



QUE PASA con el Executive Management Team?

OCDC

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Hope that the new season has begun in a healthy and successful way for everyone. The “Que Pasa” is a communication update from the Executive Management Team (EMT) of OCDC.

From the Desk of the Executive Director...



1. **MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START** - Good news! There is \$2.1 billion dollars in the new Economic Recovery Act that was signed in February. Half of these funds are to be for Early Head Start and there are efforts underway to include the Migrant and Seasonal programs in the Early Head Start allocation using the Migrant and Seasonal model. There are also funds for Migrant and Seasonal expansion. EMT is in discussions of seeking expansion funds for our M&S and EHS programs. There will be a legislative meeting in Washington D.C. in April with the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association to continue to promote continued financial support for Head Start. More information will be coming.
2. **VISIT OFFICE OF HEAD START** – Debbie Youhouse, MSHS Program Specialist from the Office of Head Start and one federal reviewer were at OCDC in February 23 to 26, 2009 for a follow up visit. They were at the Administrative office and met with the Policy Council members. They also went out to visit Washington County. We should receive a letter within 45 days with the outcome of the visit, and we will know the specifics at that time.
3. **GOVERNOR WRAP AROUND COMMITTEE** – OCDC is participating as a member of the Governor’s Children’s Mental Health Wrap-Around Initiative Advisory Committee. This is promoting development of a system whereby services can be collaborated to assure children receive the services they need and to reduce silo approach to services.
4. **OCDC DEPARTURES** – Holly Whittleton, Head Start Director, submitted her desire to leave OCDC on January 21, 2009. Her last day of employment was February 6, 2009. Lilli Carrillo, Head Start Coordinator left OCDC in December to work for the Oregon Regional HS Programs; and Myra Classen, Mental Health & Disabilities Specialist also departed in January. We wish them all the best in their new endeavors.
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE REALIGNMENT** – Administrative restructure is the second phase of realignment. The position of Head Start Director has been restructured to the Director of Operations, where the emphasis will be on management and supervision of program services and focus on implementation of services. The old position of Head Start Coordinator has been reconfigured to Monitoring and Compliance Manager, this position reports to the Executive Director. The Director of Development and Education will be doing program development and staff development. We will start recruiting for these positions as soon as possible.
6. **PARENT PARTICIPATION STRUCTURE** – The Program Directors have been working to implement the new Parent participation structure that was approved this past fall. Many of the comments I have heard have been very favorable with more parents participating at the local level. Hopefully this will continue.



7. **EMERSON HUNGER FELLOWSHIP** – Kelly Meredith, Emerson Hunger Fellow was with OCDC for the last six months and worked closely with Carla Beutler, USDA Specialist. Kelly examined the home child care nutrition program and why the participation in that program was decreasing. With over 50 percent of childcare being done in the home, it is important to see why the nutrition programs are not being utilized to assure better nutrition to the low income families. Kelly completed a report with insight on how to make this program more acceptable to providers and consumers. Her last day at OCDC was February 20th, however, she will continue working with the Emerson Hunger Fellowship program in Washington, D.C. We appreciate all of her work and wish Kelly continued success.
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8. **NEW EMPLOYEES** – Jennifer Olson joined OCDC as our new Resource Development Director (RD). Jennifer is working under contract–part time; she is a member of the Executive Management Team. RD will become full time as soon as we can fully fund the position. Jennifer has been working on several grants for the agency. Jose ‘Juan’ Escobar, as many of you know, worked with OCDC in the past as ERSEA Specialist and as County Director; now Juan has accepted the interim position of Monitoring and Compliance Manager within the new structure. Javier Garza, joined OCDC a few months ago as Network Technician in the IT Department; and, Patricia (Pat) Trow, is the new Mental Health & Disabilities Specialist. We welcome all new staff to OCDC!



9. **NATIONAL MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START CONFERENCE** - Several of OCDC staff attended the NMSHS conference in Washington, D.C. that took place the first week of February, to learn about new information and increase skills in provision of MSHS services. Board members and Policy Council members also attended the conference.
10. **NATIONAL MIGRANT & SEASONAL HEAD START BOARD** – The elections of the NMSHS Board took place in Washington, D.C. where four OCDC people were elected to offices: Don Horseman, Director of Financial Services, elected as Board Treasurer; Karelia Harding, Parent Involvement Coordinator, elected as Board Vice President and Chair of the Staff Affiliate; Donald Dodson, Executive Director, as CEO Affiliate Vice Chair; and Juan Carlos Preciado, Board/PC rep, elected as the President of the Parent Affiliate and member at large on the NMSHS Board.



11. **FINANCIAL WELLNESS PROGRAM** – The Wellness Committee organized a Financial Wellness lecture series that will assist staff in making sound financial decisions. All seminars will be held once a month in the conference room at the OCDC administrative office building. Some of the topics are Retirement Options; Women and Investing; Income Planning, and Your 401(k). For further information or for a calendar of events please contact Cordelia Fallon, Benefits Administrator, Ext 1023. We want to thank the Wellness Committee for all of their hard work and effort in providing the staff with valuable information.

12. **NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** - The next Board meeting is March 20-21, 2009. The meeting will take place at Central Office in Wilsonville starting on Friday, March 20 from 6:00

p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All Board of Directors information can be found in the 'R' drive under Governance - Board of Directors documents.

13. **NEXT POLICY COUNCIL MEETING** – The PC meeting will take place on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22 at Central Office in Wilsonville. *Times to be determined.*



2009 BOARD AND POLICY COUNCIL MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

January 16-17 Central Office
 February 2-7 – NMSHS Conference
 March 20-21 – Central Office
 June 12-13 – Central Office
 July – Conference Call - TBD
 September 11-12
 November – TBD

MSHS POLICY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 2-7 – NMSHS Conference
 February 29 Central Office
 March 21-22 Central Office
 April 25-26
 May 16-17 Central Office
 June – No meeting
 July 24-26 – Family Retreat
 August 29-30
 September 26-27 Central Office
 October 24-25 Central Office
 November – No meeting
 December – NHS Parent Conference

For more information on Board of Directors meetings please contact Linda Torres, Executive Assistant at Ext 1006

For more information on Policy Council meetings please contact Karelia Harding, Parent Involvement Coordinator at Ext 1057

That's all for now,

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