

Partnerships 4 Families

March 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, Dan Mythaler Trevor Nunn, Margee Shafer and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Absent: Doug Sorensen

Guest: Trisha Christensen, Jill Hawkinson, Sara Skinner and Ashliegh Wiederin

Quorum was meet.

Chair Zach called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM, she established at all motions would be considered unanimous unless there was a descending vote at which time roll will be taken.

Introductions were made of board members and guests.

Approval of Consent Items : Agenda, Minutes of February 17, 2022, Financials, Semprini made a motion to accept the consent items, Lee seconded the motion, all in favor items were approved.

Board Member Recruitment and Terms, Duhrkopf informed the board they have received an application and discussed board member terms set to expire June 30, 2022. Sarah Zach will be graduating off the board having served two terms, Ann Parker will be stepping down after one term due to office relocation and Alisa Olson will serve a second term. That will leave P4F with three positions to fill including the one that is currently not filled and potentially the position filled by Doug Sorensen who has only attended two meetings since coming of the board in January of 2021. Duhrkopf will meet with Sorensen to discuss his commitment to the board and work to seek other application to add to the pool of applicants.

Discussion and Action Items

- a. FY23 P4F Board and Area Director Budget was presented, Nunn made a motion to approve the budget totaling \$69,000, Semprini seconded the motion. All were in favor motion passed.
- b. Mini Grants were presented to the board for funding in FY22.
 - a. Guthrie County Health Services requested \$4,458.40 to support the training of Jenny Jessen, the new social worker at Guthrie County Health Services. It is the desire of GCHS to utilize Jenny to serve some families in the HOPES program that live in Audubon County. Jenny will be based out the Audubon County office of GCHS.
 - b. St Anthony The Birth Place and HOPES requested \$4,500 to address Safe Sleep through The Birth Place and with HOPES families. This grant will serve families in all four counties. Lee made a motion to accept both of the requests at \$4,500 each, Olson seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

- a. P4F Early Childhood Task Force will meet on March 21 from 1-3, an update of the Social Emotional Outreach project will be given and ideas will be welcomed on how to expand the project.
- b. Legislative Session continues, Duhrkopf has only heard that our funding is status quo and our lobbyist are working to have our funding be give a 2.5% increase equal to the Student School Aid increase. The Early Childhood Iowa office has been moved to the Department of Human Services. At this point we don't see any changes for FY23 but we will watch the process closely in FY23 if new legislation is presented to change the way ECI is organized across the state.
- c. The ICAP grant was received. Once we have received the check, Duhrkopf will purchase the OWL Conferencing system to use at meetings.
- d. P4F Preschool Assistance overview was provided by Duhrkopf. Currently we are working with four programs in our area and will continue to work with them in the future offering similar services. Numbers have dropped but when meeting with Greene County and Panorama principals in January they still see this as a valuable funding stream to offer to families attending

their programs. Olson also attended the meeting that included Head Start. Duhrkopf did mention that she would ask the board to approve an increase of the monthly tuition assistance to \$150 in the funding application they will receive in May.

- e. Child Care Project update was provided by Trisha Christensen, it included information about the new centers, 5 new center directors since August, expansion of current centers, staffing, funds that have been available through DHS for centers such as PPE, Child Care Assistance additional payments, Investing in Iowa Child Care, Stabilization grants, and most recently retention grants. The Board showed appreciation for the work that Christensen does and the support that our centers and licensed preschools would not have if she were not in place. Should additional funding be acquired it was discussed that an increase in the Child Care Nurse Consultant hours would benefit the childcare providers also.

Public Input None

Next Meetings

- a. April 21, 2022-No meeting unless needed
- b. May 19, 2022 11:00 AM New Opportunities- Allocation Meeting
- c. June 16, 2022 11:00 AM New Opportunities and Zoom

Adjournment Semprini made a motion to adjourn, Stoffers seconded the motion all were in favor, the meeting ended at 12:21PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Alisa Olson.

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