

CLINTON/JACKSON COUNTIES EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Clinton County Satellite Offices, 226 11th Street, DeWitt, IA 52742. (large boardroom)

Board Members Present:

Gabe Gluba
Bobbi Bartels-Poll
Jack Willey
Rebecca Barnes
Jessica Ihns
Linda Hledik
David Hinds

Board Members Absent:

Scott Bengston
Jim Irwin

Staff Present:

Gwen Deming

ECI Board Meeting Called to Order: Gwen Deming called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes from ECI Board Meeting on August 26, 2019: Gwen Deming presented the minutes from the August 26, 2019 Board Meeting. Jessica Ihns moved to approve the minutes as presented; David Hinds seconded the Motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Motion was carried unanimously.

FY2019 Annual Report and Expenses Update: Gwen Deming presented the final FY2019 Director Expenditure Report for the board members to review and also reported the annual report had been submitted to the state.

FY2020 Preschool Scholarships Update: Gwen reported the student who was going to attend Bennet Community Schools in Cedar County is no longer going to attend at this point; Cardinal

School requested an additional scholarship; and Stay N Play requested two scholarships. These adjustments will be made and were already approved at the last board meeting (up to 5 more scholarships without board approval).

FY2019 4th Quarter Contractor Reports: The C/J ECI Board finished reviewing the quarterly reports from FY2019.

Community Plan / Community Indicators / Performance Measures: Gwen reminded the board to read through the current Community Plan, as well as the Community Indicator document, which was handed out in August to be ready to give input during upcoming meetings.

C/J ECI Overview Document: Gwen presented the draft overview document for our local ECI Board and requested feedback for corrections and/or additions. Updates will be made for the October 28, 2019 ECI Board Meeting.

Board Membership / Conflict of Interest Forms: Forms were handed out to those board members who were absent at the August 26, 2019 Meeting. Members signed and returned the forms-they will be filed in the Board Membership file. Also, the need for new members was discussed. Rebecca Barnes suggested a few names. Gwen said she would follow up with those mentioned.

C/J ECI Open House October 28, 2019: The board members discussed the upcoming open house for 10/28/2019. Local legislators and community will be invited, as well as the program contractors.

Community Baby Shower / Toddler Fest: Gwen requested the C/J ECI Board consider being a partner for this spring event. The board members will think about it, discuss, and make a decision at the October 28, 2019 meeting.

New Business: Gwen reported the Early Childhood Conference would be held on November 2, 2019, and asked if giving literacy kits to the each center in attendance would be appropriate. The board members agreed, and Gwen announced she would reach out to Child Care Resource and Referral to let them know.

Gwen informed the board that the C/J ECI mid-term review would be taking place, but she had not heard from the state yet.

The first ECI Boards Alliance Meeting will take place on October 23rd after the State ECI Directors Meeting.

Adjourn: Jack Willey adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. is the next ECI Board Meeting.