

Partnerships 4 Families

February 17, 2022 11:00 AM

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

Members present: Rich Stoffers, Alisa Olson, Ann Semprini, Sarah Zach, Ann Parker, Chris Lee, Trevor Nunn and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Excused: Doug Sorensen, Dan Mythaler, Margee Shafer

Guest: Sara Skinner, Sara Miller, Jotham Arber, Becky Wolf, Abby James

Quorum was meet.

Chair Zach called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM, she established that all motions would be considered unanimous unless there was a descending vote at which time roll will be taken.

**Approval of Consent Items:** Agenda, Minutes of January 20, 2022 and Financials, Stoffers made a motion to accept the consent items, Parker seconded the motion, all in favor items were approved.

**Board Member Recruitment and Terms,** Duhrkopf informed the board that two Head Start staff have indicated interest in board membership. After discussion, the board was in favor of taking their applications.

**Discussion and Action Items:**

Request from Lil'Wildcats Early Learning Center for technology was presented. Nunn made a motion to approve the request for technology purchase not to exceed \$10,233.00, Stoffers seconded the motion, all were in favor motion passed. Duhrkopf will send an agreement and ask for receipts to be submitted by June 1, 2022.

Needs: social emotional literacy, safety and safe sleep were discussed as needs in the area, Duhrkopf will reach out to entities that may be able to address these needs.

Approval of Contract Monitor Process for FY22 as was presented by Duhrkopf. Lee made the motion to accept the process, Nunn seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

FY23 Application/Renewal for P4F Funding was discussed. Current contracts allow for one more renewal year. Semprini made a motion to allow for renewal or full application of FY23 funding. Stoffers seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

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

Miranda Sliefert-Carroll County HOPES 7 Years of service to the area was recognized, she has taken a new position with DHS.

Update on Collaboration between Greene and Guthrie HOPES was highlighted by Sara Miller and Jotham Arber.

Enrollment of HOPES, Staffing and future expectations was highlighted by Sara Miller and Sara Skinner.

Legislative Session update was provided by Duhrkopf. She also let the board know that the ECI State office could be moving to DHS. At this time we are told it will not affect the local areas.

**Public Input** Sara Miller and Sara Skinner shared an update on the SSIC outreach and that families are receiving the materials and showing appreciation for the outreach.

**Next Meetings:**

**Adjournment (Action)** Lee made a motion to adjourn at 12:11, Stoffers seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

**Next Meetings**

- a. March 17, 2022 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom
- b. April 21, 2022-No meeting unless needed
- c. May 19, 2022 11:00 AM New Opportunities- Allocation Meeting

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Alisa Olson.