

Partnerships 4 Families
February 15, 2019
Meeting Took Place at New Opportunities in Carroll, Iowa

Members present: Chad Wittrock, David Brown, Genelle Deist, Karen Gotto, Sarah Zach, Heidi Clark, Ann Semprini and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Excused:

Guest: Sara Miller, Sara Skinner, Peggy Dentlinger

Quorum was met.

10:30 an informal meeting with three board members took place with updates from the three HOPES contractors. Board members familiarized themselves with the program and asked questions. Tool FF was gone over to inform board members of the requirements family support programs.

Chair, Chad Wittrock called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Members introduced themselves and welcomed guests.

Deist made a motion to approve the agenda, Gotto seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by the Board. Gotto moved to approve the minutes as written and Deist seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Input, Beth Walters thanked the board on behalf of the registered child care homes that she visited and provided t-shirts to. They had commented to her that they appreciated being included.

Area Directors Report

Statewide Area Directors Meeting: Took place December 5th, information will be shared at the meeting.

State ECI Board Meeting: January 9, 2019

Early Childhood Stakeholders Meeting: December 11, 2018 requested information

Western Iowa Area Directors Meeting: November 27, 2018

Early Childhood Task Force meetings: October and March will focus on Data

Early Childhood Formula: Phase in over 4 years (Base 5%, 0-5 Pop 35%, 185% of FPL 0-5 6-%)

Will begin in FY19

Social Media/Facebook: Continue to promote items every Tuesday or more often

Preschools: enrollment in P4F Assistance unchanged, payment is made for spring

H.O.P.E.S.:

- Encouraging programs to increase enrollment
- Three regional meetings
- Tracking LSP reporting
- Will be presenting in February

Child Care:

Greene County	New center growing, GCELC 3 block plan
Manning	Committee working on B/A School, Manilla moving forward
Stuart	Possible B/A program at school
Iowa Women's Foundation	Jefferson, Manning/IKM and Glidden/Carroll

Board Support

- Would like 3 more board members
- Audit first part of January 2019

P4F Additional PD and Outreach Project:

- Great deal of work in organizing the outreach project and additional PD
- A separate update will be provided the remainder of the year to show progress

EC Collaboration: Attempting to engage new partners

Area Director PD: Electronic engagement of young parents

P4F Board PD: Family Support

Area Director Schedule: Continue work on M-Th.

Community Plan Priorities Review

1. Building and connecting our early childhood system
2. Child Care both the accessibility and quality of care
3. Reaching families through social media

Board Member Recruitment & Approval of Members, Duhrkopf reported that Todd Nelson, Board of Supervisor from Audubon County has agreed to come on the board and Alisa Olsen from Churdan has submitted an application to the P4F Board. Semprini made a motion to accept Nelson and Olsen to the P4F Board, Zach seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. To bring the board to full capacity we could entertain two more members.

Old Business

Designation Process & Needs Assessment were discussed. Board member suggested looking closer at WIC numbers and how they have changed in our area along with the recent data from the Iowa Data Center regarding FIP and SNAP numbers. Immunizations and the opting out of being immunized was also discussed. We will investigate if information about that can be found. Although there is no way of tracking technology use the board recommended including information about the use and negative impact on children. The March ECTF meetings will focus on looking at data and how it determines the changes or needs in our area.

PD and Outreach Projects Updates were provided. After working with DMACC Duhrkopf has been able to secure a QuickBooks class that will benefit our center directors and business manager. She requested that the Board approve a stipend of \$200 per attendee if they work in the child care field. Zach made a motion to accept the proposal, Semprini seconded it, all were in favor, motion passed.

New Business

Conflict of Interests statements were signed by Board members.

Gotto made a motion that Contract Monitoring be done via self-evaluation by the contractors this year Deist seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Duhrkopf will follow up with those contractors that have questions after the self-evaluation is turned in by March 1.

Duhrkopf provided an update on the 20th Celebration Kick Off Events and T-shirt distribution. Board members were provided t-shirts and mugs.

A review of Tool FF took place with the board and family support contractors in attendance. The contractors also provide an update on their programs to the board. Information from DAISEY was also shared.

Other Business-None

Financial Report and Business

Financial Reports & Vouchers were presented. Deist made a motion to approve the vouchers of November 2018, December 2018 and January 2019. Semprini seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.

Yearly Audit of CIJDC by State Auditor has been conducted. The final report will be available in the near future.

Next Meetings

March 15, 2019 10:30 AM

April 19, 2019 10:30 AM

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf