

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board

Meeting of February 7, 2023

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order: Castrey called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Attendance: Jerry Mohr, Dwayne Hodges, Linda Fredriksen, Megan Heidgerken, Chris Castrey, and Chuck Keibler.

Absent:

Excused: Amy Huntington, Jennifer Kakert, John Duax, and Lauren Rupe

Staff: Diane Martens

Guests: Linda Cavazos – Lutheran Services in Iowa, Jill Henderson- Bi-State Regional Commission, Melissa Tucker -Lutheran Services in Iowa, Catherine Bass- Every Child

Guest Speaker:

Linda Cavoza, Care Coordinator Liaison -Eastern Iowa Mental Health Regions

In previous meetings we have talked about the collaborations with the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region to have training for the Ages and Stages Questionnaire screener. Those plans are continuing. We have also talked about the importance of having a resource for parents and childcare providers in the case that a concern is identified. Linda's position is to be that resource.

Linda explained that her primary focus is preschool settings. The goal is to get to children as soon as possible, normalize concerns and be a continuous support in connecting to resources. She can do intakes with families to assess their strengths, insurance situation, help with obtaining insurance, connect to services available through insurance, do safety assessments and conduct screeners for specific to the situation. Linda is then able to give the family a warm handoff to the services appropriate and available to them.

Approval of Minutes January 3, 2023 minutes:

Keibler made a motion, seconded by Heidgerken, to approve the December 6, 2022 meeting minutes. All aye votes, motion carried.

Bylaws -revisions

The proposed revisions to the bylaws were emailed to the Board January 4th and January 31st. Section D, #4 has been modified to add the word "and"

Fredriksen made a motion, seconded by Mohr, to approve the proposed revisions. The revisions can be adopted at the March 7th meeting.

FY24 Re-Application timeline:

Martens walked through the proposed reapplications timeline. Reapplication re-applications would go out to contractors March 1st and be due back April 6th.

Keibler encouraged board members to participate in reviewing applications noting it is a good opportunity for a better understanding of funded services.

FY23 Expenditure Report:

Early Childhood funds are 44% spent at 50% through the year. School Ready funds are 45% spent at 50% through the year.

Bi-State Meeting:

Kakert, Rupe and Martens met with Carol Connors and Jill Henderson. The purpose was to review discrepancies

between annual reports to audits. The end of year numbers follow through although more recent annual report balances do not. The figures for the annual report are also generated by Bi-State.

Site Visit Schedule:

Martens shared the schedule for site visits. The site visit schedule was emailed to Board members and Contract Management Committee members February 1st. Martens strongly encourages board members to attend, it is a fantastic way to learn more about the programs being funded and how they work in our community.

Other Business:

>Shanell Wagler, state ECI Coordinator, retired from her position January 27th.

>Genesis has emailed a Request for Consent to Change Control, Kakert noted it to be a formality. Once Kakert signs Martens will return the document to Genesis.

Public Input

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:13pm

Next Meeting: March 7, 2023