

Partnerships 4 Families

January 19, 2023

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

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

Excused: Alisa Olson

Guest: none

Quorum was met.

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

Approval of Consent Items: Semprini made a motion to approve the consent items, Meythaler seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Board Member Recruitment and Terms, Duhrkopf shared that Audubon County Board of Supervisors have appointed Heath Hansen to the P4F Board. Carroll County will appoint someone after the February 7th election. Nunn made a motion to accept the appointment of Heath Hanson Audubon County Board of Supervisors, Stoffers seconded the motion, all were in favor motion passed.

Discussion and Action Items:

- a. Duhrkopf shared the upcoming timeline for the FY24 Application period, DenAdel made a motion to approve the timeline of application release on February 1st, Due Date of May 1st and application review of May 18, 2023 during the P4F Board meeting. Weber seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

2. Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

- a. The announcement of Shanell Wagler resignation from the state ECI office was made. Duhrkopf outlined the changes in the Organizational Chart from HHS and where ECI will be falling. HHS is in the process of selecting a Bureau Chief for who ECI would report to. The State ECI Board is still our governing body.
- b. A historical overview of the H.O.P.E.S. program took place. Duhrkopf provided an overview using a chart that is updated yearly that included the number of families being served, children served, allocation, cost per visit and enrollment criteria. The information was provided to lay the groundwork for next months meeting and the H.O.P.E.S programs sharing about their current year. Duhrkopf will gather information about the FTE level at each county and tenure.
- c. Duhrkopf shared that she would like to convene a group of board members or involve the entire board in learning what all the role of the Area Director entails and what options are available should the board be faced needing to find a replacement in the next 3-5 years. Semprini recommended that the entire board be part of the conversation and we set aside a meeting to focus on it. Duhrkopf also offered to provide something at each meeting regarding the role she provides to the ECI Area. Either the April or March meeting will be set aside to focus on this topic.

3. Public Input none

4. Next Meetings:

- a. February 16, 2023, 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom
- b. March 16 or April 20 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom
- c. May 18, 2023, 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom

5. Adjournment (Action) Stouffers made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 Shaffer seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Alisa Olson