

POLK COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING
United Way of Central Iowa – Leadership Room
Des Moines, Iowa
February 26, 2014

Voting Members Present: Judy McCoy Davis, Mike Bandstra, Sam Carrell, Marvin DeJear, Cindy Elsbernd, Matt Knoll, Natali Justiniano Pahl, Joyce Pingel, Shane Schulte, Tom Slater, JoEllen Spriggs-Dixon.

Voting Members Absent: Terry Harrmann, Claudia Hawkins, Terri Henkels, Georgia Sheriff

Ex-Officio Members Present: None

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Dave Discher, Don Doudna, Dave Arens, Brook Rosenberg

Staff Present: Barb Bremner, Jody Kanne

Welcome and Introductions

Board Chair Judy McCoy Davis welcomed everyone to the Polk County Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting at 11:35 a.m. Quorum was met at this time. Natali Justiniano Pahl, Shane Schulte and Tom Slater arrived at 11:40 a.m.

Approval of December 2013 Minutes

A motion to approve the January 22, 2014 minutes as presented was made by Sam Carrell and seconded by Joyce Pingel. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Monthly Financial Statements

Barb Bremner presented the financial statements. These statements are an accrual presentation of financial transactions which took place during the first seven months of fiscal year 2014.

School Ready

- FY14 PCECI School Ready funding is 2,610,557.00.
- At the end of January FY14 School Ready funds of \$1,069,453.47 were expended.
- This amount represents 40% of FY14 School Ready funding.

Early Childhood

- FY14 PCECI Early Childhood funding is \$1,040,015.00.
- At the end of January FY14 Early Childhood funds of \$385,447.73 were expended.
- This amount represents 37% of FY14 Early Childhood funding.

Approval of December 2013 Financial Statements

A motion to approve the January 2014 financials as presented was made by Sam Carrell and seconded by Cindy Elsbernd. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Proposed Date Annual June Meeting and FY15 Schedule of Meetings

Davis asked to have the date for June Board Meeting is being moved to Wednesday, June 18th from June 25th so that Bremner could attend. Board members were surveyed regarding FY15 Board Meeting times. Majority determined that meeting day and times will remain the same. A schedule for remaining FY14 and FY15 meetings was presented for approval. A motion to approve

the schedule as presented was made by Sam Carrell and seconded by Mike Bandstra. *THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.*

Review of Annual Calendar of Activities

The annual calendar outlining monthly board activity was presented. It was noted this year there will be additional board responsibilities relative to Levels of Excellence requirements, including board input needed for updating the Community Plan. Levels of Excellence materials are due December 30.

Program Review – Process and Timeline for FY15

A timeline for FY15 program review and funding process was discussed. It was decided to adjust deadline for new applications for funding to April 22, 2014 so these can be discussed at Board Meeting on April 23, 2014. There is interest from both profit and non-profit programs regarding funding. The website has an announcement referring interested organizations to contact executive director for further application information. Currently funded programs will not go through the same review process as last year. Programs will submit performance measure data and budget numbers. Any member questions or concerns will be submitted to programs for response. New programs under consideration will be required to come in for a review.

Question was asked where funding would come from for new providers and if this would necessarily come from currently funded programs. Davis indicated that funds for new programs could come from carry forward or increases in area funding. A draft of an application for new programs to be considered for funding was presented. The following additions were recommended to the application: Challenges of the program – biggest issues; Vision or Mission Statement; What other agencies they now work with; Agency or program history. Davis suggested that if anyone had additional thoughts re the application after the meeting to forward those to Bremner.

Legislative updates from members

2000 Day buttons were handed out. Davis thanked JoEllen Spriggs-Dixon for the letter she wrote to all Polk County legislators about her grandson's experience at the Capitol and the need to increase the early childhood funding. This letter made a strong impression on recipients and was mentioned by several during the Day on the Hill. The letter was shared with all members.

Des Moines Public Schools – letter regarding funding structure

Davis shared with the board a letter from Susie Guest, Des Moines Public Schools, requesting permission to utilize a different structure for expending ECI funds. DMPS Early Childhood program would like to use a new funding structure to be able to serve more children.

Administrative Update

Bremner provided Administrative update for January 22-February 25, 2014. Includes visit of Lieutenant Governor Reynolds to Conmigo Early Education Center. Mid-year updates provided for Healthy Start, 1st Five, Child Care Nurse Consultants, Child Care Coaliton Centers and Resource Team.

Old Business

Davis thanked Shane Schulte and Dave Discher for agreeing to serve on the Nomination Committee. Davis indicated that Terry Harrmann's second term ends June 30 so he cannot be reappointed which means that there is the need to add at least one new member but her goal is to get the board to 18 members so that a resignation does not require quick action.

New Business

None reported

Public Comment

None reported

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 26 at 8:00 a.m. in UWC Leadership Room.