

Partnerships 4 Families

January 18, 2024, 11:00 AM

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

Members present: Chris Lee, Trevor Nunn, Tonya Weber, Paige Den Adel, Ann Semprini, Skyler Bardole, Josh Strehl and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Excused: Alisa Olson, , Heath Hansen, Char Bintner, Margee Shaffer

Guest: None

Quorum was met.

Chair Nunn called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

**Approval of Consent Items:** A motion was made by Strehl to approve the agenda, seconded by Semprini, all were in favor, the agenda was approved.

DenAdel made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Lee seconded, all were in favor, the minutes were approved. The financials were presented. Duhrkopf noted that all programs are at their six-month spending level. She also informed the board that she will be using equipment fund to purchase an updated iPad. Nunn made a motion to approve the financials, Strehl seconded the motion, all were in favor, financials were approved.

**Board Member Recruitment and Terms,** Board members whose first terms expire in June have been notified and encouraged to serve a second term. Due to school schedule Olson will be stepping down in June and Semprini will be graduating from the board after serving two terms.

**Discussion and Action Items:**

- a) No Action Items

**Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area**

- a) Mid-Year Report to ECI Office Submitted by the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- b) ECI State Board Meeting January 5, 2024 the Administrative Update was provided to the board and Duhrkopf highlighted some matters of importance.
- c) HHS Service Delivery System Assessment Report was reviewed by Duhrkopf, the areas were ECI was mentioned were highlighted. The report recommendations are for ECI, DCAT and CPPC to all be contracted through one lead agency. The agency could be the same as the CSA areas that were developed in 2022. At this point HHS has not given any indication what they will do with the report and are more focused on the Behavioral Health System to be changed first.
- d) Legislative Session, Association Breakfast and the Legislative Agenda for the AECIABA was shared with the board.
- e) Mid-Year program reports will be placed in Google Drive for the board to review. Duhrkopf was waiting for any last minute edits to DAISEY that was due January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- f) Preschool Assistance & Preschool & Head Start Trends, Duhrkopf shared the current number of children enrolled in the P4F Tuition Assistance program along with the trend over the past five years. Weber shared that enrollment and finding children to enroll in Head Start has been an issue. The increased income to parents often put them out of each of eligibility. Duhrkopf and Weber also updated the board on the possibility of legislation to make SWVPP an all day program and the effect it will have on child care providers and centers.

**Public Input** none

**Next Meetings:**

- a. February 15, 2024 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom
- b. March 6, 2024 7-9 AM Room 15 Capitol Building Legislative Breakfast
- c. March 21, 2024 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom
- d. April 18, 2024 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom

**Adjournment (Action)** Weber made a motion to adjourn at 11:56 Bardole seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Alisa Olson