

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board

Meeting of October 4, 2022

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order: Karert called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m.

Attendance: Jennifer Kakert, Amy Huntington, Linda Fredriksen Chris Castrey, Megan Heidgerken and Lauren Rupe.

Excused: Jerry Mohr and Chuck Keibler

Absent: Dwayne Hodges, Margie Mitchell and Kristine Oswald

Staff: Diane Martens, Nicole Mann, Mikka Mills and Abigail Borkhart

Guests: Jill Henderson, Bi-State Regional Commission

Approval of Minutes August 30, 2022:

Fredriksen made a motion, seconded by Castrey to approve the August 30th meeting. All aye votes, motion carried.

FY23 Expenditure Report:

Early Childhood funds are 8% spent at 16% through the year. School Ready funds are 13% spent at 16% through the year.

Preschool Survey:

Martens has been working with Mills who is an intern from the University of Iowa to create a survey to child care centers and preschools. One of the purposes of the survey is to see why centers and preschools are not participating in the SCKECI scholarships. In Scott County there are 42 preschools that are statewide voluntary preschool verified, 16-18 preschools participate with the preschool scholarship. Additionally, the state requires reporting the number of programs using the ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire) screener. We would like to understand barriers to using the ASQ. The Contracts Management Committee suggested allowing the responses to be anonymous.

Martens did note that at this specific time the funding is spoken for and Renee at Friendly House is maintaining a waiting list.

Home Visiting Meeting:

Martens coordinated a Home Visitation meeting held September 22nd. Nicole Carkner from Quad City Health Initiative and Brianna Boswell from the Scott County Health Department presented information on low-birth weight. The group brainstormed possible causes and solutions.

Early Childhood Iowa -HHS:

At one of the last ECI Update Zoom meetings Shanell Wagler talked of having Director Garcia or Janee Harvey to give an update on ECI's fit in the new Health and Human Services.

Other Business:

None

Public Input

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:52pm

Next Meeting: November 1, 2022