

Cradle to Career Meeting Minutes 4/3/2020 12:00-1:00 pm

12:03 Meeting Began with a review of introductions.

Attendance: Chalene Harshman, Vixen Radford, Linda Middaugh, Tammy Pierce, Maria Weer, Chris Evans, Christy Hill, Sarah Lynch

- Updates and Opportunities (Maria)- Heart for Health Visited BHF and had a great visit. They were able to walk through the building and met with some local board members. Maria also shared about the Go Kids Grant that is being awarded to rural areas to increase child care needs. At this time BHF does not feel like it is a fit for this funding. BHF has 4 grants already in hand from the funder Oregon Community Foundation. It was suggested that Wallowa Resources should apply for this funding, and use it as a recreational district funding. Wallowa Resources is going to do a feasibility study. Vixen mentioned that NEON may be interested in being a helping partner. Chris Evans also mentioned that it may be good to advertise this grant to current Head Start providers.
- CCR&R is looking for a local hire. They are more than willing to adjust hours to be sure it would work for a local person. They feel it is important to have the person filling this position be a local hire.
- EOCCR team is now certified trainers of First Aid/ CPR in all three counties.
- Round Table & Discussion (all members)-
Christy Hill shared that Malheur will do Story Time virtually. They will have medical kits available for personal and classroom uses. STEAM kits are sitting and are ready to be used. Please spread the word. She also shared how the website designer was here for the skate park opening and was able to get good photos to use.

Maria shared how the skate park opening will be Saturday August 7th from 10am to 3pm. Family friendly speaker Brandon Novak is scheduled to speak from 11-12. Kidfest will be returning and held outside at the fairgrounds from 1:00- 3:00 on Friday September 17, 2021. The fall calendar is being worked up. If any community partners have events to add to the calendar, please get them to Maria by the 20th of August so that they can be added.

Sarah Lynch and Chris Evans shared about the pandemic SNAP benefits that are being released. EBT is trying to make up from when school was released early. New cards are being issued to SNAP users. Please recommend that every checks into the current benefits that they have.

Linda Middaugh shared how the farmer market has been great. A lot of kids received prizes and information about local events and possibilities. The spinning wheel of facts was a huge hit for the kids.

Vixen Radford shared that open enrollment is going to close on August 15, 2021. There are several NEON employees that are available and willing to work through any questions people may have. Unemployment status has changed resource availability. Everyone is recommended to look into their current plan to be sure they have the best option.

- Next Meeting will be Monday September 6, 2021 at 12:00pm.
In person and Zoom option
- Meet adjourned 12:35pm