



POLK COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING
United Way of Central Iowa – Room F
Des Moines, Iowa
November 16, 2016

Voting Members Present: Matt Knoll, Jem Gong-Browne, Marvin DeJear, Bryan Huggins, Natali Justiniano Pahl, Josh Mandelbaum, Judy McCoy Davis, Georgia Sheriff, Tom Slater, JoEllen Spriggings-Dixon, Mee Yang-Lee; Craig Sieverding arrived at 8:21 a.m.

Voting Members Absent: Sam Carrell, Nick Dial, Cindy Elsbernd, Claudia Hawkins, Kimberly Peterson, Joyce Pingel, Shane Schulte

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dave Arens

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Terry Harrmann, Brook Rosenberg

Staff Present: Barb Bremner, Jody Kanne

Guests Present: None

Welcome and Introductions

Board Chair Matt Knoll welcomed board members to the Polk County Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting at 8:05 a.m. Quorum was met at this time.

Approval October Minutes

The October 26, 2016 minutes were presented to the board. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bryan Huggins and seconded by Mee Yang Lee. THE MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Monthly Financial Statements

Due to the November meeting being held a week earlier than is normal in order to accommodate the Thanksgiving Holiday, the monthly financials were not available from the fiscal agent. October financials will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Funding Formula Discussions

Josh Mandelbaum is participating on the state committee reviewing the Early Childhood funding formula. This committee was formed after last year's legislation which included language giving control of the formula to the state ECI board. The current formula uses the numbers of families enrolled in Family Investment Program (FIP). Some ECI areas experience great fluctuations in the funding they receive from year to year. Additionally some areas may not have the human services

in place that allow for full enrollment of families in FIP. Any revision of the formula has the goal of leveling year to year fluctuations. The ultimate goal is to determine a formula that provides stability of funding to all areas and also is equitable to all ECI areas.

The committee has had one meeting and have another today, November 17th. Mandelbaum reported committee members received the requested funding scenarios last week. At a summary level, there were three options requested. Option 1 uses 0-5 population and 0-5 population at FPL levels (100,185 or 200%). Option 1A uses the 0-5 population using a running 3-year average and 0-5 population at FPL levels (100,185 or 200%). Option 2 uses a base of 10% for each county and then uses 0-5 population and 0-5 population at FPL levels (100,185 or 200%). Option 2A uses a base of 5% for each county and then uses 0-5 population and 0-5 population at FPL levels (100,185 or 200%). Option 2B uses a base of 5% for each county and then uses a three year average of the 0-5 population and 0-5 population at FPL levels (100,185 or 200%). Option 3 is the recommendation that was made in 2013 to the state board. Option 3 uses 0-5 population, Eligible Children for Child Care Assistance and 0-5 population at 185% of FPL.

Mandelbaum stated he was going to ask for more specifics of the data used. The options for 1 and 2 demonstrated a variability from year to year that was unexpected. The third option which originated in 2013 showed stability. Mandelbaum also stated that he did not feel there needed to be a rush to determine a recommendation for the state board because any changes would not be implemented until FY19 at the earliest.

Craig Sieverding arrived at 8:21 a.m.

Mandelbaum is anticipating taking a deeper dive into the documents at today's committee meeting. He would like to gather more information to determine the best funding options to bring forward to local ECI boards for their input. The State Board review the recommendations and it will be up to the state board to approve any change and approve the formula adopted. Mandelbaum stressed the new funding formula will not be in effect for the upcoming FY18 funding cycle. He will update the board on the committee's progress at the December meeting.

Observations of Home Visiting and Parent Groups

Bremer reported she has participated in two home visits with Visiting Nurse Services' Healthy Start and Empowerment case managers. She invited members to talk to her if they are interested in participating in an observation. Each home visit is approximately one hour and members are able to observe the services provided by the case worker and interpreters. Please contact Bremner if you would like to schedule a visit. VNS also holds monthly Parent Group meetings which members may also attend. She will share the Parent Group schedule for 2017 once it is available. Observing a home visit or a group meeting is a way to learn more about the work of the program, which is the largest contract issued by the board.

Committee Work Session:

Members broke out into their Preschool Programming Support or Child Care Centers Quality Improvement Funding Review sub committees to discuss changes in their investment reporting guidelines for the next funding cycle. Members were able to discuss strategies for moving forward

and ideas for additional information needed. The goal is for committees to report their recommendations at the February 2017 meeting.

Natalie Justiniano Pahl departed at 9:10 a.m.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None reported.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marvin DeJear and seconded by Tom Slater. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.