

Early Childhood Iowa: Lakes Region Board Minutes
Thursday, November 4, 2010
Hartley Public Library
Hartley, Iowa

The mission of Early Childhood Iowa: Lakes Region is to provide services collaboratively to families and children birth to 18 years of age for the purpose of improving the quality of life for families with children.

Attending:

Voting Members Attending

1. Leroy Riemer
2. Joe Skow
3. Emily Waund
4. Paula Heckenlively
5. Daryl Strenge
6. Joyce Kruse
7. Cindy Barwick
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Voting Members Absent

- Jean Severson *
- Mary Sloan*
- Barb Wilkerson*
- Arlene Roemmich*
- Darwin Beltman*
- Dave Norgart
- Connie Olhausen
- Pam Jordan*
- Rob Olsen

Others Present (Nonvoting)

- Travis Edwards
- Betsy Moritz
- Linda Littlefield
- Cyndee Dather
- Bill Glienke
- Jeanine Hough

Quorum not present.

*Recorded absence

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

Chair Leroy Riemer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Without a quorum, no formal action could be taken on the agenda. No comments from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed the October 7, 2010 minutes. Without a quorum, no formal action could be taken on the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Travis Edwards reviewed and discussed the FY11 Empowerment financials and Decat funds/contracts which were emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Cyndee explained that the executive director's salary/benefits are now required to be reflected in each program category. At board request Cyndee will provide the breakdown charged to each program and the monthly total of her salary/benefits. Following up on a question from the October meeting, Cyndee reported that Friends of Foster Care funds are not part of decat funding, but are local donations. Discussion of whether SHIP or UDMO should manage those funds. Without a quorum, no formal action could be taken on the treasurer's report.

Executive Director's Report – Prepared and Given by Cyndee Dather

- A. Early Childhood Advisory Group/Legislative Forum – Cyndee updated Board members on the EC Advisory Group's preparation for the legislative forum. The forum will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 12 at Compass Pointe Behavioral Health, 1900 Grand Avenue, Entrance 15 (north side of the building), Spencer. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- B. Nature Connections/World Nature Forum – Cyndee reported on the forum which included 70 interdisciplinary teams from 32 nations. The forum's purpose is to have the teams lead campaigns to

connect children with nature. The local team developed a plan which will be shared at the December Board meeting.

- C. SEED – Update provided on collaborative effort with UDMO to support training and facilitation time for Betsy.
- D. 1st Quarter ECI Reports – Project directors reviewed/discussed first quarter reports with the Board.
- E. Website – Cyndee met with several website designers to obtain bids to develop the ECI Lakes Region website. The lowest bid was \$900-1200, including training, submitted by Anitra Wolf, with the website up by January 1, 2011. Cyndee followed up with Anita's clients who gave positive reports and recommendations.
- F. CBCAP FY11 Funding – ECI: Lakes Region was \$9,000 to fund Love and Logic classes throughout the four county area.
- G. Levels of Excellence – Cyndee reviewed requirements of Levels of Excellence and progress made on documentation of Lakes Area policies, procedures, and activities.
- H. Decat Coordinators Meeting – Topics included reimbursement procedures, Family Assistance contract, and a new mental health services grant SHIP was awarded.
- I. Other – A new copier has been purchased.

Old Business:

- A. By-laws Revision 1st Reading (Terms of Office) – Due to lack of quorum, first reading will occur at December 2 meeting. Cyndee distributed and explained the revisions on board term limits, attendance requirements, filling vacancies, quorum numbers, and public access to ECI Lakes Region records.

New Business:

- A. Friends of Foster Care-Management of Funds – Discussed in treasurer's report.

Other:

- A. DHS Informational Updates – Paula Heckenlively provided an update on DHS reorganization and its effect in the Lakes Region counties. She feels vacancies will not be filled.
- B. Parent Partner – Bill Glienke reported that Parent Partner just completed year three of the five year grant and discussed potential funding sources. There are 42 active cases (18 Clay, 6 Dickinson, 8 BV, 10 O'Brien). The program continues to work on the Iowa Family Support credential process.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Moritz
Service Coordinator Assistant

**The next board meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
at the Hartley Public Library.**

Board members are encouraged to access the community empowerment website at www.empowerment.state.ia.us.