

POLK COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING
United Way of Central Iowa – Leadership Room
Des Moines, Iowa
May 29, 2013

Voting Members Present: Judy McCoy Davis, Marvin DeJear, Terry Harrmann, Claudia Hawkins, Terri Henkels, Matt Knoll, Natali Justiniano Pahl, Joyce Pingel (via phone), Shane Schulte, Georgia Sheriff

Voting Members Absent: Cindy Elsbernd, Misty Hansen, Becky Miles-Polka, Tom Slater, Chaney Yeast

Ex-Officio Members Present: Donald Doudna

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

Guests Present: None

Staff Present: Barb Bremner, Vanessa Sedrel

Welcome & Introductions:

Judy McCoy Davis welcomed everyone to the Polk County Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting at 8:03 a.m. Quorum was met at this time. Introductions were made around the table.

Approval of April 2013 Minutes:

A motion to approve the April 2013 minutes was made by Terry Harrmann and seconded by Natali Justiniano Pahl. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Monthly Financial Statements:

PCECI fiscal agent United Way of Central Iowa is in the process of hiring a new controller. Barb presented the April 2013 financials. These statements presented an accrual presentation of the financial transactions which took place during the first ten months of FY13.

Early Childhood

- Year to Date receipts totaled \$1,003,071 at April 30, 2013. This amount represents 100% of the annual funding. Annual funding for the early childhood area is \$1,003,071.
- At this point in the fiscal year the early childhood initiative has expended \$853,096.39 including carry forward dollars.
- These expenditures are approximately 85% of the fiscal year 2013 budgeted expenditures.

School Ready

- Year to Date Receipts totaled \$2,652,898 at April 30, 2013. This amount represents 100% of the annual funding. Annual funding for the school ready area is \$2,652,898.
- At this point in the fiscal year the school ready initiative has expended \$1,934,390.03.

- These expenditures are approximately 67.59% of the fiscal year 2013 budgeted expenditures, and include all carry forward dollars.
- Allowable carry forward for School Ready this fiscal year is \$530,579. It is expected that May and June invoices will bring total expended above 80% of total School Ready funds.

Approval of February and March 2013 Financial Statements:

A motion to approve the April 2013 financials was made by Georgia Sheriff and seconded by Terry Harrmann. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Funded Programs – Review Results and Funding Recommendations:

Barb provided a brief summary of PCECI FY13 funding and projected FY14 funding. Draft numbers released by the state ECI office show an increase of 5% to Early Childhood funds, making FY14 funding \$1,057,505. Draft numbers show a decrease of -1.6% to School Ready funds, making FY14 funding \$2,610,557. The end result is an increase in total funds of .3%.

FY13 Budget compared to FY14 released DRAFT Allocations					
					FY13 to FY14
FY13	Early Childhood (TANF federal \$)	\$1,003,071	Fy14	EC	\$1,057,505 (+\$54,434 or +5%)
	School Ready (State general fund \$)	\$2,652,898		SR	\$2,610,557 (-\$42,341 or -1.6%)
	TOTAL PCECI Budget	\$3,655,969			\$3,668,062 (+\$12,093 or +.3%)

The state ECI office will share final budget numbers in one to two weeks. PCECI will receive a revised budget template at that time. Updated information will include the changes resulting from the recent legislation in SF446 changing Early Childhood funds to State General funds. State ECI office believes the funding formula remains same; they'll be working with DHS and legal to interpret and will communicate changes in next 1-2 weeks.

A spreadsheet outlining scoring summaries and recommendations for FY14 was provided. Barb walked through the recommendations highlighting: program scores, FY13 Funding Level, FY14 Funding Request by agency and FY14 Recommendation. Comments from board members who reviewed each program were also included.

Barb and Judy asked members to review the documents and recommendations. Board members were encouraged to communicate any questions or concerns regarding these numbers. A vote on these budget recommendations will be made during the June meeting. The final budget will then be submitted to the state ECI board for final approval.

Funded District Preschool Programs – Funding Recommendations:

A spreadsheet providing a review of the School District funding was handed out. This document outlines each school district receiving funding from PCECI, FY12 budget and percentage spent, FY13 budget, FY14 request from the district, and FY14 recommendation. Each school district also provided demographic information regarding preschool spots in the district, their waiting list, percentage of free and reduced lunch students, percentage of ELL students and unmet needs. Barb walked through the document with board members.

Board members were asked to review the documents and recommendations and were encouraged to communicate any questions or concerns regarding these numbers. A vote on these budget recommendations will be made during the June meeting.

Administrative Update

Barb provided Administrative Update for April 24th – May 29th, 2013. This report is focused on the end of the legislative session. Barb outlined bill numbers pertaining to PCECI. She also provided a brief update on 1st Five (VNS), Child Care Consultant (Amy Curtis), and Child Care Nurse Consultants (VNS).

New Business:

The Annual meeting will be in June. New board members will be elected as Misty Hansen, Chaney Yeast and Becky Miles-Polka's terms are ending on June 30th.

Old Business:

ARRA funding from previous years has been audited and is under close review. Barb and Judy will keep the board posted on any updates.

Public Comment:

None reported.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26th at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.