

---

**ECI Board Members Present:**

Jack Willey, Chair  
Linda Hledik, Vice Chair  
Sarah Hogan  
Jim Irwin

**ECI Staff Present:**

Gwen Deming, Director

**October 26, 2020 Minutes:** The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes from October 26, 2020.

**Preschool Scholarships:** Gwen reported the following preschool centers with scholarships: Zion, 6; YWCA, 4; Cardinal, 6; Delwood, 3; Little Shepherd, 7; Little Stars, 6; Sacred Heart, 4. The current total scholarships is 36, \$32,400 for the year. Up to 60 scholarships were approved by the C/J ECI Board for FY2021.

**Dolly Parton Imagination Libraries Funding Requests:** Gwen reported she sent MOUs to the Jackson & Clinton County Imagination Libraries. The Memorandums of Understanding requires the number of children who are receiving books, the duration they will receive them, and the cost. Also, the programs are required to survey the families who receive books-this information will be shared on our state report at the end of fiscal year 2021.

**Community Plan:** The Executive Committee discussed scheduling focus groups for the Community Plan. Gwen stated she would send out a meeting poll to see which board members could attend before it goes out to the community.

**ICAP Insurance Renewal:** Our C/J ECI Board Insurance renewal is due. The committee discussed the amount of our current insurance coverage.

**Virtual 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 40 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.

**ECI Board Association:** Gwen stated the Board Association met on October 29, 2020. Sarah said she was in attendance and found the discussion and the lobbyists' remarks interesting. There will be a group working on professional development for ECI Directors.

**New Business:** Gwen shared a new project that CPPC will be coordinating called "What does it mean to be a child?" This will be a creative project, with a call for entries, such as poems, photos, drawings, stories, etc. to allow the community to share their experiences of childhood in hopes of bringing more awareness to the importance of childhood. Entries will be shared via social media, as well as an electronic book. More to follow...

Crescent Community Health is interested in bringing health care options to Jackson County in the future. This may be a few days at a local office, or there may be a health/dental bus that visits the area. More information to follow.

November 23, 2020 is our next C/J ECI Board Meeting