

Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board

Meeting of May 7, 2024

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: Chris Castrey, Megan Heidgerken, Jerry Mohr, David Selmon, and Christine Gradert.

Excused: Amy Huntington, John Duax, and Ruby Batimana,

Absent: Jeremy Pessman

Staff: Diane Martens

Guests: Tera Weets, Genesis VNA and Mike Sterner, Juvenile Court.

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

Approval of Minutes April 2, 2024 minutes:

Mohr made a motion, seconded by Gradert to approve the April 2nd minutes. All aye votes, motion carried.

FY24 Expenditures

Martens reviewed the updated expenditure sheet. Early Childhood funds are 50% spent at 67% through the year. School Ready funds are 64% spent at 67% through the year.

FY25 proposed budget

An updated School Ready budget from the state was received the afternoon of May 2nd. These are the updates:

	Original	May 2 nd
Quality	67,342	64,492
General Use	859,939	860,081
Administrative	48,781	48,639

Martens shared the review and scoring of the FY25 re-applications. The re-applications scored well. There were a few questions about the budget for Family Connects. Weets has now provided corrected information.

Martens then shared the proposed FY25 budget which is being recommended by Contracts Management.

The shortage of \$3569 for School Ready and Early Childhood would be covered with carry forward.

The shortage in administrative expenses is estimated to be \$6551, this would be covered with carry forward.

Mohr made a motion, seconded by Selmon to approve the FY25 budget. All aye votes, motion carried.

Bright Beginnings proposed amendment

Bright Beginnings has submitted an amendment to convert 100 visits to cover the costs of mileage, staff training and incentives. The 100 visits is 3% of the visits projected for FY24. The Contracts Management Committee noted some discrepancies in the amount of increases. The Committee is in support of the amendment to increase the items proposed, the numbers just need to be corrected.

Martens shared the updated proposal with the Board.

Selmon made a motion, seconded by Heidgerken to accept the proposed amendment. All aye votes motion carried.

Nominations: Mike Sterner

Castrey and Heidgerken interviewed Mike Sterner for board membership. Sterner is a Juvenile Court Officer.

Mohr made a motion, seconded by Gradert to approve Sterner membership on the Board. All aye votes, motion carried.

Bylaws

Heidgerken, Castrey, Mohr and Batimana reviewed the bylaws. They found no need for changes.

Outcomes: 3rd Quarter Reports

The Contracts Management Committee reviewed the third quarter reports. It was noted that in the future we may want to consider a sliding reimbursement for the Child Care Scholarship. The attendance at Early Head Start is low. Martens will follow-up.

GO-NAPSACC Update

Becky White has a meeting out of town today, she provided us the following update: *We currently have 11 homes and 3 centers completed with the NAPSACC process for a total of \$6,650. We currently have 6 homes and 2 centers working on the process.*

There were several programs that were not able to participate, so with your approval, we will reach out again to all homes and centers in Scott County to see if there is an additional interest from programs that did not previously apply. Martens noted the contract is dated to continue to June 30, 2024. Martens communicated to White that contract activities can continue until June 30, 2024.

Community Plan -PROGRESS

Martens shared the updated PROGRESS document with the committee. She is seeking feedback on ways to make the report more reader friendly. The committee suggested updating the data and adding a footnote to explain the history of program funding.

Other Business

Martens spoke to Amanda Winslow regarding the “Out of Area” policy to see if it would be allowable to use the policy in the case of home visitation. Winslow is very much in support of keeping services with a family need. For review from our previous meeting, Cedar County is contracting with Bright Beginnings now, FY24. The contract will end June 30th. Bright Beginnings is working with a young, high-risk mom close to the county border. Bright Beginnings would like to continue to work with this mom. The cost for serving this mom for FY25 is estimated to be \$4800. Mohr inquired about mileage costs. Weets agreed those costs may result in service being closer to an estimate of \$5000.

Selmon made a motion to recommend to the board that Bright Beginnings to continue to serve this Cedar County mom in FY25, seconded by Gradert.

Public Input:

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm. Motion by Mohr second by Heidgerken.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2024