

Partnerships 4 Families

November 17, 2022

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

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

Excused: Rich Ruggles

Guest: Shanell Wagler, Trisha Christensen

Quorum was meet.

Chair Nunn called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

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

Stoffers made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Bintner seconded, all were in favor, the minutes were approved. The financials were presented. Duhrkopf noted that all programs are at their four-month spending level and adjustments were made for the three-month contract with Webster County on dental. Olson made a motion to approve the financials, Weber seconded the motion, all were in favor, financials were approved.

Board Member Recruitment and Terms, Duhrkopf announced that Rich Ruggles would be going off the board due to a move and stepping down as a Carroll BOS. An appointment to the P4F Board will be made after an election is had for his position.

Discussion and Action Items:

- a. Shanell Wagler with the Early Childhood Iowa state office was in attendance and provided an overview of the Designation process and discussed the Mid-Cycle Review that was conducted on P4F materials this fall. She indicated that the contracts were written well. She made highlighted some areas of the P4F By-Laws that the board may want to consider updating at the next by-law review. Those areas included referencing the gender balance code in Iowa, virtual meetings and voting at virtual meetings. In addition, the quorum needed at special meetings. Over all indicated that the P4F Board has a long traditional of conducting themselves as a model board with practices that align with state requirements. She will be reviewing our FY22 annual report soon but expects no findings
- b. The board discussed the nine mini grants that were received. A document can be found at the bottom of the minutes that reflect the motion made and funding levels approved for the mini grants.

2. Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

- a. Trisha Christensen with the Child Care Project provided a brief update to the board due to time. She highlighted that we have had two new centers open in our area in the past three months Lil' Wildcats in Glidden and The Children's Place in Jefferson. She also highlighted that since July the centers in our area have lost 72 staff and have hired 84. This type of staff turnover leads to an increased workload on the center directors. The lack of staff to fill 32 openings has 210 slots that are going unavailable in our area due to staffing shortage. She has been working closely with Nate Knepper and Cathy DeGeorge-Evans the HHS Licensing consultants on various issues recently. The board and Wagler thanked Christensen for her dedication to the option and integrity in seeing that children are being cared for in a safe setting.

b. Committee for oversight of the Area Director topic was tabled to the next meeting.

3. **Public Input** none

4. **Next Meetings:**

a. December no meeting

b. January 19, 2023 11:00 AM New Opportunities, Inc & Zoom

5. **Adjournment (Action)** Semprini made a motion to adjourn at 12:35 DenAdel seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Alisa Olson

Organization	Contact		Summary of Project	IS it specific to 0-5	Does it fit within the Needs of our area	Amount requested	\$37,000 Available Amount Allocated	1st	2nd	
Bayard Public Library	Carla Hilgenberg	Bayard	STEM Table	geared toward	yes	\$ 1,336.92	\$ 1,336.92	Rich	Ann	passed
			1000 Books Before Kindergarten & Stuffed Animal Reading Buddy	yes	yes	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 1,775.00	Ann	Chris	passed
Breda Day Care Center	NiCole Montero	Breda	Increase Toddler Room 3 slots	yes	yes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Paige	Rich	passed
Mary J Barnett Memorial Library	Jerri Hawkins	Guthrie Center	VOX Books & Program	geared toward	yes	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	Rich	Ann	passed
The Children's Nest	Amy Brandsen	Audubon	Iowa AEYC Training 10 staff	Adults	yes	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 3,510.00	Char Ann	no 2nd died for lack of a 2nd Chris	passed
Zion Lutheran Preschool	Amy Blackwell	Manning	Universal Facility Design	yes	yes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Paige	Chris	passed
Manning Child Care Center	Dawn Meyer	Manning	Market Study Costs in	yes	yes	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	Rich	Chris	Passed

Feasibility
Study

Carroll Area											
CCC & Preschool	Keely Fara	Carroll	Technology for training	Adults	yes	\$ 8,028.00	\$ 8,028.00	Chris	Ann	Passed	
Carroll County Conservation Foundation											
	Kristen Bieret	Manning	Storywalk at Great Western Park	?	?	\$ 9,267.68	\$ -	Rich	Paige	Passed	
						\$ 42,657.60	\$ 29,438.00	Total			

