**10/26/21 Childcare task force**

6PM Dani gave welcome and brief intro

Introduce question: Who impacted your life as a child?

Introductions of key players, invitation to add your name/etc. to the chat box

Jam Board shared out for people to add at their convenience.

People shared out about their person who impacted, good and bad.

Sent to breakout rooms to answer the question; “If we got it 100% right in Clackamas County, what would that look like?”

Share out from groups:

Having options for families, daycares attached to hospitals, etc., help with recertification.

Establishing pathways for workers, making sure wages are raised, families would pay no more than 10% of income, society valuing children and who cares for them, ability for children to connect from other children

It’s not taken seriously, compulsory at age 3, train people and value them by paying enough. Free to family, all public schools would have attached preschools with accredited teachers. We pay more for prisoners than for teachers,

7PM Dani Referenced back to Town Hall held on Oct 6th. Explained in brief what was said and what the goal was.

Commissioner Schrader shared her own interest in this topic,

Commissioner Fischer echoed her feelings about how the stories shared impacted her. This childcare topic is critical to the recovery of the economy from covid19

Dani: established voter interest in these issues. Obvious need and interest, talked about the return on investment that early childcare give.

Dave Snider explains grant info: Sandy—first for restaurants, then added childcare.

Dani: proposed workgroups, people showing what they are interested.

Bridget Dazey further explained the workgroups and how they will have reading and extra work. This is an on-going task

**Jam board generated responses:**

**1-Who needs to be at this table:**

CDFIs

Community based organizations, especially culturally specific

Fire districts

Early Childhood researchers

Read Set Go

Chambers of Commerce/City planning in rural areas for rezoning

Reps from PACs

County and City permitting people

Witchita Center

Folks who work with houseless populations

Port of Portland

Childcare providers

Businesses who’ve provided childcare for employees

Major employers like Amazon/Walmart

Public housing

City elected officials

Faith-based organizations

DOE

Policy makers who can support work for living wages for childcare providers

Multco Preschool for all

Pediatricians/medical service providers

Migrant housing programs

Metro

BIPOC-led or serving organizations

Community college early childhood program faculty

Inclusive partners

ORO/OCCD workforce credentialing

Lawmakers/State legislators

Oregon food bank

Builders and real estate agents

Day care providers

**2-What questions to you need answered?**

Purpose and timeline

Cost to provide universal childcare Clackamas County?

What successful models can we look at?

How do we provide high quality and safe environments for children?

How might the federal infrastructure bill interest and impact this local conversation?

Opportunities for affordable childcare

Space/facilities for quality child care expansion

What can we do to bring more people into the childcare/preK workforce?

What can we do to accelerate the development of a qualified and adequately compensated childcare workforce?

What would success for this taskforce look like? How do we define that, and how long do we have to achieve success?

How do we have free early childhood teachers?

Do we have a commissioner champion for this effort? (Which was key in Multnomah)

What barriers exist to providing affordable, high-quality childcare who can eliminate them and how?

Will the Republican Party stop opposing these child, family and business friendly policies and allow public investment?

Clarification on the grants/funds that will be coming available. Or funds any cities have to help START UP a childcare, or loans?

How do we engage the ENTIRE community in seeing this as an investment for our collective future? Not just something to help parents.

Are there opportunities at the federal level to help with some of this? E.g. if the infrastructure bill passes...

How to grow community child care providers into the system so that whatever is developed does not supplant existing providers.

How will we pay child care employees a living wage?