

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting of August 3, 2021
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Minutes

Call to Order: Rev. Yolanda Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Attendance: Rev. Yolanda Kirk, Jennifer Kakert, Chuck Keibler, Chris Castrey, Lauren Rupe, Margie Mitchell and Linda Fredriksen.

Excused: Amy Huntington, Megan Heidgerken and Kristine Oswald

Absent:

Staff: Diane Martens, Nicole Mann and Richelle Kime.

Guests: Jennifer Praet; Lutheran Services in Iowa, Luke Huber; intern Lutheran Services in Iowa, Nancy Krause; Lutheran Services in Iowa, PJ West; Iowa Department of Public Health, Tera Weets; Genesis VNA, Michele Cullen; Genesis VNA.

Approval of Minutes June 1, 2021: Mitchell motioned to approve the June 1, 2021 minutes, seconded by Kakert. All aye votes, motion carried.

Old Business

Fiscal Issues

FY21 Expenditures:

Martens reviewed the FY21 expenditure report emailed the Board August 2nd. Early Childhood funds are 97% spent at 100% through the year. School Ready funds are 97% spent at 100% through the year.

FY22 Budget

The allocation of Early Childhood funds remained the same as the draft numbers shared earlier. The School Ready funding did change, in a good way. The state allocation increased 2.5%. Additionally, the percentage of funding allowed to be used for administrative purposes increased from 3% to 5%. There is now \$4823.97 in un-programmed general aid funds and \$20,447.81 in un-programmed administrative funds. Martens suggested waiting for any possible adjustments until FY21 carryforward is known.

Audit

The audit was emailed to the Board August 2nd. Nicole Mann reviewed the audit with the Board. The audit was extended due to the retirement of Donna Moritz. Mann explained Carol Connor is now the point person at Bi-State for the audit. The audit was completed by RSM. They gave an unmodified opinion and had no disagreements.

Community Plan

Martens and Bi-State believe the survey may need to be sent to community agencies again in order to get more responses. The plan is to share with the Board at the September meeting.

New Business

Presentation to State ECI Board

The SCKECI Board was asked to present at the June 4th state ECI Board meeting. Martens was joined by Chuck Keibler and Chris Castrey. The presentation went well. The presentation did evoke strong reaction regarding our local concern of Parent Pals, the coordinated intake system managed by Lutheran Services of Iowa. SCKECI is required to have funded home visitation programs (Bright Beginnings) participate in Parent Pals. Chuck Keibler and Martens have had follow up meetings with Parent Pals, Family Connects and Bright Beginnings. On behalf of a division director Janet Horas requested the following information; enrollment by program by month, how many referrals resulted in enrollment, capacity by month. Martens created a spreadsheet to capture this information. All programs agreed to provide the information. LSI plans to provide the information at today's meeting.

Parent Pals – Presentation

Michele Cullen, Community Health Manager Genesis VNA and Jennifer Praet, Project Manager Lutheran Services in Iowa provided a Power Point presentation. It was explained that the "Scott County Referral System" is made up of three cogs; Parent Pals, Direct Referrals and Family Connects. Definitions, prospects, referrals and capacities were also reviewed. The plan is to review again at the February meeting.

Other Business:

Public Input

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:32pm

Next Meeting September 7, 2021