

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

Members present: Rich Stoffers, Alisa Olson, Karen Gotto, Heidi Clark, Todd Nelsen, Tom Jeschke, Ann Semprini, Sarah Zach, Ann Parker, and Area Director Cindy Duhrkopf

Excused:

Guest: *None*

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.

A motion was made by Semprini to approve the consent items including the agenda, minutes and financial reports. Stoffers seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Board Member Recruitment: Teresa Murray of Audubon had submitted an application for board membership. Lee made a motion to accept the application pending follow up that Murray is still able to serve on the board, Semprini seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. (Duhrkopf followed up with Murray on July 19, 2021 and she is no longer able to serve due to a new job.)

Area Directors Report

Statewide Area Directors Meeting: Every other week via Zoom since March 2020

State ECI Board Meeting: September 10, 2021 10:00 AM via Zoom

Early Childhood Stakeholders Meeting: September 2021

Western Iowa Area Directors Meeting: August 2, 2021

Early Childhood Task Force meetings: Planning an October 20th ACES Training

Early Childhood Formula: Base 5%, 0-5 Pop 35%, 185% of FPL 0-5 6 FY22 is the last year of the phase in.

Our allocation in FY22 of \$86,078 should now be stable moving forward. It has allowed P4F to fund the Child Care Advisor and the Child Care Nurse Consultant.

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

Preschools: FY21 only 20 children were served. Down from 37 the year before but Carroll Area Child Care Center and Preschool may be back in the fall.

H.O.P.E.S.: They are following their agency's guidelines on conducting visits. Carroll County HOPES will have their virtual re-credentialing visit October 5th and 6th, P4F Board members will be asked to participate in a small portion of the visit-virtually. Greene and Guthrie will both be scheduled for the fall as well.

Child Care: Additional funding from state available for expansion. Currently working with the community of Guthrie Center on efforts to expand childcare in their community.

Child Care Task Force recommendations are being released. Unfortunately, some suggestion are to lessen the restrictions on registration of home providers. This is moving Iowa backwards in regards to oversight of the environments where children are.

Area Director: Wrapping up FY21 and working on the annual report that is due September 15th and starting FY22.

P4F Board PD: Family support will be the focus of the entire year for P4F.

Old Business

FY22 Allocations, Contracts and State Agreement were all in place prior to July 1, 2021.

HOPES Transition of supervision from Greene County to the Guthrie/Audubon project was discussed. A Memorandum of Understanding is yet to be put in place. Greene County will now initiate the MOU. HOPES staff are effectively managing the transition and serving families.

The meeting from July 7, 2021 focused on Social Emotional Support to children 0-5 was summarized by board members who had attended. Next steps will be follow up meetings with providers and develop an approach or approaches the P4F Board can support.

New Business

Focus of FY22 learning for the P4F Board will be on Family Support, a list of items board members would like to learn about was provided to Duhrkopf. She will work to incorporate them over the coming year.

Policy on Record Retention for 5 years and Digital Records was discussed. Semprini made a motion that Policy 4.7 in the Partnerships 4 Families Policies and Procedures be changed as was presented to change the record retention to five years and move toward saving records digitally. Olson seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Meeting date and time was discussed and conclude that we continue with the third Thursday at 11:00 with the understanding that the meetings could run over an hour.

Other Business -None

Public Input-None

Next Meetings

August 19, 2021 11:00 AM No meeting unless needed

September 9, 2021 11:00 AM Hybrid

October 2021 board members will participate in an early childhood community event of their choosing

November 18, 2021 ` 11:00 AM Hybrid

December 2021 No meeting

Partnerships 4 Families will originate their meetings from New Opportunities, Room D in Carroll, Iowa

Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Semprini seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cindy Duhrkopf in collaboration with Alisa Olson