

Partnerships 4 Families  
August 21, 2020 10:30 AM  
Meeting Took Place via Zoom

Members present: Rich Stoffers, Alisa Olson, Karen Gotto, Todd Nelsen, Tom Jeschke, Ann Semprini, and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf  
Excused: Heidi Clark, Sarah Zach, Ann Parker,  
Guest: *None*

Quorum was met.

Chair Nelsen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. he established that all motions would be considered unanimous unless there was a descending vote at which time roll will be taken.

A motion was made by Gotto to approve the consent items including the agenda, minutes and financial reports. Jeschke seconded the motion. All were in favor

Public Input-None

Area Directors Report was given by Duhrkopf.

**Statewide Area Directors Meeting:** Every other week via Zoom since March

**State ECI Board Meeting:** September 2020

**Early Childhood Stakeholders Meeting:** September 15, 2020 AM

**Western Iowa Area Directors Meeting:** November 2, 2020

**Early Childhood Task Force meetings:** October 28 in each county or via Zoom

**Early Childhood Formula:** Phase in over 4 years (Base 5%, 0-5 Pop 35%, 185% of FPL 0-5 6-%)  
Will begin in FY19, FY21 is 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

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

**Preschools:** Less than 20 applications so far submitted for tuition assistance. CACCC & Pre will not be open to community this year. Only 4 others participating. Attending parent's meetings if invited.

**H.O.P.E.S.:** Conducting visits virtually either by phone or Zoom. State is recommending this continue until September 30.

**Child Care:**

All child care is back open other than a couple of home providers who choose to retire. Stimulus funding came out through DHS for centers and homes in May, June, July and August.

**Succession Plan:** Has been updated as of August 1, 2020 on file in office

**Designation Process 2020:**

- Will submit plan and FY20 Annual Report after August meeting
- State will conduct an onsite visit after review of the documents. Shanell Wagler has been appointed our reviewer.

**Area Director PD:** Researching indirect programming should programs not be able to complete services in FY21.

**P4F Board PD:** Annual Report

Board Recruitment: Continue to look for a business representative from any of our four counties.

Old Business: The P4F Early Childhood Community Plan 2020-2025 was approved at the June meeting and has been finalized and ready for submittal at the end of the meeting.

New Business:

Duhrkopf reviewed the FY20 Annual Report as will be submitted in Iowa Grants with the board. Board members asked question throughout the review. The amount of carry forward was discussed,

\$50,000 of the carry forwarded is committed to programming and the remaining will be held pending the outcome of the Revenue Estimating Committees meeting in October. Jeschke made a motion to approve the FY20 Annual Report and financials, Semprini seconded the motion, all were in favor. Duhrkopf will submit the report following the meeting.

An update on the Grow Great Kids Curriculum used by HOPES was given. Duhrkopf suggested that the HOPES programs be invited to the September meeting to discuss the updates, virtual visits and the FY20 annual report for their programs.

Due to COVID-19 it is unknown if preschools will have to offer virtual learning. Duhrkopf asked the board if they will allow tuition assistance to be used at preschools if virtual learning is conducted. Board members were in consensus that tuition assistance will still be paid regardless of in person or virtual learning.

The day of the week and time of future meetings was discussed. A recent survey did not draw a consensus from the board. We will continue with the third Friday through the end of 2020 and continue the discussion at meetings this fall. Duhrkopf did indicate that having a September and November meeting is advised. In place of the October meeting she is recommending that the board members attend the local Early Childhood Task Force meetings in their counties. Dates and times of those are available in the newsletter.

Semprini made a motion to adjourn at 11:35, Gotto seconded, all were in favor and meeting adjourned.

Next meeting:

September 18, 2020 10:30 AM via Zoom or in person  
October 28, Early Childhood Task Force Meetings  
November 20, 2020 10:30 AM  
December No Meeting

Other Business: None

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.

Next Meeting:

August 21, 2020 at 10:30 AM at New Opportunities if we are able to meet in person

Minutes Respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf