

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board

Meeting of June 2, 2020

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Rev. Yolanda Kirk, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Attendance: Rev. Yolanda Kirk, Chuck Keibler, Jennifer Kakert, Linda Frederiksen, Chris Castrey, Lauren Rupe, Marge Mitchell, Kristine Oswald and Amy Huntington. Staff: Diane Martens, Kathy Mumma Guests: Richard Crewell, Nicole Mann and Donna Moritz. In addition to introductions, the passing of Larry Barker was observed.

Absent: Judge John Mullen, Jabari Woods

Approval of Minutes May 5, 2020: Rupe motioned to approve the May 5, 2020 minutes, seconded by Keibler. All aye votes, motion carried.

Old Business

Fiscal Issues

FY20 Expenditures: Mortiz reviewed the FY20 expenditures. Early Childhood Funds are 79% spent at 83% through the year. School Ready funds are 80% spent at 83% through the year.

FY21 Budget Update: There was a slight change in the Early Childhood state allocation due to a miscalculation issue. The amount for Scott County was \$436 reduction.

New Business

FY21 Processes:

Insurance

The invoice was received May 27th. The invoice is \$1500, we received a \$266.74 voucher bringing the cost to \$1233.26.

Fiscal Agent

The fiscal agent for Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa is Scott County Decategorization. Each year the agreement for this arrangement has to be approved by this board and the signed agreement is provided to the state. We need a motion to approve. Motion made by Keibler seconded by Huntington. All aye votes, motion carried.

Outcomes

The third quarter reports were sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Martens identified questions and contacted Tricia Shannon. Shannon will edit the reports. Martens will then send the edited reports to the Board. Contracts Management had questions about reporting methods. Martens is working on report responses.

Site Visits

The FY20 Site Visit summary was sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

State Early Childhood Iowa:

State ECI Board update from Clewell, recently elected to chairperson for the State Early Childhood Iowa Board. Clewell shared that bylaws have been approved. The State will no longer provide mileage reimbursement to participants who travel to Des Moines. Linn County asked to defer reduction in funding. The state board recommended not to approve deferment.

State ECI Coordinator update:

The weekly Zoom meetings continue and are helpful. The home visitation programs are finding success with virtual visits. Many parents who may have been apprehensive of having someone in their home are more apt to participate in a virtual visit. The hope is once families build a relationship with home visitation workers they will have at-home visits. Some folks on a Zoom meeting shared that with the warmer weather outdoor visits either on families' porches, yards or parks. Tera Weets said her staff is planning to do outdoor visits.

Legislative Recap

Representative Cindy Winckler attended the May 28th Contracts Management meeting held via Zoom. The legislature is going back June 3rd. Representative Winckler was specifically mentioned on a recent state meeting, it was shared that Rep. Winckler asked that Early Childhood Iowa funding be left whole and not be reduced.

Other Business

Schedule of FY21 Meetings

The schedule of FY21 meetings was emailed to Board members.

Conflict of Interest Statement and Board Survey

Emailed to Board May 29, 2020 along with materials for today's board meeting. Please scan and send in. If unable to scan, we can send a postage paid envelope.

Community Meetings

Martens shared that she participated in her first Iowa Afterschool Alliance meeting May 19th. Shanell Wagler sent an email to ECI coordinators sharing that the Iowa Afterschool Alliance was looking for an ECI coordinator to join their board.

Public Input

Mitchell confirmed that the virtual meetings with parents are going well. Families seem more cooperative meeting virtually instead of in their home.

Next Meeting August 4, 2020

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.