

**Partnerships 4 Families
Empowerment Board of Directors
Agenda
March 18, 2011 10:30 to Noon
Coon Rapids Municipal Building
Draft**

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda Action

Approval of Minutes Action
February 2010

Public Input

Coordinators Report:

Old Business:

New Business:

Legislative Session Information

Child Care Program Presentation Information
Trisha Christensen

Child Care Resource & Referral Information
Child Care Consultants
Katie Riesberg, Audubon, Carroll, Greene
Jenny Rice, Sheri Stuva, Guthrie

Discussion of Child Care System Information
DHS changes to Registration, Training Registry,
Additional requirements to Centers
Training for Child Care Providers
Other Opportunities for Child Care Providers
TEACH, AmericCorp

Other Business:

Financial Report and Business

Vouchers Action

Next Meeting

April 15th, 2011 at 10:30 in Coon Rapids
Items to be discussed: Needs in our area, Technology updates,

Coordinators Report:

Website: Currently researching other alternatives to simplify the updating of the website, with approval from the Executive Committee. Will bring alternatives to P4F Board in April.

Fiscal Agent and Employer of Record: Currently researching best scenario for the P4F Board fiscal agent and employer of record for the P4F Area Director with direction from the Executive Committee.

Updating Technology: Under the direction of the Executive Committee researching updating of the P4F computer and software, current computer is three years old but running on old software that needs to be updated.

Early Childhood Task Force meetings: Met in February, the focus was advocacy and encouraging families to be advocates for their children.

Family Support Credentials: Guthrie County Peer Review will be May 3,4 and 5th. P4F Board members who have indicated involvement include Patricia Nielsen and Donna Sutton. Others are welcome to attend the opening meetings on May 4th.

SW Iowa Directors Meeting: Will meet in April, continue work on policies and procedures with others area directors.

H.O.P.E.S. Quarterly Meeting: Held March 2nd, continued training in Every Child Reads with Corey Sebetka as trainer.

Levels of Excellence: The state has released updated forms to be reviewed. Duhrkopf will provide input on them at the April meeting.

Board Members: Still seeking Guthrie County member from Panora area.

Greene County Early Learning Center: Attended GCELC Board meeting. They are currently waiting on a feasibility study that is being done by the J-S and EG school districts. Once complete they will approach J-S schools seeking answers to long term possibilities.

EIN Number: At the states request we applied for and received a DUNS number, now we are being told we also need an EIN number. Those papers have been filed.

AmeriCorps *Build Our Future*: IEAYC has received funding to provide AmeriCorps positions at child care centers or Head Start classrooms beginning next fall. The Carroll, Crawford and Greene county area is being focused on for one or more positions. Duhrkopf is assisting Ashley Blake the coordinator in making contact with local child care centers and Head Start.

On Site Visits to P4F Programs: Made monitoring visits to programs assisting in understanding the new performance measurers and evaluation of their programs.

Tracking Legislation: A great deal of time seems to be spent tracking the legislation. Preschool bill passed the House on March 8th, will now be debated in Senate. New system would allow vouchers for families making under 300% FPL, but still paying on a sliding fee scale.

Preparations for FY12: Beginning the preparations for FY12 and budget cuts.