

CLINTON/JACKSON COUNTIES EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 26, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

via role call:

Bobbi Bartels-Poll
Carlene Erikson
David Hinds
Gabe Gluba
Jack Willey
Jessica Ihns
Jim Irwin
Linda Hledik
Peggy Sellnau
Rebecca Barnes

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Gwen Deming

Guests:

Cindy Heck

This meeting was held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings.

C/J ECI Board Meeting Called to Order/Roll Call: Jack Willey called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Gwen Deming conducted roll call: Members present listed.

Minutes from September 28 Board Meeting: Board Members reviewed the minutes from September 28, 2020. Jessica Ihns moved to approve the September 28, 2020 C/J ECI Board Meeting Minutes as presented; Peggy Sellnau seconded the Motion; Motion was carried unanimously.

FY2021 Preschool Scholarships Update: Gwen Deming stated there were currently 29 scholarships, about half of what was projected. Zion hasn't submitted theirs yet, but will have 6-7 parent applications.

Director's Expenditure Report: Gwen Deming presented the expenditure report for FY2021, showing current claim amounts through then 1st quarter. Jim Irwin moved to approve the expenditure report as presented; David Hinds seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried unanimously.

By-Laws Changes: Gwen Deming shared the proposed revisions in the C/J ECI By-Laws to reflect the changes in the Policies & Procedures Manual as follows: page 1, Article IV-Section A; page 2, Article IV-Section C; page 4, Article IV-Section I; page 7, Article VI-Section C. David Hinds moved to approve adding 'unless there are additional vacancies available, within the 15 board member maximum' on page 1, Article IV-Section A; Jessica Ihns seconded the Motion. All Ayes, no Nays - Motion carried. David Hinds moved to approve Changing Department of Human Services to Human Services under required board members on page 2, IV-Section C; and page 4 Article IV-Section I; Jim Irwin seconded the Motion. All Ayes, no Nays- Motion was carried unanimously. Jim Irwin moved to approve changing the annual meeting from "March" to "by June" on page 7; Bobbi Bartels-Poll seconded the Motion. All Ayes, no Nays- Motion was carried unanimously. David Hinds moved to approve changing

Community Plan: The C/J ECI Board reviewed the Community Plan Timeline (attached), which is due October, 2021: Gather Data through surveys, community assessments, and focus groups; Identify Assets/Needs; Adopt Community Indicators; and Identify Community Priorities. The state ECI Accountability Workgroup shared a document, 'common data resources to perform community planning' that will be helpful in gathering data.

Virtual Community Baby Shower: Gwen Deming shared the baby shower will take place on November 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. At this time 20 mothers have signed up. There are several agencies presenting, such as our Child Care Nurse Consultant, Chris McClimon presenting Safe Sleep; Andrea Query with Parent Pals, Cindy Kaczinski with WIC, MercyOne, Alicia Cheek with Women's Health & Family Services. Each attendee will receive a baby bag with diapers/wipes, a sleep sack, information from all agencies that drop off items, a CPPC Calendar that has community resources, books from Jackson County Grade-Level Reading, sexual abuse prevention information, etc. We will also give away a stroller/carseat combo, pack and play, baby swing, bath set, carseat, and literacy/music kit at each session. Parents will be able to drive through to pick up their baby bags and door prizes in Maquoketa and Clinton on 11/12 & 11/13. For those without transportation, baby shower planning committee meeting members will deliver to their doorstep. Amerigroup donated \$500, which is being used for the sleep sacks and a baby swing. CPPC donated \$600 toward the other items.

Dolly Parton Imagination Libraries request for funding: The C/J ECI Board reviewed and discussed requests from the Clinton County and Jackson County Dolly Parton Imagination Libraries. Sarah Hogan moved to approved \$2500 for each county Imagination Library, Carlene Erikson seconded the Motion. The Motion was carried unanimously. Gwen Deming stated she would put together an agreement to be signed, with requirements for surveys from the parents to be completed and results provided to the C/J ECI Board. A budget for how many children will be served, and the duration our funding will serve will also be required.

Next Meeting date is November 23, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.