

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board
Meeting of September 7, 2021
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Minutes

Call to Order: Jennifer Kakert called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Attendance: Jennifer Kakert, Chuck Keibler, Lauren Rupe, Linda Fredriksen, Amy Huntington, Kristine Oswald and Dwayne Hodges.

Excused: Rev. Yolanda Kirk and Chris Castrey

Absent: Megan Heidgerken and Margie Mitchell

Staff: Diane Martens and Nicole Mann

Guests: Carol Connors and Gena McCullough; Bi-State Regional Commission, Amber Jerson and John Erb, interning with Scott County Kids Decat.

Approval of Minutes August 3, 2021: Keibler motioned to approve the August 3, 2021 minutes, seconded by Rupe. All aye votes, motion carried.

Old Business

Fiscal Issues

FY22 Expenditures:

Martens reviewed the FY22 expenditure report emailed the Board September 2nd. Early Childhood funds are 4% spent at 8% through the year. School Ready funds are 6% spent at 8% through the year.

New Business

Annual Report

The components of the annual report were emailed to board members September 2nd. Martens reviewed the Board Membership Matrix, Community Plan Update, Executive Summary, Daisey Report, Early Childhood Financial Statement and School Ready Financial Statement.

Carol Connors addressed the board explaining that the FY21 figures are slightly off from what was reported last year due to changing the time of payment for board insurance.

Martens shared that the report for Family Connects was corrected, one group-based parent education meeting was on the previous report this has been deleted. Martens also talked to Tera Weets and other ECI Coordinators at the regional meeting to ask about there being different percentage within reports of the number of "caregivers enrolled prenatally" and "child's age at enrollment". The understanding the child information that is entered first is what is pulled by the database for "child's age at enrollment".

Keibler made the motion, seconded by Rupe to approve the annual report. All aye votes, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Contracts Management

DHS updates/Scholarships

Department of Human Services sent notification that August will be the last month DHS will be providing stipends and unlimited Child Care Assistance absences to child care facilities.

Martens has heard from Friendly House that they are struggling to find a preschool teacher.

PROGRESS/Redesignation:

Gena McCullough from Bi-State Regional Commission shared with the board that they are finishing up some cross referencing on the community plan and will present it at the October 5th board meeting.

State Early Childhood Iowa

The next state ECI Board meeting will be September 10th.

Martens attended the September 3rd Southeast Regional ECI Coordinator meeting in Iowa City.

Regions Mental Health

Christine Gradert is the Coordinator of Children's Mental Health for region. Gradert reached out to Martens to coordinate a meeting with the ECI Coordinators serving the region. Martens organized a meeting that was held August 26th. Future meetings are anticipated.

Other Business:

Coordinator Evaluation

Martens will be getting the forms to Rev. Yolanda.

Public Input

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm

Next Meeting October 5, 2021