

Early Childhood Iowa: Lakes Region Board Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 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. Mary Sloan
3. Bill Leupold
4. Paula Miller
5. Connie Olhausen
6. Dan Friedrichsen
7. Merlin Sandersfeld
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Voting Members Absent

- Joe Skow*
Barb Wilkerson

Others Present (Nonvoting)

- Paulette Karolczak
Betsy Moritz
Travis Edwards
Erin Binneboese
Linda Daggett
Jessie Hansen
Kaisha Netten
Melony Storm
Shakira Meyer

Quorum present. *Recorded excused absence.

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

Chair Rich Mattison called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

- A. Adopt Agenda – Motion by Merlin Sandersfeld to approve the agenda. Second by Dan Friedrichsen. All ayes. Motion passed. Paulette Karolczak requested addition of two discussion items to the agenda: contract insurance requirement for programs, and by-laws revision regarding the ECI LR Board membership requirement that each county have a representative from its Board of Supervisors. Mary Sloan requested time to present training information. Motion by Mary Sloan to amend agenda. Second by Connie Olhausen. All ayes. Motion passed.
- B. Comments from the Public – Board members and public attendees introduced themselves. There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mary Sloan to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2013 meeting. Second by Dan Friedrichsen. All ayes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report was emailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Travis Edwards reviewed the ECI FY14 financials and expenditures through July 2013. Motion by Bill Leupold to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Dan Friedrichsen. All ayes. Motion passed.

Director's Report: Paulette Karolczak, Director and Betsy Moritz, Program Services Coordinator
The reports were emailed to Board members for their review in advance of the meeting.

Old Business:

- A. Board Membership – Paulette distributed a revised list of board membership terms effective FY14 which reflect changes due to the separation of the ECI and DCAT boards. She discussed ECI LR's current requirement regarding board of supervisors representation and the difficulty that presents in meeting ECI guidelines and ECI LR by-laws regarding board term limits. Board members discussed ways to ensure county representation on the ECI LR board. Motion by Dan Friedrichsen to change the board of supervisors requirement by-law to read that membership will include a county elected official such as auditor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, attorney, or board of supervisor representative. Second by Merlin Sandersfeld. All ayes. Motion passed. Paulette discussed filling the vacant Osceola county position which represents the business perspective. To achieve gender balance the position should be filled by a woman. Merlin Sandersfeld, Mary Sloan, and Connie Olhausen

volunteered for the nomination committee with a goal of bringing a recommendation to the October board meeting.

- B. FY14 Contracts Update – Paulette reported that FY14 contracts have been received from all providers except the Best Care for Better Babies agencies. Some of the BCBB agencies have requested that the \$1,000,000 auto liability insurance requirement be lowered, stating that the nurses do not have policies that high. Board discussion is that the ECI LR contract is with the agency, not individual staff and felt \$1,000,000 is reasonable. Paulette will follow up with BCBB agencies.
- C. Board Development – Paulette presented a PowerPoint expanding on and localizing Shanell Wagler's Board 101 training from the August meeting.

New Business:

- A. FY13 Annual Report – Betsy Moritz presented a PowerPoint on the process of the community plan, funding decisions, program accountability, and annual report highlights. Motion by Bill Leupold to approve the ECI LR FY13 annual report. Second by Paula Miller. All ayes. Motion passed.
- B. Parent Partner Presentation – Melony Storm, Parent Partner Coordinator for 11 western counties, provided a review of the program which is now contracted through Children and Families of Iowa. Clients served must be involved with the Department of Human Services, but the program is no longer limited to parents with a history of substance abuse. Parent Partners mentors are hired as private contractors. Currently this area has nine parent partner mentors and is serving 68 families.

Future Agenda Items:

Audit
Osceola County Representative

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Merlin Sandersfeld. Second by Paula Miller. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsy Moritz
Program Services Coordinator

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 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