



POLK COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING
Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC)
6200 Aurora Ave., Suite 605E, Urbandale
January 25, 2023

Voting Members Present: Deanna Bennigsdorf, Kevin Abler, Dave Arens, Rob Barron, Tabitha Choquette, Sam Early, Matthew Klemme, Eva Morales, Jana Shepherd. Participating via Zoom: Sandy Carter, Alicia Chilton, Marianka Pille, Eric Tubbs.

Voting Members Absent: Ahmed Agyeman, Suzanne Cohrs, Adam Montufar, Emily Westergaard

Ex-Officio Members Present: None

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Aaron Johnson, Barb Merrill

Staff Present: Barb Bremner, Jody Kanne

Guests Present: Leann Andre, Child Care Consultant Supervisor, Child Care Resource & Referral; Brianne Emunah, Healthy Start & Empowerment Coordinator, EveryStep; Tammy Engebretson, ECQuIP Manager, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children; Jillian Herink, Executive Director, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children; Kristen Mott, Associate Wealth Advisor, Private Wealth Asset Management; Lanette Nelson, Manager, Healthy Start Outreach, EveryStep; Ashley Otte, Director of Workforce Initiatives, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children

Welcome

Board Chair Deanna Bennigsdorf welcomed members and called the Polk County Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. Quorum was met at this time. Guest introductions were made. Bennigsdorf thanked Jillian Herink and IAEYC for hosting today's meeting at their new office.

Approval December Minutes

Minutes of board meeting December 21, 2022 were presented. No comments or corrections.

A motion to approve the December 2022 minutes was made by Sam Early and seconded by Kevin Abler. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

December FY23 Financial Report

Kevin Abler presented the financial report through December FY23. Expenses tracking as expected. Schools have started submitting their School Ready Preschool Programming invoices. No concerns with expenditures.

School Ready

- FY23 School Ready funding \$2,980,513
- Carry Forward funds total \$293,103.61
- FY23 Total School Ready funds \$3,273,616.61
- Interest accrued through December 2022 totals \$4,963.55
- Expended School Ready funds end of December 2022 total \$1,102,672.90
- At the end of December 2022 34% of School Ready had been expended. End of December 2021 29% 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 December 2022 totals \$1,855.40
- Expended Early Childhood funds at end of December 2022 total \$373,422.86
- At end of December 2022 35% of Early Childhood had been expended. End of December 2021 33% of funds had been expended.

A motion to approve the December FY23 Financial Report was made by Dave Arens and seconded by Jana Shepherd. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Program Renewal Funding Application Process

Bremner reviewed *Program Renewal Funding and New Application Timeline – Spring 2023*. Programs are submitting outcomes for the first half of FY23. EveryStep Healthy Start & Empowerment, the board's largest contract, will present at the February meeting; all members will review this program. Committees will review all other programs and will meet in-person with program staff.

FY24 new funding application will open Friday, January 27th, and will be included in weekly United Way email to community partners.

Spring 2023 Committees document included in today's materials. This document details program review committee assignments.

Bennigsdorf shared second terms of Jana Shepherd and Ahmed Agyeman will end June 30th. The board will have openings for three men and two women. She reviewed the membership matrix. She asked members to review their networks for potential board members and share names with Bremner or herself. Members were asked to contact Bremner if they are interested in sitting on the Governance Nominating Committee.

Old Business

- Social lunch gathering was held January 19th with six board members attending. The last event for the fiscal year will be after work in May. Members were asked to share location ideas with Bennigsdorf or Bremner.
- Arens shared the Polk County ECI Board received high reviews from the state ECI reviewers after their December site visit. Bremner will share the report with members.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Barron made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Early seconded. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Bennigsdorf adjourned the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

Meeting was followed by IAEYC presentations. Executive Director Jillian Herink provided information on IAEYC. Ashley Otte, Director of Workforce Initiatives, presented on T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE\$. Both programs support the early childhood workforce. Tammy Engebretson, ECQuIP Manager, presented information on the ECQuIP consultation team. This team supports coalition centers serving high percentages of children enrolled through Iowa's Child Care Assistance (CCA).