



POLK COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING
EveryStep
1111 9th Street, Suite 320, Des Moines
February 22, 2023

Voting Members Present: Deanna Bennigsdorf, Eric Tubbs, Dave Arens, Suzanne Cohrs, Sam Early, Matthew Klemme, Marianka Pille, Jana Shepherd, Emily Westergaard. Participating online via Microsoft Teams: Ahmed Agyeman, Tabitha Choquette, Eva Morales. Sandy Carter and Alicia Chilton arrived at 11:33 a.m.; Rob Barron arrived at 11:36 a.m.

Voting Members Absent: Adam Montufar, Kevin Abler

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; Jazzmine Brooks, Jai Olive Wellness; Tammy Engebretson, ECQuIP Manager, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children; Andriana Flores, Healthy Start & Empowerment Manager, EveryStep; Lisa Stocksleger, ECQuIP Consultant, Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children; Jen Stout, VP of Community Health, EveryStep; Tray Wade, President/CEO, EveryStep, Cindy Winn, Healthy Start Director, EveryStep

Welcome

Board Chair Deanna Bennigsdorf welcomed members to EveryStep and called the Polk County Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. Quorum was met at this time. Guest introductions were made.

Approval January Minutes

Minutes of board meeting January 25, 2023 were presented. No comments or corrections.

A motion to approve the January 2023 minutes was made by Emily Westergaard and seconded by Suzanne Cohrs. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

January FY23 Financial Report

Sam Early presented the financial report through January FY23. Expenses tracking as expected. EveryStep Healthy Start and Empowerment is the largest School Ready contract. Program staff will be presenting at today's meeting. All Carry Forward Funds have been fully expended for the year.

Sandy Carter and Alicia Chilton arrived at 11:33 a.m.

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 January 2023 totals \$5,460.73
- Expended School Ready funds end of January 2023 total \$1,308,829.07
- At the end of January 2023 40% of School Ready had been expended. End of January 2022 36% of funds had been expended.
- 100% of carry forward expended

Early Childhood

- FY23 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 January 2023 totals \$2,007.43
- Expended Early Childhood funds at end of January 2023 total \$479,217.30
- At end of January 2023 45% of Early Childhood had been expended. End of January 2022 41% of funds had been expended.
- 100% of carry forward expended

Rob Barron arrived at 11:36 a.m.

A motion to approve the January FY23 Financial Report was made by Dave Arens and seconded by Alicia Chilton. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business

- A board social will be held May 11th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Big Grove. Bremner will send out a calendar invitation for the event.
- Members interested in serving on the Nomination Committee asked to contact Bremner.

New Business

- ECI Association legislative event at the Capitol March 29th from 7a.m. – 9 a.m. Bremner will send out details.
- Program review meetings will be scheduled in April. Dates being considered: April 3, 4, 5 and 11, 12 and 13th. These program meetings will be in-person. Doodle Poll will be sent to determine committee scheduling of meetings.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

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

Bennigsdorf adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Program Presentation

Meeting was followed by a tour of the EveryStep Stork's Nest and a presentation by EveryStep Healthy Start & Empowerment. Jen Stout, VP of Community Health, provided an overview of EveryStep's history and programs. Cindy Winn, Healthy Start Director, presented on the Healthy Start and Empowerment program and the importance of ECI's funding which enhances the program and allows for countywide coverage of the program. She shared information on their doula, fatherhood, and Stork's Nest programs. Adriana Flores, Healthy Start Manager, presented information on the case management team and services the team provides. Certified doula Jazzmine Brooks, Jai Olive Wellness, shared information on her partnership with EveryStep's doula program.