

Scott County Kids
Early Childhood Iowa
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 8-6-19

In Attendance: Rev. Yolanda Kirk, Chuck Keibler, Jennifer Kakert, John Mullen, Lauren Rupe, Linda Fredriksen, and Amy Huntington.

Excused: Scott Hobart, Linda Greenlee, Margie Mitchell, and Jabari Woods

Absent:

Guests: Donna Moritz; Bi-State Regional Commission

Staff: Diane Martens, Nicole Mann and Amber Jennett

Call to Order

Rev. Yolanda Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

*note introduction of Amber Jennett, Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Minutes for June 4th minutes

Kakert made a motion, seconded by Mullen to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 board meeting. All aye votes, motion carried.

Old Business

Fiscal Issues

FY19 Expenditures

Moritz provided the board with an updated expenditure sheet for FY19. Early Childhood Funds are 90% spent at 100% through the year with \$457,482.88 spent. School Ready Funds are 99% spent at 100% of the year with \$944,245.90 spent. Total funds are at 99% at 100% through the year with \$1,401,728.78 spent.

Moritz also provided an updated FY20 Category budget to include the increased School Ready allocation. The Early Childhood Iowa portion of the FY20 Scott County Kids Agency budget was also included.

Insurance

Update FY20 Board Insurance policy is in place. The cost was \$1,232.68.

State Review

Amanda Winslow, the new staff person at ECI office in the Department of Management has contacted Martens about the Mid Cycle review. The review has been scheduled for September 17, 2019. The two contracts that have been selected are Family Connects and Growth Fund. Martens discussed re-contract process compared to full open RFP.

Progress

Board member surveys were emailed along with conflict of interest statements. Martens asks the board to please fill out and return.

New Business

Committee Reports

Contracts Management

Iowa Women's Foundation Grant

Martens explained the group has been meeting to discuss child care concerns following the article in the Quad City Times has taken the name: Quad Cities Child Care Coalition. Martens has recently received an email from Iowa Women's Foundation soliciting letters of intent for their Child Care Solutions Fund. Martens brought this to the coalition, wondering if there would be a possibility of combining this funding with others and trying to offer a WAGES program in Scott County. The Coalition discussed and concurred that the WAGES program would require more funding than what could be gathered. Next, the Coalition talked about using possible IWF funds for additional child care scholarships, the committee felt the estimated IWF funds would help a small number of families. The coalition talked about the stresses of child care workers. Martens shared an article from the Child Care Nurse Consultant which talks about the stresses of child care workers. The coalition felt offering Conscious Discipline training to help child care workers to better the behavioral health of their classroom would be the most impactful given the estimated amount of funding. Martens has written a letter of intent and has shared it with the coalition, it was also included in today's packets. Martens is asking the board to approve actual application to IWF Child Care Solutions Funds if invited to do so. Kakert made a motion, seconded by Keibler. All aye votes, motion carried.

ECI Association Update

There are efforts being made to have Early Childhood Iowa Association. The overview was included in today's packet. The information shows ECI funding remaining stagnant while budgets for education and community college have had increases. The membership fee is 3% of each area's administration allowance. Scott County fee would be \$1,548. As of mid-June thirteen ECI area boards have formally voted to join. Martens emailed information to Rep. Winckler, Winckler would like to meet with Martens to discuss. Martens will schedule a time to meet with Winckler as soon as possible.

Unity Point- Sanford Health

Dr. Healy contacted Martens after seeing the news of Unity Point merging with Sanford. Healy suggested this may be a good time to contact Unity Point again to re-introduce them to Family Connects. Martens drafted a letter and shared with Tera Weets, manager of Family Connects program. Weets and Michele Cullen shared with the committee the merger doesn't fully take effect until the first of the year. Martens shared with the committee Weets and Cullen noted that with Family Connects becoming more widespread nationally they have partner sites working with other Sanford Hospital locations which might help Family Connects get better integrated into the hospital. Weets and Cullen further mentioned Duke (the creators of Family Connects) is going through a lot of transitions.

Outcomes

The annual report is due to the state on September 15th. This board will need to approve the Annual Report at the September 3rd meeting. Fourth quarter reports were due August 1st.

Nominations

Potential Board Members

Following the June meeting Judge Mullen and Scott Hobart made some suggestions to Martens of potential board members. Martens has sent letters to these folks and three have responded with some interest. One has actually sent in her application. Martens is asking for a few board members who would be willing to help with the interview process; Greenlee, Keibler, and Rupe.

Public Awareness

Amber Jennett, our new Administrative Assistant, is beginning to update items on the website as well as Facebook. Martens mentioned if the board would like to have anything added to the website or Facebook please let her know. Also, please remember to like our Facebook page.

Evaluation and Salary Adjustment for Coordinator

Martens will be sending Rev. Yolanda the evaluation form to be completed. Martens mentioned to the board to email Rev. Yolanda with any questions, comments, or concerns.

State Early Childhood Iowa

State ECI Board Meeting: 9/06/2019 Report at October meeting

State ECI Coordinator Meeting: 10/23/2019 Report from Martens at November meeting.

Legislative Recap

None

Other Business

Martens shared the Iowa Mission of Mercy (I-MOM) Two Days of Free Dental Care. The dates have been set for September 20 and 21st. Martens provided informational cards for the board to share.

Public Input-None

Next Meeting: September 3, 2019***attendance is very important as the Annual Report will need to be approved by the Board.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.