

Partnerships 4 Families Board of Directors
Early Childhood Iowa Area
October 21, 2011 10:30 AM to Noon
Held at Coon Rapids Municipal's Lower Level
Draft

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda Action

Approval of Minutes Action
September 2011

Public Input

Coordinators Report:

Old Business:

New Board Members Action

State Area Directors Meeting Sept 14th Information

New Business:

Updating of By Laws Action

Approval of Succession/Emergency Plan Action

Adoption of New Opportunities Fiscal PP Manual Action

Adoption of New Opportunities Human Resource PP Manual Action

Other Business:

Financial Report and Business

Vouchers Action

Quarterly Financial Report submitted October 13th Information

Next Meeting

November 18, 2011 at 10:30 in Coon Rapids

Area Directors Report:

SW Iowa Directors Meeting: coming up

Greene County ELC Exploratory Committee: Facilitating meetings

H.O.P.E.S. Quarterly Meeting: September 29th, training was held for H.O.P.E.S. staff “Who Leads, Who Follows: Feeding and Physical Activity Division of Responsibility in Childcare.” Presented by Holly Van Heel with ISU Extension. There was also a discussion as to how the counties are tracking new enrolled families regarding income, education and AEA services.

Levels of Excellence: By-Laws are ready for review in October. Succession plan was written. A box was developed to contain all documentation. Policies and procedures are being adapted.

Board Members: On the agenda

Preschool: Processed preschool assistance payments. As of Oct 13th three schools have applied for the mini grant for improvements to their outdoor areas. Trisha Christensen has met with all three and had meaningful conversations with teachers and or administrators.

CCR&R: There is still no child care consultant hired for our area. West Central Development has advertised for a 2nd time for the position to cover our four counties and conducted interviews.

Child Care Providers: There is a great deal of frustration with new centralized system of child care registry. I will be organizing a meeting of child care providers and legislator this fall, allowing child care providers to voice their concerns to legislators. We have a meeting set for Greene County. Still working on other counties.

Statewide Results Accountability Work Group for ECI: I am continuing serving on the ECI work group. Most meetings are via conference call, we will hold an all-day meeting in DM on September 21 and conference call Oct 11th.

ECAC Needs Assessment Work Group: I am currently serving on this short term workgroup which is developing a RFP for a state wide needs assessment to be completed. Will meet in November, due to Race to the Top grant meetings were postponed.

Early Childhood Task Force: September meetings are being held the last two weeks of the month. Topics include updates, CCR&R, AEA providers, ECI Funding and more. Future topics will center on childhood obesity and ways that we can support local efforts. This goal falls in line with the Health Improvement Plans developed this past year in all four of our counties.

Statewide Area Directors Meeting: Topics covered

Every Child Reads 0-3, (a precursor to the Every Child Reads we have trained on)

Race to the Top Federal Grant being written with DE and IDPH

Developing strong marketing message for EC

Period of Purple Crying—see insert in board packet

Reach out and Read presentation, collaboration with medical providers

Preschool Support Funding update

Guidance regarding financial agreed upon procedure (We are already meeting these.)

Family Support update (see insert in board packet)