

Partnerships 4 Families

January 20, 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, , Dan Mythaler
Trevor Nunn, Margee Shafer and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Absent: Doug Sorensen, Chris Lee

Guest: Paula Klocke, Becky Wolf, Sara Miller

Quorum was met.

Chair Zach called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Approval of Consent Items: Agenda, Minutes of November 18, 2021, Financials, Parker made a motion to accept the consent items, Nunn seconded the motion, all in favor items were approved. Duhrkopf did spend some time going over the financials and liability insurance renewal. She asked the board to determine if there are any gaps in services that we should fund with a mini grant this spring. We will discuss it at the February meeting. .

Board Member Recruitment and Terms, we still have one vacancy and will have a couple of additional positions to fill by July. Zach is considering someone from DHS to fill her position.

Discussion and Action Items:

- a. Duhrkopf brought before the board an opportunity to purchase an OWL using ICAP grant funds. These funds should cover almost 100% of the cost. Parker made a motion and Mythaler seconded it to make the purchase. All were in favor motion passed.
- b. Duhrkopf asked the board to consider adding an additional \$5000 to the Board Support and Area Directors budget to additional hours she puts in. Stoffers made the motion to allocate an additional \$5000 to BS&AD budget, Mythaler seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

2. Discussion and Updates in P4F Early Childhood Iowa Area

- a. Maternal and Child Health contractors New Opportunities represented by Paula Klocke and Greene County Public Health represented by Becky Wolf and Sara Miller presented an overview of the services offered. Programs under MCH can be WIC, 1st Five, I-Smile, Child Care Nurse Consultant among others. Duhrkopf, Klocke and Wolf shared information about the upcoming renewal process that MCH contractors will be going through. The Collaborative Service Area that P4F is in also includes Sac, Crawford and BV counties. More information about the process will be provided to the board as it is available and how it will affect our i-Smile and CCNC contracts.
<https://idph.iowa.gov/family-health/CSA>
- b. Credentialing Reviews have been conducted for all three of our funded family support programs and all three have been awarded the Iowa Family Support Credential.
- c. Legislative Session began January 13, 2022, the Association for Early Childhood Boards and Advocates is hoping to secure the same amount of increase as schools do per pupil. There will be some advocacy days at the capitol lead by seasoned area directors to lead new area directors in talking to their legislators. Duhrkopf will share those dates. Board members are welcome to attend.

3. Area Directors Report

4. Public Input none

5. Next Meetings:

- a. February 17, 2022 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom
 - i. Focus will be on H.O.P.E.S.
- b. March 17, 2022 11:00 AM New Opportunities & Zoom
- c. April 21, 2022 we will most likely take off

6. Adjournment (Action) Nunn made a motion to adjourn at 12:02 PM, Shafer seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf and Alisa Olson.