

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting of February 2, 2021
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Minutes

Call to Order: Jennifer Kakert, vice chair called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

Attendance: Jennifer Kakert, Amy Huntington, Chris Castrey, Lauren Rupe, Chuck Keibler, Jabari Woods, Margie Mitchell, Kristine Oswald, Linda Fredriksen

Excused: Rev. Yolanda Kirk

Absent:

Staff: Diane Martens, Nicole Mann and Emily Cummings

Guests:

Approval of Minutes January 5, 2021: Keibler motioned to approve the January 5, 2021 minutes, seconded by Rupe. All aye votes, motion carried.

Old Business

Fiscal Issues

FY21 Expenditures:

The expenditure sheet was emailed to the board 2/1/21. Early Childhood funds are 30% spent at 50% through the year. School Ready funds are 46% spent at 50% through the year.

FY22 Re-application timeline:

Contracts Management reviewed the FY22 proposed timeline for re-application. The committee was also in consensus to only do re-application. With the reduction of the Early Childhood funds causing the need to reduce contracts the committee does believe it would not be sincere to seek outside proposals at this time. Keibler suggested sending the review notes from the FY21 Re-application review committee to contractors.

Keibler made a motion seconded by Mitchell to approve the FY22 Re-application timeline. All aye votes, motion carried.

New Business

Site Visit Schedule:

Martens is in the process of planning site visits, to be conducted via Zoom, for the dates of February 17-24. Martens is hopeful that more board members may be able to attend with the virtual format.

Family Connects:

Martens explained the state requires certain sets of performance measures be collected based on the purpose of a particular service.

We have had Family Connects in the Family Support category and the information is collected in the state databased called DAISEY.

In the fall each ECI area received a DAISEY report comparing their county to state data as well as targets to achieve. Because Family Connects meets with a family just once in typical circumstances the Ages and Stages data on child development is not adequately captured. Per the evidenced based

model criteria for Family Connects the program is to serve all families regardless of income. ECI Family Support programs are to be targeting families at 201% or less of the federal poverty level. In reviewing Tool O, the tool the state has listing program types and the corresponding performance measures to be collected, prenatal/postnatal appears to be the most appropriate fit.

The proposed quarterly report was reviewed.

Contracts Management is recommending Family Connects use the performance measures for prenatal/postnatal beginning in FY22.

Mitchell made the motion, seconded by Castrey. All aye votes, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Nominations:

Linda Fredriksen's first term is expires in February. Fredriksen is willing to serve another term.

Keibler made a motion for Fredriksen to serve a second term, seconded by Mitchell. All aye votes, motion carried.

Community Meetings

State Early Childhood Iowa Meetings:

Rich Clewell will provide an update at the March meeting.

The state annual report was emailed to board members 2/1/2021.

Keibler noted the decline in funding.

Other Business:

At a recent Iowa Afterschool Alliance meeting a DHS staff shared DHS will be receiving a large amount of funding from the CARES act. For the initial funding they received \$30 million, this time DHS will be receiving \$90 million.

At the 1/29/21 State ECI meeting staff from the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children announced that DHS will be contracting with them to offer the WAGES program across the state in FY22. At this time if WAGES is available in a county, the local ECI area is usually the entity funding it. Iowa AEYC is asking local ECI areas not to fund WAGES in FY22. The difficulty will be that the DHS funding is to end June 2022, the intent of WAGES is that it be available long term. The hope is the program will demonstrate positive outcomes and this will result in long-term funding.

Legislative Recap

No report.

Public Input

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Next Meeting March 2, 2021

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