

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board

Meeting of February 6, 2024

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, Ruby Batimana, Dwayne Hodges, David Selmon, and Christine Gradert.

Absent: Jeremy Pessman

Staff: Diane Martens

Guests: Katelyn Leeper

Approval of Minutes December 5, 2023 minutes:

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

FY24 Expenditure Report:

Martens emailed the updated FY24 expenditure report to board members February 5th.

Early Childhood funds are 17% spent at 33% through the year. School Ready funds are 32% spent at 33% through the year.

Community Plan Review:

Contracts Management briefly reviewed and discussed the Community Plan. Martens will complete a form showing the impact of funded programs to share with the board at the next meeting.

Presentation to State ECI Board:

ECI was looking for samples of local ECI's providing services in the area of mental health. Martens reached out to Amanda Winslow with the example of SCKECI working with the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region for Ages and Stages Questionnaire training. Martens, Christine Gradert, Mikka Mills and Linda Cavazos are going to present at the March 1st at the state ECI Board Meeting.

Bylaws – review:

Martens asked for small committee to review the bylaws.

Heidgerken, Castrey, Mohr and Batimana volunteered to review the bylaws.

FY25 Re-Application timeline:

Martens shared the Re-Application Timeline with the committee. At this time, we are anticipating the funding amounts and funding process for ECI to be the same in FY25. Huntington made a motion to approve the Re-Application Timeline, seconded by Selmon. All aye votes, motion carried.

Board Insurance:

ICAP has been the provider of board insurance for SCKECI for many years. They recently sent a letter explaining costs will be increasing by around 30%. The cost for this year was \$2464.00. Martens reached out to one insurance provider for a quote but hasn't heard back. If anyone has an insurance provider they would suggest, please let Martens know. She would like to have three quotes to share with the board.

HHS Realignment:

The HHS Realignment Recommendations were released January 8th. The recommendation offers three options for ECI. There is quite a lot to be sorted by the legislator and department directors. At this time we are anticipating FY25 will have similar funding levels and processes. Martens emailed the link to the recommendations to the board January 31st.

Castrey shared that House File 653 contains proposals for both Decat and ECI.

Site Visit Schedule:

Martens is in the process of contacting contractors to schedule site visits. Martens will be sharing the schedule. Board members are highly encouraged to attend.

Early Childhood Leadership update:

The meeting with Early Childhood Leadership went very well. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd. The group is planning a resource event. Meeting notes from the November 17th meeting were emailed to the board January 31st.

Public Input:

None

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm. Motion by Heidgerken second by Batimana.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2024