



**EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 1, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Teleconference**

**Commissioners present:**

Nancy Brooks

**Commissioners absent:**

Kellie Campbell

**Advisors present:**

Jen Horowitz of Let's Grow Kids

**Staff present:**

Hannah Lane

**Presiding:**

Nancy Brooks

**Recording:** Hannah Lane

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**Meeting called to order 9:00 a.m.**

**a) Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Postponed, due to lack of a quorum.

**b) Collaborate on the COVID-19 & child care report**

The group worked on the report, generating the following ideas:

Focus on the role of child care in jump-starting the economy, rather than providing specific recommendations.

Can we echo the recommendations of partners?

Should we include the perspective of child care workers in this document?

Identifying that it's women who have to take time out of the workforce to care for children. This is especially felt by women in women-dominated fields. Many educators aren't able to return to work because they also have children who need care.

Society is undervaluing the role that childcare plays in keeping our economy open, primarily women.

The goal of this document is context shifting.

COVID-19 is speeding up the decisions we were making - policy decisions, career choices, balance in families.

LGK requests that we be mindful not to exclusively use the term "mothers", and to also use "women caregivers" "women kin care providers", etc. so all women who care for children can find themselves in this document.

Collaborative Process - Nancy will tackle the opening. Jen will check in about stories, perhaps more recent articles that might be helpful.

The University of Oregon has been doing flash polling, including a nationwide poll each week. One or two have had a focus on the challenge of caregivers returning to work.

The legislature reconvenes August 21, so we should aim to get this out by early - mid August.

Jen shared many resources with the group to consider:

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/03/business/economy/coronavirus-working-women.html>
- <https://medium.com/rapid-ec-project>
- <https://files.constantcontact.com/14f8920a001/1b331316-b15a-49a1-be17-acc55f22edcd.pdf>
- <https://nwlc.org/blog/peak-patriarchy-the-federal-government-plans-to-give-more-money-to-boeing-than-the-entire-child-care-industry/>
- <https://indd.adobe.com/view/92a6fb83-6e51-4fc7-aa8e-401cec89507e>
- <https://www.thenation.com/article/society/economy-reopen-childcare/>
- <https://www.thenation.com/article/society/childcare-essential-workers-coronavirus/>

**Meeting adjourned 9:50 a.m.**