

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board

Meeting of April, 4, 2023

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order: Kakert called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Attendance: Chris Castrey, Amy Huntington, Dwayne Hodges, Jerry Mohr, Megan Heidgerken, Lauren Rupe, Jennifer Kakert, Chuck Keibler and Christine Gradert.

Absent: John Duax

Excused:

Staff: Diane Martens

Guests: Mikka Mills

Approval of Minutes March 7, 2023 minutes:

Keibler made a motion, seconded by Heidgerken, to approve the March 7, 2023 meeting minutes. All aye votes, motion carried.

FY23 Expenditure Report:

Early Childhood funds are 68% spent at 67% through the year. School Ready funds are 59% spent at 67% through the year.

Nominations: David Selmon

Castrey, Rupe and Keibler interviewed David Selmon. David lives in Burlington. He is the Service Area Coordinator for the Parent Partner Program; Scott County is part of his service area. Selmon has been a pastor for eighteen years. He is President of the Burlington Area Council of Churches and board member of the Christian Coalition. The committee is recommending Selmon for membership.

Mohr made a motion to approve Selmon for membership, seconded by Keibler. All aye votes, motion carried.

FY24 Re-Application process:

Re-applications are due from contractors April 6th. The date for reviewers to score and draft a budget will be April 21st. Healy, Castrey, Keibler and Mohr plan to participate. Anyone is welcome to participate.

FY24 Draft Allocations:

The FY24 draft allocations have been received, there are continued decreases. The draft for Early Childhood funds is \$299,829 which is a reduction of \$6948, 2%. The School Ready draft number is \$963,066 which is a reduction of \$24,478, 2.5%.

Fiscal Services:

>Martens met with Kakert, Rupe and Nicole Mann concerning fiscal services. Bi-State Regional Commission has said they need an additional \$3622 to continue services for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Decat Board is going to cover the additional costs. Amounts of carryforward need to be clarified. Kakert and Rupe suggested requesting bank statements and trial ledgers to determine the deviation between the annual report numbers and the audit numbers. We received the reports.

Mann and Martens met with Donna Moritz last week. Moritz is willing to review documents.

Kakert attended the April 3rd Scott County Decat meeting there was discussion regarding other options for fiscal services.

Kakert also reviewed the bank statements, ledgers, and annual reports. She believes the FY21 and FY22 annual reports should be corrected and re-submitted to the state. Kakert also felt having Moritz review would be

helpful as well.

Donna Moritz is retired from Bi-State Regional Commission and worked direct on ECI and Decat financials.

Site Visit summary:

Martens reviewed the site visit summary emailed to the committee 3/29/23. At this time the fiscal summaries from Bi-State are being delayed.

2nd Quarter Reports:

Second quarter reports and summary were emailed to the committee 3/29/23. Martens had contacted Head Start for clarification on their reports. Martens shared Head Starts response.

Other Business:

Dr. Ann Lebo is the replacement for Shanell Wagler. In March Lebo resigned as the director of the Iowa Department of Education.

Day on the Hill for ECI was held March 29th from 7-9am.

Public Input

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:08pm. Motion by Keibler, second by

Next Meeting: May 2, 2023