

**Lakes Area Decat/Empowerment Board Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 5, 2010**  
**Hartley Public Library**  
**Hartley, Iowa**

*The mission of the Lakes Area Decategorization/Empowerment Area 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. Pam Jordan
3. Phyllis Slawson
4. Arlene Roemmich
5. Daryl Streng
6. Jean Severson
7. Connie Olhausen
8. Emily Waund
9. Joe Skow
10. Joyce Kruse
11. Barb Wilkerson
12. Mary Sloan
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Voting Members Absent

- Cindy Barwick\*  
Dave Norgart  
Darwin Beltman  
Rob Olsen

Others Present (Nonvoting)

- Travis Edwards  
Cyndee Dather  
Betsy Moritz  
Pam Juber  
Linda Littlefield  
Jeanine Hough  
Connie Siebenbruner

Quorum present. Daryl Streng left the meeting at 10:05; quorum maintained.

\*Recorded absence

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

Chair Leroy Riemer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Connie Olhausen made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second by Jean Severson. All ayes. Motion passed. No comments from the public.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Jean Severson made a motion to approve the June 3, 2010 minutes. Second by Daryl Streng. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Travis Edwards reported on FY10 Empowerment financials and Decat funds/contracts which were emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Travis reviewed empowerment and Decat expenditures and explained several changes made to the empowerment financials originally sent. Barb Wilkerson made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports. Second by Pam Jordan. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Director's Report – Distributed and Given by Cyndee Dather**

- A. Levels of Excellence – Draft has been reviewed by ECI directors with goal of final document in September. Fiscal Accountability Work Group (FAWG) continues to examine consistent audit requirements.
- B. Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program – All schools within the Lakes Region now have voluntary preschool programs following the most recent funding allocations.
- C. First Books – A second shipment of 700 books more appropriate for early childhood ages was received. The 6000 books received earlier have been distributed or committed.
- D. Early Childhood Iowa Directors Meeting – Cyndee and Betsy attended. The Early Childhood federal funds will be monitored by the state to ensure federal compliance.

- E. CPPC/Parent Partner/FY11 Awards – CPPC federal grant funds will be transitioned to the state rather than federal fiscal year cycle. Federal funds will no longer be available for the Parent Partner program.
- F. CBCAP-Community Based Child Abuse Prevention FY11 Grant Application – RFP will be released within the next two weeks. Lakes Region has utilized the funds to provide Love and Logic classes in the four county area and will submit a proposal to continue the classes.
- G. Love Our Kids Water Safety Grant – \$1500 grant was received by the Arnolds Park/Okobojo Fire Department to implement a water safety program. Presentations will be made to child care providers, centers, etc.

### **Old Business:**

- A. Nominating Committee – Pam Jordan agreed to continue as Vice Chair for FY11. For gender balance, one male citizen representative is needed from Dickinson County.

### **New Business:**

- A. By-laws Review First Reading – Board members received the revised by-laws, and Cyndee reviewed the changes. There was discussion regarding including the Early Childhood Advisory committee in the by-laws to reflect its role as advisors to the Board. Members will send ideas/wording on how to possibly include it in the by-laws to Cyndee. Jean Severson made a motion to accept the first reading of the by-laws. Second by Emily Waund. All ayes. Motion passed.
- B. FY10 Annual Report Approval – Cyndee, Betsy, and Travis presented the FY10 annual report which includes data, narrative, and final expenditure totals. Mary Sloan made a motion to approve the report. Second by Jean Severson. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Decat Fund Transfer – Tabled until more information received from Tom Bouska.

### **Other:**

- A. DHS Informational Updates – Phyllis reported DHS is still in flux due to reorganization and locally feeling the loss of a family and child advocate in the Lakes Region.
- B. Parent Partner – No report.
- C. October Board Meeting – Cyndee will not be at the October 7 meeting. Betsy will cover.

### **Adjourn:**

Jean Severson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mary Sloan. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betsy Moritz  
Service Coordinator Assistant

**The next board meeting is scheduled for September 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](http://www.empowerment.state.ia.us)  
and the local website at [www.foriowakids.com](http://www.foriowakids.com)