

Scott County Kids
Early Childhood Iowa
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 12-3-19

In Attendance: Rev. Yolanda Kirk, Amy Huntington, Chris Castrey, Chuck Keibler, Jennifer Kakert, Lauren Rupe, Margie Mitchell, Jabari Woods, Larry Barker and Kristine Oswald

Excused: John Mullen

Absent: Linda Fredriksen

Guests: Donna Moritz; Bi-State Regional Commission, Nicole Mann; Scott County Kids Decat

Staff: Diane Martens

Call to Order

Rev. Yolanda Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

Introductions

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2019 minutes

Keibler made a motion, seconded by Mitchell to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 board meeting. All aye votes, motion carried.

New Business

November 5, 2019 meeting notes.

The meeting notes were included in board packets. The meeting did not have quorum.

Bylaw revisions

A copy of the proposed changes were included in board packets. Martens briefly reviewed the changes, there were no comments.

Old Business

Fiscal Issues

FY20 Expenditures

Moritz provided the board with an updated expenditure sheet for FY20. Early Childhood Funds are 23% spent at 33% through the year with \$107,632.97 spent. School Ready Funds are 35% spent at 33% of the year with \$340,170.34 spent. Total funds are at 31% at 33% through the year with \$447,803.31 spent.

Audit

Moritz reviewed the audit completed by RSM. The audit states "The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*." In the report to the board of directors they did identify an uncorrected misstatement that was determined to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate. For the School Ready and Early Childhood funds, \$668 and \$565, respectively, of nonspendable fund balance as required under U.S. GAAP is misclassified as restricted fund balance due to required reporting to the state of Iowa for these programs. Moritz explained this is due to paying board insurance in advance. The payment for insurance is due July 1st for the fiscal year. Martens, Moritz, Mary Thee and Nicole Mann recently met with representative from the insurance company, he is now saying the insurance can be paid in July and this would eliminate this situation.

Committee Reports

Contracts Management

Child Care Scholarships

Lorelei Pfautz and Renee Rankin, Friendly House, attended the October 31st Contracts Management. For FY20 the reimbursement to the child care providers was increased by \$50 for full-time and \$25 for part-time. At the November meeting Moritz created a spreadsheet to show the impact of increasing funding to the child care scholarship. The Board talked of being supportive of increasing the contract to not only cover the current shortfall but the some of the families on

the waitlist as well. At the November meeting the board requested additional information from Friendly House about how many families would age out each year so that families would not have to be taken off of the scholarship when they are depending on it. Rankin emailed information, which was included in board packets. \$7600 is needed to cover the increased reimbursement for the current fiscal year. \$6600 would cover six months (the remainder of this fiscal year) of the waitlist families. Following year's budgeting could be primarily addressed through families that would age out. Moritz noted an additional small amount of funding (approximately \$1000) may be needed in FY21 to keep from displacing a family. The \$14,200 would bring the contract total to \$100,200. Kiebler made a motion to increase the contract, seconded by Woods, all aye votes, motion carried.

Outcomes

First quarter reports were included in board packets. Board members had some questions, Martens will follow up with contractors and share back at the January board meeting.

Nominations

This meeting is considered the annual meeting for voting on officers. The slate of officers is as follows:

Reverend Yolanda Kirk, Chair

Jennifer Kakert, Vice Chair

Chris Castrey, Secretary

Barker made a motion to approve the slate of officers, seconded by Rupe. All aye votes, motion carried.

Public Awareness

No report.

Legislative Recap

Non report.

Other Business

PROGRESS

The deeper dive into the first priority area; Advance healthy physical and mental development for all children with a priority for at-risk children is scheduled for February 4th.

Child Care Summit Iowa Women's Foundation

Martens attended the November 6th Summit in Ankeny. Folks from across the state shared successes they have had with building child care capacity. There is an architect from the Waterloo area who has created a 'child care in a box' to help those interested in building child care so that they can have an understanding of the amount of space needed and DHS requirements that must be followed. Another person talked about a network of home providers they have been working with to adapt their hours to provide care for families working at a large manufacturing plant in their small community. The keynote luncheon speaker was Linda Smith from the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington DC. She was a very relevant speaker to the issues nationally; many families have a difficult time paying for child care and the working wage for most child care workers is not a livable wage.

Quad City Child Care Summit Iowa Women's Foundation

Martens attended the November 19th Child Care Summit at United Way. The group discussed the lack of before and after school care being a huge issue for Scott County, particularly Davenport Schools. There is space/facilities to provide the care but there is a lack of staff. There is concern that the minimum wage increase will add to this difficulty. One possible solution is public – private partnerships. Martens volunteered to co-chair the child care –business partnerships with Greg Agullera. Chelsea from Skip Along is the contact for the full committee. Dawn Oliver Wiand, director of Iowa Women's Foundation will be in contact with Chelsea for next steps.

Public Input-None

Next Meeting: January 7, 2020

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.