

**Partnerships 4 Families Board of Directors**  
**Early Childhood Iowa Area**  
**September 16, 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  
July 2011

Public Input

Coordinators Report:

Old Business:

New Business:

Guthrie County H.O.P.E.S. Recognition

Final Carry Forward Figures Action

Preschool Assistance Funding Final Plan Action

Annual Report Action  
Also receiving complete H.O.P.E.S. & Child Care Project

Review of Area Director Action

New Board Member Possible Action

State Area Directors Meeting Update

Succession Plan Review

Early Childhood Mental Health Discussion  
Positive Behavior

Other Business:

Financial Report and Business

Vouchers Action

Next Meeting  
October 21, 2011 at 10:30 in Coon Rapids

## **Area Directors Report:**

**Guthrie County Public Health H.O.P.E.S.:** Received Iowa Family Support Credential on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SW Iowa Directors Meeting:** Met on July 28<sup>th</sup> to work on Levels of Excellence with other directors.

**H.O.P.E.S. Quarterly Meeting:** Schedule is set for the year; first meeting will be on September 29<sup>th</sup> in Audubon. Training will be provided by ISU Extension regarding the new food guidelines.

**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 to work with New Opportunities manuals.

**Board Members:** Sent a piece to area newspapers to print regarding the need for board members, had one response from that. I sent 15 letters to Carroll area churches telling of our need for a board member. I spent a morning in Guthrie County doing outreach for a new board member. I am currently following up with two women regarding their interest.

**FY12:** State contract was submitted June 30<sup>th</sup> program contracts were processed after board meeting. The final state contract will be returned to us on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the state meeting.

**FY11 Annual Report:** Submitted 8-22-2011, was due by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Technical review was done by state team with no comments made. Final review will be done at a later date.

**Financials:** Closed out FY11 with Sheri Mertz CFO and balanced on carry forward. We will be making some adjustments to tracking of FY12 funding to match categories.

**Preschool:** Processing preschool assistance, no longer doing any transportation assistance. I am currently meeting with final two preschools for QPPS support during this year and writing agreements with consultants to provide review and support. Preschool committee met and proposed final plan for FY12.

**CCR&R:** There is still no child care consultant hired for our area. West Central Development has advertised for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time for the position to cover our four counties.

**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.

**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.

**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. There were two all day meetings in DM, the remaining should be by conference call.

**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.