



Oregon Coast STEM Hub Leadership Council Meeting - NOTES

September 17, 2020, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Location Online Only: Join Zoom Meeting

[Link to Participant Folder](#)

Attending LC members* and alternates:** Itchung Cheung*, Kristi Foster*, Larry Boles**, Dave Hansen*, Jaime Belanger*, SueAnn Bottoms*, Lisa Phipps*, Shamus Gamache*, Alix Lee**, CJ Drake*

Attending Backbone staff: Tracy Crews, Cait Goodwin, Kara Allan

Attending others/partners: Amy Schmid, Trish Mace, Gina Castro-Brandt, Rusty White, Manuel Padilla

Welcome and introductions

Participants gave brief introductions in turn. Itchung reviewed the role of the Oregon Coast STEM Hub Leadership Council (LC), referring to the governance documents in the participants folder. He invited participants new to the meeting to think about participating in the OCSH as a member of the LC or otherwise being more involved in the OCSH, serve on a committee, etc. Please contact itchung.cheung@oregonstate.edu following the meeting for conversation about possibilities.

Approval of June Meeting Notes - Dave motioned to approve the notes from the [June 30 meeting](#), Larry seconded the motion, and the notes were unanimously approved.

Updates - [link to document](#)

- Tracy shared ODE updates and grants.
- \$4M EIR proposal submitted to expand the CSDrive project
- Status of current CSDrive trainings on pause until school starts again
- OCF COVID-19 response grant - applied for \$20K, we asked for funds to support 1) regional Oregon Connections site license, 2) unplugged activities like STEM activity packets, 3) modification of virtual field trip videos for use in HS.
- Larger OCF grant (**discussion below**)
- \$20K received from Hampton Foundation
- Remake Learning Days national program that Oregon STEM Hubs are becoming a part of. Kickoff is planned for January and mini grants will be available to support >25 STEM events in the state.

Discussion and Introduction to OCF Proposal Partners - Itchung paused the Updates report to provide time for reflection and feedback from LC members, and to give the south coast partners involved in the planning for a large OCF grant time to introduce themselves. Highlights and links:

- Rusty White - Program Director, Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation (<https://swocf.org/>) talked about his work in Curry county.
- LC member Lisa Phipps made a point (especially for new people/visitors) that the OCSH can seem overwhelming, but don't feel that to be involved you need to do *everything*. You can commit to the mission and the vision and then fit in as it makes sense.

- Lisa asked what kind of feedback OCSH has received from the \$4M EIR proposal. Tracy reports that the OCSH-led CSDrive project was identified by Ed NW as a good fit for the grant. Our entire region is rural and we have great technology needs. The grant has a quick turnaround; The letter of intent was due Aug 18, proposal due Sep 10, and awardees are expected to be notified by early November. Since submission we have not heard any news, but we believe we are in a good position and are hopeful that our proposal will be competitive.
- Gina Castro-Brandt - CTE Director, South Coast ESD talked about her role. (<https://www.scesd.k12.or.us/career-technical-education/>) She has used STEM as a hook to engage students and improve attendance. She sees many ways to collaborate with Rusty.
- Trish Mace - Director, Charleston Marine Life Center (<http://www.charlestonmarinelifecenter.com/>) talked how her work intersects with the OCF proposal. CMLC works with the SWOCC work experience program, places OCCC Aquarium Science students, and has mentoring programs for HS students. This grant could help provide funds to provide stipends for local HS students in "Summer Bridge" programs.
- Jaime Belanger - Education Coordinator, South Slough NERR and OCSH LC member (<https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/SS>) listed ways SSNERR could intersect with the OCF proposal. They participate in career fairs, and run a career-focused summer camp for HS students, similar to a job shadow. SSNERR provides various HS internship opportunities, and can pay student stipends through their Friends group.
- Manuel Padilla - Project Manager at Oregon Solutions (<https://orsolutions.org/about/what-we-do>) is helping OCSH with this proposal to OCF in a support role to help make the proposal as strong as it can be. The OCF proposal values equity, defines STEM in particular ways, requires match, etc. The proposal should include ample pledged matching funds.; that is, NEW funds that have been *pledged* but not yet *secured*.

Back to the **Updates**:

- STEM in Libraries - Tracy discussed this earlier; it was
- STEM Trailers - A new checkout system coming online this month for the four existing STEM Hub Resource trailers.
- Rural STEAM Leadership Network - Tracy and Kara describe and provide updates. OSP is on pause until after school starts up again.
- Hampton Foundation Innovation Grant - Kara describes work on this 7th grade math-integrated curriculum
- ORSEA - Lessons are available on the OCSH website and will be made more accessible in the coming weeks; Recruitment for new teams is on pause until after school starts again.
- Broadband event - We have until June 2021 to hold at least one event.

Lisa & Shamus leave the meeting

Discussion and more Partner Introductions

- Amy Schmid would like to get Tillamook teachers more aware of things that are happening in the OCSH network. Since COVID, she and TEP Netarts/WEBS partners are providing virtual field trips last spring and again this fall, and are interested in finding technology advice or

training for that. Although Amy's employer is Tillamook School District, she is looking to work more closely with the two other school districts in Tillamook. Itchung says he has two students developing videos in the Tillamook area in preparation for virtual field trips.

- Itchung shares a current product from his NSF rapid grant: *Portal for Virtual Content for Field Stations and Marine Labs*: <https://thevirtualfield.org/> and encourages partners to check it out and see how it could be useful.

CIP and Partner Documents

Backbone staff are working on collecting data for the CIP. Some data are due to ODE now, but the updated documents will be due in June 2021.

Opportunity to help: We are seeking help from partners to 1) Revise and update the Partnership Plan, 2) Revise and update the Declaration of Cooperation, and 3) Conduct a needs assessment.

Contact itchung.cheung@oregonstate.edu to volunteer!

STEM and Politics

Cait reviewed the OCSH Communications *Criteria for Resource Inclusion* policy adopted by the LC in 2014, which states that OCSH will promote and share STEM education information and opportunities that are 1) Relevant, 2) Regionally-focused, 3) Recommended, and 4) Reasonable. The OCSH has strived to balance sharing items that meet the criteria but which some audiences *may* believe is political. A short discussion of LC members indicated they believe our communication strategy has been appropriate so far. Cait asked if LC members or partners are ever concerned about content shared by the OCSH, that they please reach out to Cait to discuss.

New Director Search

Itchung proposes shifting the fiscal agent for the OCSH from OSG to HMSC. Larry pointed out that it's hard to know what the implications for a change would be from his position outside these organizations. This topic will be rolled over to a future quarterly meeting.

As for a Director, Tracy asked that the LC work on a plan for a Director search soon so that when the hiring freeze is lifted and funding becomes available, the LC will be ready to move forward with a search promptly.

Next meetings:

Monthly 1 hour meetings are set. Cait will send Outlook meeting invitations:

- Monthly 1 hour check-in Tu Oct 20 @10AM
- Monthly 1 hour check-in Tu Nov 17 @10AM

The next quarterly meeting will be Monday, **December 14** at a time TBD. Cait will send out a **Doodle poll** to determine the best time for the 2- hour meeting (9AM, 1PM, or 2PM).

Meeting Adjourned

- Respectfully submitted, C. Goodwin