Jenn Laine, Jenna Sanders, Julia Peralta, Kelly Williams, Lauren Berg, Lindsey Manfrin, Mindy Larson, Odi Campos, Dr. Peg Miller, Patricia Wright, Sara Scott, Seamus McCarthy, Sean Cavaghan, Suey Linzmeier, Tiffany Busby, Tonya Coker, Tonya Hill

ABSENT: Matthew Kintner

SCRIBE: Patricia Wright

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## 1. Call to Order 4:00 PM

- Welcome and announcements:
  - Free dental screening opportunity for children from birth to age 5 at the McMinnville Gentle Dental location on four different evenings in November and December for entire families. For more information, contact Suey Linzmeier.
  - A Family Place is hosting a parent/child socialization group in Newberg next week for families with children age 5 and younger. For more information, contact DawnDee Walraven.

## 2. Executive Update

The CEO provided updates on several key areas, including the RFP process, Medicaid landscape, and the company's financial situation. YCCO qualified for 100% of their incentive dollars and met all challenge pool metrics, bringing \$9.5 million back into the community. Also discussed were the distribution of funds from the Community Prevention and Wellness Fund, which supported various health-related services, community investments, and programs identified in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

The financial challenges facing CCOs and Medicaid in Oregon were discussed, highlighting that all CCOs are experiencing significant losses due to rates not keeping up with medical trends and the implications of the Big Beautiful Bill Act.

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### 3. FamilyCore Update

Updates were provided on the work that has been done to support family mental health and well-being with postpartum depression screening and referrals to community partners.

There was also a focus on improved coordination around maternity outreach to access families earlier without duplicating services, while prioritizing child welfare-involved families to the Healthy Families program at A Family Place. Trainings pending for the Home Visitor Network include: HOPE 101 & 102, Facilitating Attuned Interactions (FAN), and considering some training that would support providers in learning more about attachment. Ideas for materials for new baby kits were also explored.

### 4. Budget Review and Approval

The group focused on reviewing the Early Learning Council's budget. The council approved a five-quarter budget of \$1.12 million for the current fiscal year, which includes funding for various initiatives such as Parent Engagement, Literacy, Concrete Needs, and Admin cost. Lindsey Manfrin motioned to approve the budget, and Dr. Peg Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed with all aye votes.

### 5. Charter Revisions

The council re-approved their charter, which outlines member responsibilities and requirements for public engagement. Suey Linzmeier motioned to approve the Charter, and Mindy Larson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all aye votes.

### 6. Meeting Wrap Up/Next Steps

- For the Good of the Order
  - Head Start requested that personal invitations be sent to K-12 school representatives when the ELC is scheduled to discuss school-ready initiatives and K-12 activities.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Wright, Administrative Assistant

**Next meeting: December 11, 2025, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**