

Partnerships 4 Families

February 16, 2023

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

Members present: Rich Stoffers, Ann Semprini, Chris Lee, Trevor Nunn, Dan Meythaler, Char Bintner, Alisa Olson, Paige Den Adel, Heath Hansen and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Excused: Margee Shaffer, Tonya Weber

Guest: Sara Miller, Sara Skinner, Jenny Jessen, Nikki Schwering, Becky Wolf, Jo Rasmussen, Jotham Aber

Quorum was meet.

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

Approval of Consent Items: Stoffers made amotion to approve the consent items, Semprini seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Duhrkopf did comment that all contracts are spending at the appropriate amount for being a little over half way through the year.

Board Member Recruitment and Terms, New board member Health Hansen introduced himself and was welcome to the board.

Discussion and Action Items:

- a. ICAP Insurance rates have increased \$524 to \$2862.00 this year. Duhrkopf asked that the board accept the increase, Semprini made a motion to acknowledge the payment of \$2862.00 for the ICAP Insurance Premium, Olson seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.
- b. Duhrkopf shared that the FY24 P4F ECI application for funding has been released and announced to EC providers in the area.
- c. As was discussed at the January meeting, Duhrkopf will share a piece of information at each board meeting regarding the work that is conducted by her on behalf of the board. This month she shared information that is contained in the Succession Plan that she updates every year that outlines important information should she not be able to perform her duties. A copy of the plan is kept in her office, on her computer, with her husband and a copy is given to the board chair for safe keeping.

2. Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

- a. Duhrkopf provided some updates on the Organizational Chart from HHS and where ECI will be falling and the fact that Shelley Horack has been hired to oversee the Early Intervention Bureau that ECI will fall under. As of the time of our meeting all FY24 funding is status quo and will most likely be provided through Iowa HHS and continue on a quarterly basis. School Ready funds would no longer be through the Department of Education if current proposed legislation is approved.
- b. Sara Skinner,FAW Carroll County HOPES, Sara Miller FAW Greene County HOPES and Jenny Jessen FAW Guthrie/Audubon HOPES all provided an update on the program in their individual counties including enrollment figures, obstacles to enrollment or success and each shared a success story of a family they were serving.
- c. Duhrkopf and Jo Rasumssen provided a short update on the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and the success that the program is having.

3. Public Input none

4. Next Meetings:

- a. None Unless needed March 16
- b. Early Childhood Task Force Meeting March 8th from 9-noon at St Anthony Education Center, Carroll.

c. April 20 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom

d. May 18, 2023, 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom

5. **Adjournment (Action)** Bitner made a motion to adjourn at 12:04 Meythaler seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Alisa Olson