

Partnerships 4 Families
June 15, 2023 11:00 AM

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

Members present: Alisa Olson, Ann Semprini, Rich Stoffers, Chris Lee, Trevor Nunn, Char Bintner, Paige Den Adel, Margee Shaffer, Dan Meythaler and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Excused: Heath Hansen, Tonya Weber,

Guest: Monica Newman, Jerri Hawkins

Quorum was meet.

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

Approval of Consent Items: A motion was made by Shaffer to approve the consent items, Semprini seconded the motion, all were in favor items were approved.

Board Member Recruitment and Terms, Board members provided Duhrkopf will follow up and get contact information and visit with them **about** the opportunity and then Duhrkopf will reach out to them. Stoffers and Meythaler were thanked for their term on the P4F Board.

Discussion and Action Items:

Mary Barnett-Guthrie Center Library Director Jerry Hawkin was in attendance and provide an update on the mini-grant that was provided to the library to expand the outreach to children 0-5. Two programs directed at that age group was made available and very well attended. Also the introduction of VOX books to the library was made possible with the mini grant. Hawkins explained how they increase reading skills in children. Hawkins thanked the board for offering the mini grant to assist in expanding the books.

An update on the FY24 contracts was given by Duhrkopf, she and Nunn shared how efficient the electronic signature process worked for processing the contracts. As of the meeting we are still waiting on the state contract to be received and signed by Nunn. As soon as that is done, Duhrkopf will return all completed contracts to the programs.

Election of officers took place with a thank you to Stoffers for serving as the treasurer for the past three years. Shaffer made a motion to accept the slate of officers of Nunn Chair, Semprini Vice-Chair, Olsen Secretary and DenAdel Treasurer, Stoffers seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

Discussion and Updates of P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

The HHS Service Delivery System Assessment announcement was discussed. Duhrkopf shared what information she has received regarding the assessment and that a contractor Health Management Associates (HMA). <https://hhs.iowa.gov/hhs-engages-vendor-study-iowa%E2%80%99s-health-and-human-services%E2%80%99-delivery-system> She will keep the board updated if there are survey's or opportunities for the board or providers to give input.

Future Meeting Dates

- a. No Meeting July 20, 2023
- b. No Meeting August 2023 no board meeting Executive Committee Via Zoom
- c. September 21, 2023 11:00 AM New Opportunities, & Zoom

Adjournment (Action) Shaffer made a motion to adjourn at 11:47 DenAdel seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Alisa Olson

Partnerships 4 Families
August 16, 2023, 1:00 PM
Meeting location: Via Zoom

Members present: Trevor Nunn, Paige Den Adel, Alisa Olson, Ann Semprini, and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf
Quorum was meet.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Consent Items: Olson made amotion to approve the agenda, Semprini seconded, all were in favor, agenda was approved.

3. Board Member Recruitment and Terms: Duhrkopf shared the two application for board membership of Josh Strehle and Schyler Bardol. Nunn made a motion to accept the applications for board membership, DenAdel seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. Duhrkopf will try to do an orientation with them before the September board meeting.

4. Discussion and Action Items: The FY23 ECI Annual Report overview was given by Duhrkopf. She also discussed option for the remaining carryforward that was not already allocated, that discussion was tabled to the full board in September. Semprini made a motion to accept the P4F FY23 Annual Report, DenAdel seconded the motion, all were in favor motion passed. Duhrkopf will submit the report prior to the September 15th deadline.

5. Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area a. Duhrkopf provided an update of the current Iowa HHS Service Delivery System Assessment that is taking place. She shared that she and Semprini attended a meeting on August 7th which included only ECI Area Directors and board chairs, Semprini attended in place of Nunn. The meeting was an opportunity for ECI to hear first hand from Director Kelly Garcia on the assessment that is taking place and that regionalization is the direction she wishes to go. She indicated that there will not be 38 ECI Areas when the recommendation comes out. She also indicated that if all 38 areas are funding something then it should be brought to the state level for funding. The finalized assessment from the contractors is due to be released the end of October. It will be evaluated and with the intent that a proposal be sent to the legislator to be acted upon in the 2024 Legislative session. Changes could take place as early as July 1, 2024. Duhrkopf is working with Chad Jensen Executive Director of New Opportunities to set up a educational session for leaders from the area making them aware of the assessment and to be prepared for the release of recommendations in October.

6. Public Input

7. Next Meetings:

- a. September 21, 2023 11:00 AM New Opportunities, & Zoom
- b. October 19, 2023 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom-HHS Report
- c. Optional P4F Early Childhood Task Force Tuesday October 24 1-3 Zoom

8. Adjournment DenAdel made a motion to adjourn, Semprini seconded, all were in favor, meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.