

Partnerships 4 Families

September 18, 2025, 11:00 AM

Meeting location: New Opportunities, Inc. Carroll Room D and Via Zoom

Members present: Trevor Nunn, Amy McGinn, Dr Josh Strehle, TJ Pauley, Char Bintner, Jewel Proctor, and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf. Excused: Linda Muhlbauer, Margee Shaffer, Tonya Weber

Guest: Sara Skinner

Chair Nunn called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM Quorum was met.

Approval of Consent Items:

Pauley made a motion to approve the agenda, Proctor seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Pauley made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2025 Proctor seconded the motion, all were in favor motion passed. Nunn made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee, Strehle seconded the motion, all those that attended were in favor of the motion. McGinn made a motion to approve the financials; Jewell seconded the motion passed.

Board Member Recruitment and Terms:

- A. Duhrkopf had an email the day prior to the meeting from Bardole resigning from the board. At this point the P4F Board is still meeting their by-laws and not additional members will be sought due to the potential changes to ECI.

Discussion and Action Items:

- A. FY25 program performance measures and financials were shared with the board by Duhrkopf. Bintner made a motion to approve the reports, Strehle seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed unanimously.
- B. P4F currently has \$41,065.29 in Program Discretionary funds to award to programs. Duhrkopf is recommending that the board release a mini grant that will focus on four areas: three year old preschools, fencing, CDA support and community events. Nunn made a motion to release a mini grant application with the four areas of focus, Pauley seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Mini grants must be under \$4999.00, the board will approve them at the next two board meetings.

Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

- A. An update regarding the State ECI Board meeting held September 5th was given by Duhrkopf. As of that meeting no decision was made on changes to ECI. The State ECI Board did schedule an additional October meeting to discuss potential changes.
- B. Due to HHS directing family support programs to take on a national home visitation model the HOPES programs have been researching the best model for rural Iowa. It was determined that PAT-Parents as Teachers was the best fit. An opportunity presented itself this summer for Audubon, Guthrie and Carroll to start the process of being accredited while working with Thriving Families Alliance from SW Iowa. Staff from the three counties are all enrolled to take the PAT training this fall. Sara Skinner was in attendance at the meeting and provided the board with insight on the training and the timeline.
- C. Greene County Public Health Director Shelby Cooklin was not able to attend and submitted a written update regarding staff resignations to Greene County HOPES. Due to staff resignations and unknowns at the state level Cooklin shared that they will not be replacing the staff members and are pursuing other avenues to provide a home visitation program in Greene County. Duhrkopf shared that the current contract runs until June 30, 2026, there are guidelines within the contract that must be followed if changes are to be made this fiscal year. Duhrkopf will follow up with Cooklin regarding the terms of the contract. Duhrkopf did attend the Greene County Board of Health meeting in August and shared the desire to keep the program. GCMC is willing to provide space to the program if another provider is found.

Public Input none

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting October 16, 2025 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom

Board Meeting November 13, 2025 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom

No December meeting.

Adjournment (Action) Nunn made a motion to adjourn at 11:58 Bintner seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Josh Strehle