

Early Childhood Iowa: Lakes Region Board Minutes

Thursday March 5, 2015

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

Vision: Every child, pre-birth through age 5, will be healthy physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually.

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

Attending:

Voting Members Attending

1. Angie Mitchell
2. Paula Miller
3. Dan Friedrichsen
4. Neil Wehmas
5. Linda Swanson
6. Mary Sloan
7. Jan Monahan
8. Bill Leupold
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Voting Members Absent

*Merlin Sandersfled

Others Present (Nonvoting)

Paulette Karolczak
Carol Chicoine
Carly Shaw
Paige Duncan
Lori Dingel
Linda Daggett
Kim Larsen
Erin Binneboese
Melissa Cunningham
Nancy Harmen
Holly Giesen

Quorum present. *Recorded excused absence.

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

Vice Chair Bill Leupold called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- A. Adopt Agenda** – Mary Sloan requested to have a couple minutes to share information on Marijuana. Dan Friedrichsen approved the addition to the agenda. Second by Linda Swanson. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- B. Comments from the Public** – Board members and public attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

Board Members reviewed February 5, 2015 minutes. Mary Sloan made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2014 meeting. Second by Jan Monahan. All ayes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report was emailed to Board members prior to the meeting.

Carol Chicoine reported to the ECI Board the FY15 financials and expenditures through February 2015. Motion by Angie Mitchell to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Linda Swanson. All ayes. Motion passed.

Directors Report: Paulette Karolczak, Director.

The reports were emailed to Board members for their review in advance of the meeting. Nothing new outside of the emailed report was reported.

Program Service Coordinator Report: Holly Giesen, Program Service Coordinator.

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Old Business:

A. ECI LR Director Evaluation result emailed to Board. No concerns or comments.

B. Mid-year quarterly reports – Holly showed a power point highlighting the quarterly reports statistics while Paulette shared verbal highlights. Board members asked questions as needed. No major concerns were shared.

C. Best Care Update - Melissa Cunningham gave a brief update on Best Care's accreditation. Best Care directors have been meeting once per month for the past 1 ½ years to work on the process. They have 30b standards to complete. They have had technical assistance from LSI and have a peer review set for March 2016. They hope to be accredited for FY17

New Business:

A. Quality Improvement Program – Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) presented an overview the program and CCR&R. Linda Daggett and Lori Dingel answered the brief questions.

B. Preschool Scholarship Renewal – A Preschool Power Point Presentation was presented by Paulette Karolczak and Holly Giesen sharing trend data and FY15 data. Board member Mary Sloan motioned to approve another year of Preschool Scholarships and Dan Friedrichsen seconded the motion.

C. Request for Proposals (RFP) & Contract Schedule - Paulette Karolczak, Director informed the board members of the method of requests and the contract schedule. The Board discussed ways to advertise the open RFPs to the public. The Board had some concerns that the timeline was too brief. The Board voted on moving forward with the current timeline for this year. Motion to approve by Dan Friedrichsen and seconded Paula Miller. They will further discuss the policy on number of years for renewal of contracts at the April 2nd meeting. A worksheet was handed out to the Board members only on several areas of ECI LR interest. Board members were requested to email their priority areas to Paulette to summarize and write into the new RFP.

D. Contract Committee: Jan Monahan stated that she would be willing to sit on this committee. The request was for there to be 3 on the committee. It was suggested that the chair be invited and Angie Mitchell be asked. This will be discussed further at the April 2, meeting.

H. Marijuana - Mary Sloan handed out flyers about the Senate Study Bill 1234 on Medical Marijuana.

Future Agenda Items:

- A. Board Member Committee
- B. Elect new Treasurer
- C. Contract Discussion
- D. LOE Review

Adjourn:

Angie Mitchell had to leave at 11:20 a.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Sloan Second by Dan Friedrichsen. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly J. Giesen
ECI LR Program Service Coordinator

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 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