

Scott County Kids
Early Childhood Iowa
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 9-3-19

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

Excused: Margie Mitchell

Absent: Linda Greenlee and Jabari Woods

Guests: Donna Moritz; Bi-State Regional Commission and Kristine Oswald

Staff: Diane Martens, Nicole Mann and Amber Jennett

Call to Order

Rev. Yolanda Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2019 minutes

Hobart made a motion, seconded by Keibler to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2019 board meeting. All aye votes, motion carried.

Old Business

Fiscal Issues

FY20 Expenditures

Moritz provided the board with an updated expenditure sheet for FY20. Early Childhood Funds are 4% spent at 8% through the year with \$17,168.08 spent. School Ready Funds are 9% spent at 8% of the year with \$83,308.77 spent. Total funds are at 7% at 8% through the year with \$100,476.85 spent.

Moritz also provided an updated FY20 Category budget.

New Business

Annual Report

A copy of the annual report was included in Board packets. The report was reviewed by Contracts Management. Clarification was needed on the numbers for Quality Child Care. Martens talked to Becky White, director at Child Care Resource and Referral. White explained that *# of programs participating* (line 16, total 331) the number is not a duplicate within the quarter, however other quarters would have programs that participated in other quarters. Martens reviewed the FY18 annual report the numbers is similar (last year was 306). Kakert made a motion to approve the FY19 Annual Report with the correction to the Quality Child Care information, seconded by Kiebler. All aye votes, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Contracts Management

Child Care Scholarships

When Friendly House submitted their FY20 application they proposed an increase of \$50 for full-time and \$25 for part-time for payment to child care providers. The FY20 includes the increases. Renee Rankin contacted Martens concerned that with the 22 children currently on the scholarship, the contract would be negative \$10,847 for the year. Rankin noted there was very little turnover last year.

The Contracts Management Committee is recommending to re-evaluate spending trends after the first quarter, the committee is not opposed to increasing the contract but would like to see more data on the funding needs. The Board agreed, no action taken.

Head Start letter of support

Jenny Kreiter contacted Martens requesting a letter of support. The letter is pre-written and states the \$200,984.00 they received from Scott County Kids ECI that is nonfederal matching funds.

Martens requested the committee make a recommendation to the Board to approve having Rev. Yolanda sign the letter. Kakert made the motion, seconded by Hobart. All aye votes; motion carried.

ECI Association Update

Martens met with Rep. Winckler and Rep. Winckler was in attendance at Contracts Management to give her insights on the association; Winckler contacted representatives Mary Mascher and Kerr. All have concerns of funding being used to form an association. The committee suggests not taking action at this time. An 8/30/19 email from McKinley Bailey

explained that with 21 member boards and \$13,389 in pledged dues they are now able to move forward. He also announced in the email that the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children will be providing the legal and fiscal framework for the association.

Outcomes

Nominations

Nominations met August 23rd to interview Kristine Oswald. Interviewers included Rupe and Mullen. Mullen made a motion to have Oswald become a board member, seconded by Rupe. All aye votes, motion carried.

Keibler made a motion to have Larry Barker join the board, seconded by Hobart. All aye voted, motion carried.

Public Awareness

No report.

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

PROGRESS/Redesignation

A group consisting of Dr. Don Healy, Rep. Cindy Winckler, Chuck Keibler and Larry Barker met to review bylaws and the PROGRESS document. Martens will have Mary Thee review the revisions to the Bylaws and will then bring the proposed changes to the Board. The group also reviewed the updated PROGRESS document. Martens will be modifying the format based upon the suggestion of the group. The group also came to consensus to have a closer review of each of the five priorities at upcoming board meetings.

Martens facilitated an Early Childhood Behavioral Health meeting August 15th.

The Quad City Behavioral Health Coalition meet August 27th. The group has adopted a logo and is planning quarterly meetings.

Coordinator Evaluation

Rev. Kirk stated that she has completed the evaluation on Martens and thanked board members for providing input. Rev. Kirk said the evaluation was positive and thanked Martens for her work.

Public Input-None

Next Meeting: October 1, 2019

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.