

Early Childhood Iowa: Lakes Region Board Minutes

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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 collaboratively 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. Joe Skow
2. Paula Miller
3. Bill Leupold
4. Connie Olhausen
5. Mary Sloan
6. Dan Friedrichsen
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Voting Members Absent

- * Merlin Sandersfeld
- * Rich Mattison

Others Present (Nonvoting)

- Paulette Karolczak
- Travis Edwards
- Erin Pingel
- Shakira Meyer
- Amy Glade
- Jessie Hansen
- Carly Shaw
- Erin Binneboese
- Linda Swanson
- Jan Monahan

Quorum present. *Recorded excused absence.

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

Chair Joe Skow called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

- A. Adopt Agenda - Connie Olhausen approved the agenda. Second by Bill Leupold. All Ayes. Motion passed.
- B. Comments from the Public – Board members and public attendees introduced themselves. Comments

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mary Sloan to approve the minutes of the May 1st, 2014 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 April 2014. Motion by Dan Friedrichsen to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Bill Leupold. All ayes. Motion passed.

Directors Report: Paulette Karolczak, Director.

The reports were emailed to Board members for their review in advance of the meeting. There were no further questions. Paulette says they have decided the area meetings are more beneficial than the state meetings, due to being smaller. Therefore the state now requires Directors to attend 2 meetings in Des Moines and 2 regional meetings.

Old Business:

- A. Program Service Coordinator Position- Erin Pingel. Motion to approve Erin as the new Program Service Coordinator by Mary Sloan. Second by Connie Olhausen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Board membership elections – Motion to approve Jan Monahan, Linda Swanson, Susan Christensen, and the Lutheran Pastor from Osceola to the ECI LR for FY15. Motion to approve by Dan Friedrichsen. Second by Mary Sloan. All ayes. Motion carried

New Business:

- A. Board Officer Election – Motion to approve Merlin Sanderson, Chair. Paula Miller, treasurer/secretary. Vice Chair, Bill Leupold. Motion to approve by Mary Sloan. Second by Dan Friedrichsen. All ayes. Motion carried.

- B. Equipment Inventory Discussion. Will accept the presented list with expectation to look into lost projector, maybe at UDMO, and some equipment found at Compass Point follow up. Motion to approve by Bill Leupold. Second by Dan Friedrichsen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Nature Connection/Young Investigators Discussion –Shakira Meyer gave presentation as a committee member. Request of \$1575 from unobligated funds (for 3 teams in Clay County). Motion to approve by Mary Sloan. Second by Paula Miller. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Draft Budget reviewed by Paulette. The numbers will change based on final bills but the Board held discussion on funding of the programs who submitted Requests for Renewals and how to use the carryover money. Final budget has to be turned in by 7/15/14. \$5000 to respite and split rest of extra moneys amongst other ECI LR programs. Motion to approve the budget by Dan Friederchsen. Second by Mary Sloan. All ayes. Motion carried
- E. State and Fiscal contracts – Board was informed added two meetings per year with the fiscal agent to reconcile financial records to fiscal agent’s contract and feel these face-to-face meetings will be beneficial. No further changes requested. Motion to approve by Bill Leupold. Second by Mary Sloan. All ayes. Motion carried
- F. Contract committee - Discussion to not change program contracts and keep funding all income families. Small group to discuss contracts. (Paulette, Paula and Jan)
- G. Farewell to Board Members - Joe and Connie

Future Agenda Items:

- A. Community Plan Priorities & Indicators –
- B. Board Evaluation
- C. Conflict of Interest

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Mary Sloan. Second by Connie Olhausen. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Miller
ECI LR Secretary

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th, 2014 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