



POLK COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING
United Way of Central Iowa
Conference Room F
December 21, 2022

Voting Members Present: Deanna Bennigsdorf, Kevin Abler, Ahmed Agyeman, Sandy Carter, Alicia Chilton, Tabitha Choquette, Sam Early, Matthew Klemme, Adam Montufar, Eva Morales, Jana Shepherd, Emily Westergaard; Dave Arens arrived at 11:36 a.m.; Rob Barron arrived at 11:41 a.m.; Marianka Pille participated via teleconference

Voting Members Absent: Suzanne Cohrs, Eric Tubbs

Ex-Officio Members Present: Aaron Johnson

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Barb Merrill

Staff Present: Barb Bremner, Jody Kanne

Guests Present: Brianne Emunah, Healthy Start & Empowerment Coordinator, EveryStep; Marianne Rodrigues, Program Consultant, ECI State TA Team; Shanell Wagler, Early Childhood Iowa Director, ECI State TA Team

Welcome

Board Chair Deanna Bennigsdorf welcomed members and called the Polk County Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Quorum was met at this time. Guest introductions were made.

Approval November Minutes

Minutes were presented of board meeting November 16, 2022. There were no comments or corrections.

A motion to approve the November 2022 minutes was made by Emily Westergaard and seconded by Alicia Chilton. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

October FY23 Financial Report

Kevin Abler presented the October FY23 financial report. Expenses are tracking as expected with historical data. No concerns with expenditures.

Dave Arens arrived at 11:36 a.m.

School Ready

- FY23 School Ready funding is \$2,980,513
- Carry Forward funds total \$293,103.61
- FY23 Total School Ready funds \$3,273,616.61
- Interest accrued through October 2022 totals \$3,380.37

- Expended School Ready funds end of October 2022 total \$391,868.83
- At the end of October 2022 11% of School Ready had been expended. End of October 2021 15% of funds had been expended.

Early Childhood

- FY22 Early Childhood funding is \$970,864
- Carry Forward funds total \$96,154.88
- FY23 Total Early Childhood funds \$1,067,018.88
- Interest accrued through October 2022 totals \$1,410.43
- Expended Early Childhood funds at end of October 2022 total \$190,152.58
- At end of October 2022 18% of Early Childhood had been expended. End of October 2021 19% of funds had been expended.

A motion to approve the October FY23 Financial Report was made by Emily Westergaard and seconded by Alicia Chilton. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Member Resignation: Jessica Trinidad

Bennigsdorf reported Jessica Trinidad submitted her resignation from the board via email due to commitment conflicts. She expressed her appreciation for being nominated for the board and asked to stay in the pipeline for future opportunities with the board.

With Trinidad's resignation, the board is still within the 15 – 20 board member guideline. Position will be filled in the spring during the normal recruitment process.

Bennigsdorf asked members who are interested in sitting on the Nomination Committee this spring to contact Bremner or herself.

Rob Barron arrived at 11:41 a.m.

Board Designation Site Visit with ECI State TA Team Members

Every four years the Polk County ECI board goes through an accreditation process. Part of that process includes a meeting with the State ECI TA team and board members. Bennigsdorf introduced ECI State TA team members Shanell Wagler and Marianne Rodrigues.

Wagler thanked the board for their time and dedication to the Polk County ECI board. She introduced State Board Chair Aaron Johnson and state board member Dave Arens.

Wagler led members through a discussion of board operations, mission and priorities for the remainder of the meeting.

Sandy Carter departed the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Marianka Pille departed the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Rob Barron departed the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Old Business

- Bennigsdorf shared the next networking event with be a luncheon on January 19, 2023. Details will be emailed soon.
- Bremner reported Monday, December 19th Notice of Award for CSA 8 was released and EveryStep was awarded the CCNC contract. The contract will begin January 1, 2023.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Westergaard made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Morales seconded. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bennigsdorf adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.