

Early Childhood Iowa: Lakes Region and Decategorization Board Minutes

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Hartley Public Library – 91 1st Street SE – Hartley, Iowa

Vision: *Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful*

Mission: *Early Childhood Iowa: Lakes Region will provide services collaboratively to families and children birth through five years for the purpose of improving the quality of life for families with children.*

Attending:

Voting Members Attending

1. Rich Mattison
2. Daryl Streng
3. Barb Wilkerson
4. Jean Severson
5. Connie Olhausen
6. Dan Friedrichsen
7. Merlin Sandersfeld
8. Mary Sloan
9. Bill Leupold
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- 12.

Voting Members Absent

- Arlene Roemmich*
Joyce Kruse*
Cindy Barwick*
Paula Miller*
Joe Skow*

Others Present (Nonvoting)

- Betsy Moritz
Carol Chicoine
Linda Littlefield
Shakira Meyer
Paulette Karolczak
Linda Daggett
Richard Closter
Kim Scorza
Erin Binneboese

Quorum present. *Recorded excused absence. Jean Severson left the meeting at 11:27; quorum maintained.

ECI

Call to Order/Adopt Agenda/Comments from the Public:

Chair Barb Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

- A. Adopt Agenda – Motion by Merlin Sandersfeld to approve the agenda. Second by Jean Severson. All ayes. Motion passed.
- B. Comments from the Public – Board members and public attendees introduced themselves. Dickinson County Board of Supervisors representative Bill Leupold was welcomed to the Board. There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mary Sloan to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting. Second by Connie Olhausen. All ayes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - ECI:

Carol Chicoine reviewed the ECI FY13 financials and expenditures through April 2013. The report was emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Parent Summit expenditures/billing is being finalized. Motion by Dan Friedrichsen to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Merlin Sandersfeld. All ayes. Motion passed.

Director's Report – Paulette Karolczak, Director and Betsy Moritz, Program Services Coordinator/Interim Director Paulette and Betsy briefly reviewed the reports emailed to Board members in advance of the meeting. Betsy provided updates were on FY14 budgets, legislative action affecting ECI, and FY13 preschool scholarships.

Old Business:

- A. Board Membership/Dickinson County Board of Supervisors Representative – Bill Leupold was appointed to serve on the Board.
- B. Parent Summit – Shakira distributed and reviewed a summary report on the May 9 Parent Summit.

New Business:

- A. Election of FY14 Officers – Board members discussed officer vacancies. Motion by Jean Severson to accept the slate of Rich Mattison for Chair, Merlin Sandersfeld for Vice Chair, and Barb Wilkerson to contact Paula Miller to serve as Treasurer. Second by Connie Olhausen. All ayes. Motion passed. Daryl Streng will continue to serve as Treasurer pending Paula's response.

- B. FY14 Preschool Scholarships – Daryl Strenge expressed concern about disparity in preschool charges. Board discussion followed. Motion by Barb Wilkerson that ECI LR provide maximum payment of \$150 per month per child. Board discussed further. Second by Daryl Strenge. There was additional board discussion. Mary Sloan called for a vote. There was further discussion. Ayes: Mary Sloan, Rich Mattison, Daryl Strenge, Dan Friedrichsen, Connie Olhausen, Jean Severson, Barb Wilkerson. Nays: Merlin Sandersfeld, Bill Leupold. Motion carried.
- C. FY13 Preschool Scholarship – Tabled
- D. FY14 Draft Budget – Betsy presented the draft FY14 budget and estimated FY13 carry forward. She provided ideas on ways to allocate the carry forward for the Board's consideration. Motion by Mary Sloan to use carry forward funds, contingent on amount, to increase FY14 award by 3% to the programs and divide remaining carry forward equally between the programs for program enhancement for one year only, as part of the FY14 budget. Second by Jean Severson. All ayes. Motion passed.
- E. Love and Logic/DCEF Grant – Final report will be submitted by presenters, and FY14 proposal will be completed by the presenters and Paulette Karolczak.
- F. Presentation – Seasons Center Director Kim Scorza informed the Board about services and initiatives provided by Season's Center. The agency just began quarterly newsletter and has a Facebook page. Kim discussed future professional development opportunities in trauma informed care and cultural diversity. She updated the board about a regional children's center to be located in Spencer.

Future Agenda Items:

- A. Board development – It is planned that the ECI state technical assistance team will provide board training at the August 1, 2013 meeting.

DCAT

Treasurer's Report:

Erin Binneboese reviewed the DCAT budget report. Motion by Mary Sloan to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Merlin Sandersfeld. All ayes. Motion passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Community Partnerships for Protecting Children Transportation Project – Erin reported \$3,200 in remaining FY13 CPPC funds. Although other unspent dollars can be utilized in the FY14 DCAT overall budget, unspent CPPC funds cannot be carried forward. Erin recommended that funds be used for the transportation project. Motion by Connie Olhausen to approve \$3,200 of CPPC funds to be used for transportation. Second by Mary Sloan. All ayes. Motion passed.
- B. DCAT Board Membership – Erin reviewed the required DCAT board membership which includes a representative from each county's Board of Supervisors, Juvenile Court Services, and Department of Human Services. There was discussion of meeting schedule. Beginning August 1, DCAT will meet at 9:00 with the ECI LR board meeting at 9:30. Barb Wilkerson will serve as interim DCAT Chair until DCAT officer elections at the August meeting.
- C. Designation and Transfer of Funds – Erin reviewed allocation and described new programming funding. Motion by Dan Friedrichsen to approve the designation and transfer of funds. Second by Merlin Sandersfeld. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Rich Mattison. Second by Dan Friedrichsen. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Moritz
Program Services Coordinator

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
at the Hartley Public Library, 91 1st Street SE, Hartley IA.

Board members are encouraged to access the Early Childhood Iowa website at www.earlychildhoodiowa.org and the local website at www.ecilakesregion.com