

Partnerships 4 Families
June 17, 2011

Members present: Patricia Nielsen Jacque Happe, Everett Grasty, Jean Stadlander, Chris Polking, Rod Rowland, David Ohrt, JoAnn Klocke, Cheryl Wichtendahl, Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf
Excused: Donna Sutton, Amy Carpenter, Sara Gyolai, Sam Graeve,
Guest: Trisha Christensen, LouAnn Mowery, Cindy Kail

Chair, Patricia Nielsen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Grasty made a motion to approve the agenda moving the Preschool Program Review to the top of the agenda. Wichtendahl seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved as amended by all.

Minutes of May 13, 2011 meeting were reviewed by the Board. Stadlander made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction made regarding the SW Iowa Area Directors meeting should read, held in April. Polking seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes as amended was approved by all.

Coordinators Report

Website: Zea Creative is working on updating the website to be more user friendly.

Updating Technology: Purchased new computer and software

SW Iowa Directors Meeting: Due to unknowns with funding did not meet

H.O.P.E.S. Quarterly Meeting: Final meeting of they year was held June 6th, Every Child Reads training was completed.

Levels of Excellence: Approved by ECI State Board in June

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

Preparations for FY12: On going

QPPS Review of Five Preschools: May 10-12 an outside reviewer will review five standards of the five preschools who receive assistance funding from us that don't have a Department of Education review. A final report will be given to the P4F Board in June to determine if these preschools will be eligible for preschool assistance in FY12.

Financials: Monitoring year end spending.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Preschool Programs QPPS Review update was provided by Corey Sebetka, Early Childhood Consultant. She explained the process that the five private preschools have had to go through in order to receive the preschool assistance funding from P4F. May 2011 five partial preschool programs portfolios were reviewed.

Materials and comments were returned to programs the following week with comments regarding areas that needed improvements.

Three of the five (Happy Times from Carroll, ABCD from Carroll and St John's from Audubon) decided they would not make corrections and voluntarily declined to participate any further.

Two programs, Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool and Zion Preschool (Manning), submitted correction plans and will move forward in the process of receiving a full verification.

It is a recommendation to the P4F Board that we continue to work with the remaining two private preschools along with any school district or Head Start site that is meeting Iowa QPPS or Head Start Standards, or is in the process of being verified.

It is also recommended to contract with Corey Sebetka for two training days to assist the privates in the process of finishing their verification and contracting with Cathy Eddy to do the verification of the two projects in May of 2012. Funding for this will be dependent on the level of funding received from the state.

Rowland made a motion to accept the recommendations, Grasty seconded, all were in favor.

Information was shared with the P4F Board regarding the new requirements for our family support funding. As of July 1, 2011 any programming receiving family support funding from an Early Childhood Iowa Area will have to adhere to the new requirements. These requirements have been shared with the H.O.P.E.S. programs. The new requirements are: 75% of families enrolling in a long term or intensities home visitation program shall meet one of the following criteria in addition to having an age eligible child:

- Have an income at or below 200% FPL
- Have one or more parents that have achieved a high school diploma or less education
- Have one or more children that have a current IEP or IFSP

Duhrkopf noted that the HOPES program will need to begin collecting FPL of the families enrolled. We are to keep in mind this is any family enrolled after July 1, 2011.

Polking made a motion to table the discussion regarding the New Performance Measurers until July, Grasty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

FY12 Allocation figures have not been released from the Office of Early Childhood Iowa due to the on going battle over all state funding. Duhrkopf

indicated that we may receive contracts prior to having final allocation figures but as of the meeting those have not been received. The motions that were made at the May meeting would allow our programs to proceed but contracts can not be issued. Duhrkopf indicated that we have carry forward funds that will assist with operating expenses in July. Rowland made a motion to continue with allocation motions as they were made in May for allocation of FY12 funds. Klocke seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Election of Officers: Duhrkopf noted that with regret Pat Nielsen will be stepping down as chair due to our by laws stating the chair can only serve two terms. Nielsen has been very supportive in attending extra meeting this year during the Iowa Family Support Credentialing reviews. Her time was appreciated. Klocke made a motion to nominate Donna Sutton to serve as secretary Grasty seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Grasty made a motion to nominate Jean Stadtlander to serve as treasurer, Ohrt seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Stadtlander made a motion to nominate Rod Rowland as Chair, Grasty seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Stadtlander made a motion to nominate David Ohrt as Vic Chair, Grasty seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

The new slate of officers will be:

Rod Rowland, Chair,
David Ohrt, Vice Chair
Donna Sutton, Secretary
Jean Stadtlander, Treasurer

Other Business:

Jean Stadtlander shared her experience from attending her first Early Childhood Iowa State Board Meeting. She indicated that she will work on a committee to determine a new formula for the Quality Improvement Funding. Nielsen thanked Cheryl Wichtendahl for her service on the Board.

Financial Report and Business

Rowland made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented, Polking seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Next Meeting

July 15, 2011 at 10:30 in Coon Rapids

Grasty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Polking seconded the motion, All were in favor, meeting adjourned.