

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board

Meeting of December 5, 2023

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order: Castrey called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

Attendance: Chris Castrey, Amy Huntington, John Duax, Megan Heidgerken, Jerry Mohr, Lauren Rupe, Jeremy Pessman, Dwayne Hodges, David Selmon, and Christine Gradert.

Absent: Ruby Batimana

Staff: Diane Martens

Approval of Minutes December 5, 2023 minutes:

Selmon made a motion, seconded by Duax to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting. All aye votes, motion carried.

Nominations: Election of Officers, Lauren's last meeting

We would like to thank Lauren for her service on the board. This meeting marks the end of her second term.

The election of officers happens every December. The slate of officers is:

Chair: Chris Castrey

Vice Chair: Jerry Mohr

Secretary: Amy Huntington

Selmon made a motion to approve the slate of officers, seconded by Heidgerken. All aye votes, motion carried.

If you have suggestions for board members please let Martens know if you need any information or have any questions. Your recruitment of new board members is appreciated.

FY24 Expenditure Report:

Martens emailed the updated FY24 expenditure report to board members December 4th.

Early Childhood funds are 5% spent at 16% through the year. School Ready funds are 12% spent at 16% through the year.

1st Quarter Reports

Martens shared the reports with board members via email.

Conflict of Interest and Board Survey

Marten mailed Conflict of Interest statements and Board Surveys to board members November 2nd. Thanks for getting these back. If you have not mailed your papers back yet, please do so as soon as possible.

ECI Association Meeting

Martens attended the ECI Association in November. Janae Harvey, Family Well-Being & Protection Director provided some updates. It is anticipated there would not be changes until after fiscal year 25.

Scott County Early Childhood Leadership

Martens coordinated a meeting in November that included folks from the AEA, United Way, Eastern Iowa Mental Health Regions, Scott County Health Dept., Genesis, Child Care Resource and Referral, Lutheran Services in Iowa. Another meeting is being planned for January. A focus is awareness of the resources available.

St. Ambrose – Applied Practicum Experience

Martens has been approached by Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston to have an applied practicum student. The agreement would need to be signed by Castrey. Some possible projects to have potential student help with would be; date reports, website, resource fair, board development, etc.

Mohr made a motion to have Castrey sign agreements allowing for an applied practicum student, seconded by Selmon. All aye votes, motion carried.

I2D2 and Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disabilities Region

I2D2 is the name of the data system that is collaboration with Iowa State University and HHS. Martens attends the Results Accountability Workgroup. There was interest in working with the mental health regions for data collection. This meeting is in the process of being rescheduled.

Early Childhood Iowa - HHS

The report in response to information found from the realignment meetings explaining the changes being recommended has not been released yet. It is still anticipated that recommendations will be given to the legislature.

Other Business

Annual Report has been approved.

Public Input

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm. Motion by Duax second by Selmon

Next Meeting: January 2, 2024