

Partnerships 4 Families

February 20, 2025, 11:00 AM

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

Members present: Trevor Nunn, Margee Shaffer, Amy McGinn, Jewel Proctor, Linda Muhlbauer, Josh Strehle, Keri Charles, Schyler Bardole, Char Bintner, and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Excused: Keri Charles, Tonya Weber, TJ Pauley

Guest: Jennifer Chapman, Monica Neumann

Quorum was meet.

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

Approval of Consent Items:

Bitner made a motion to approve the agenda, Shaffer seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Proctor made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2025, McGinn seconded the motion, all were in favor motion passed. Bitner made a motion to approve the financials, Shaffer seconded the motion passed.

Board Member Recruitment and Terms:

A. District 1 Carroll County

B. District 4 Audubon & Guthrie County

C. District 5 Greene County, McGinn indicated she would be interested.

Discussion and Action Items:

- A. Duhrkopf announced her retirement. She is anticipating an end date of October 3, 2025 with the use of many PTO days prior to that. She will be flexible given all the changes that are taking place within ECI this coming year.
- B. Our Community Health Foundation received news that they will be receiving a grant from the Community Foundation of Carroll County. Duhrkopf and Jo Rassumsen are meeting next week to discuss finding other non profits in Greene and Carroll County to take over the programs.
- C. Due to all the pending changes Duhrkopf did not release a FY26 renewal application at the instruction of the state to not release anything at this time.

Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

- A. Jennifer Chapman and Monica Neuman provided an update on the Child Care Nurse Consultant programs success and the future of the program moving forward.
- B. Duhrkopf provided an update of what information is currently being shared from the ECI State Office in regards to FY26. The HSB 145 and SSB 1135 were discussed in committee on Wednesday Feb 19. The state office is moving forward as all this is a done deal, Duhrkopf is proceeding with caution and watching the process along.
- C. Early Childhood funding for FY26 is indicated to not exist for local programs. All these funds would be moved to the new preschool grant.
- D. School Ready funding for FY26 are to focus mainly on family support through the District model.
- E. Designation Visit for P4F that was to be held on Monday April 14, 2025 has been canceled.

Public Input none

Next Meetings:

- Board Meeting March 20, 2025 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom
- Canceled Designation Visit by State and a Short Board Meeting Monday, April 14, 2025
- Board Meeting May 15, 2025 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom

Adjournment (Action) Shaffer made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 Bardole seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Joshua Strehle