

Partnerships 4 Families

May 20, 2021 11:00 AM

Meeting originated from New Opportunities, Room D in Carroll and was available via Zoom

Board members in person: Rich Stoffers, Ann Parker, Chris Lee, Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Board Members attending via Zoom: Karen Gotto, Ann Semprini, Sarah Zach, Dan Meythaler, and

Alisa Olson (11:15)

Absent: Tom Jeschke, Doug Sorensen

Guest: Paula Klocke, Trisha Christensen, Sara Miller, Sara Skinner, Abby James, Jotham Arber, Mike

Dickman, Becky Wolf

Quorum was meet.

Chair Zach called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM after which Duhrkopf conducted introductions for those attending and in the room. She established that all motions would be considered unanimous unless there was a descending vote at which time roll will be taken.

A motion was made by Semprini to approve the consent items including the agenda, minutes and financial reports. Stoffers seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Area Directors Report was given by Duhrkopf. It included upcoming meeting dates, preschool support year end work and child care grants that are available to providers in our area.

Board Recruitment: Duhrkopf received an application for a board member May 19, she will bring that to the board in June. Gotto will be stepping down at the end of her term. Semprini will serve another term and Jeschke will be stepping down June 30th. We will concentrate recruiting efforts in Audubon and Guthrie County with an emphasis on finding a Faith representative.

Old Business: An update was provided on the transition of the supervision of the Audubon/Guthrie HOPES program to Greene County. Sara Miller, FAW from Greene County shared that is going well and the new set up is continuing to evolve. Wolf and Arber are in the process of getting an MOU in place to formally acknowledge the process.

New Business: Duhrkopf provided an update to the board for the need to social emotional support in our area for children 0-5, child care providers, preschools and parents. She requested that the board consider this when making allocations and that a study group be established to evaluate what is best for our area.

Duhrkopf provided background on the allocation process referring to Tool G, legislation that was passed on May 19th that will provide additional funding and change the SR Administration to 5% and the timeline for budgeting with the state. Due to the timing of the legislation she recommended using the funding levels we were aware of and come back in June and make changes if needed.

Zach then asked for motions regarding the allocation of fund. Meythaler made a motion to fund program but was rescinded due to lack of a second.

Gotto made a motion to fund the Child Care Project at \$77,300 using a combination of EC and SR funds and the Child Care Nurse Consultant at \$35,000 using a combination of EC, SR Q and SR, \$10,000 above their request utilizing funds CCR&R did not request. Stoffers seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

Stoffers made a motion to fund the Dental through New Opportunities serving Audubon, Carroll and Guthrie Counties for \$7000, Dental through Webster County Health Services serving Greene County for \$2000 and P4F Preschool Assistance for \$45,000 using SR funding. Semprini seconded the motion, all were in favor motion passed.

Duhrkopf shared information about the funds requested for the HOPES program and Arber shared that he was asked by the Guthrie County BOH to submit the requests for two positions. Stoffers made a motion to fund the Carroll County HOPES for \$133,016.26, Greene County for \$107,631.78 and Guthrie County serving Guthrie/Audubon for \$60,000. Semprini seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

Semprini made a motion to set aside \$35,000 toward Social Emotional Outreach to be approved by the board after a study group has determined the best approach to reach children, providers and families. Meythaler seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Duhrkopf will convene a group in July.

Other Business: None

Public Input-Duhrkopf recognized Abby James for her work in adjusting to the different model of working with the HOPES program in Audubon and Guthrie Counties.

Gotto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Meythaler, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Next Meeting:

June 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM originating from New Opportunities in Carroll and via Zoom.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf